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EDITORIAL

2018-19 would be recorded in golden letters in the history of St. Thomas College (Autonomous) Thrissur. In this year, we celebrated 130 years of service to society in the field of higher education. As part of the Centenary celebrations of the college having been elevated to the status of a 2nd Grade College, Old Students' Association decided to publish a book titled Santhome Luminaries that would highlight the contributions of 100 stalwarts who had walked out of the portals of this Institution and made their mark in society in various ways. The number later got increased to 119 and the Editorial Board had no other alternative but to set apart the contributions of an equal number of luminaires for want of space. The 130 page historic document was released in December, 2019.

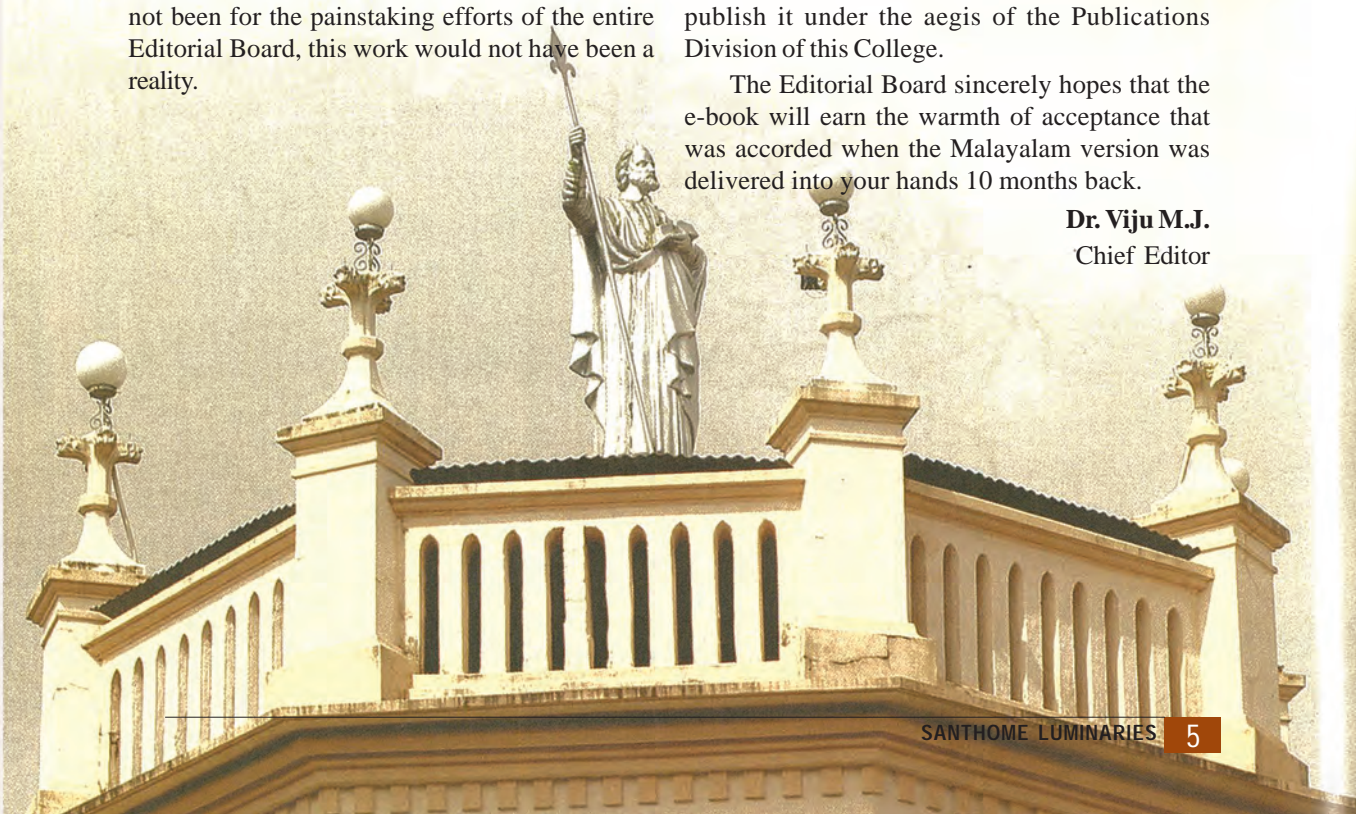
Later it was felt that a digitized English version of Santhome Luminaries was needed and the onerous task of publishing it with a new Editorial Board comprising of the undersigned as the Chief Editor, Dr. K.P. Nanda Kumar and Shri. M.K. Unnikrishnan as Associate Editors, Mr. Vishnu Prasad, Ms. Anu Antony and Fr. Andrews Maliekal as Sub Editors was constituted for the speedy publication of the digitized translated work. Had it not been for the painstaking efforts of the entire Editorial Board, this work would not have been a reality.

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The Editorial Board sincerely hopes that the e-book will earn the warmth of acceptance that was accorded when the Malayalam version was delivered into your hands 10 months back.

Dr. Viju M.J.
Chief Editor



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FIRST STUDENT OF THE COLLEGE

BISHOP MAR GEORGE ALAPPATT

1

The first student of the College, as per records is P.C.Varunny, son of Palathingal Chakkoru. Erudite Dr. John Palokaren, the then Principal of the College never imagined that the first student admitted by him would later on become the Bishop of Thrissur and the Manager-cum-Patron of his Alma Mater. Varunny was a student of Thope Petty Minor Seminary under the Diocese of Thrissur. St. Thomas College was established by Mar Adolf Medlycott, the first Bishop of Thrissur to cater to the educational needs of Thrissur, adjacent to

St. Thomas College High School. According to official records, A.E. Thomas, P.I. Cherian, V.K. Gopalan and L.A. Nateshan were enrolled as second, third, fourth and fifth students of this College. Dr. George Alappatt had his ecclesiastical education at Propaganda Fide College, Rome from where he took his Ph.D as well as STD degrees. He was ordained priest on 17th December 1927, when he got re-christened as Fr. George Alappatt. He was consecrated as Bishop of Thrissur on 1st May 1944 at Thrissur by His Excellency Dr. Leo P. Kierkels, the Apostolic Delegate. By virtue of getting elevated to the post of Bishop, Mar. George Alappatt became the Patron as well as Manager of St. Thomas College on the same day he took charge of the Eparchy, a post he donned for 27 years, till his retirement on 4th June, 1970. Dr. George Alappatt had the good fortune to attend all the four sessions of Vatican Council II (1962-1965). In 1967 the University of Detroit conferred on him the Honorary Degree of Doctor in Human Letters. In 1969, on the occasion of his Episcopal Silver Jubilee, H.H. Pope Paul VI nominated him as the Assdistant of the Papal Throne. Following his retirement in June, 1970 Dr. Alappatt was nominated as titular Bishop of Irenopolis. He continued as Administrator of the Eparchy till 16th August 1970. Whenever an opportunity arose, Bishop George Alappatt was proud to declare that he was the first student of St. Thomas College. He repeated his pride on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebrations too in the midst of several Union Ministers.

Born on 11 February 1900 at Karanchira. He left for his heavenly abode on 6th November 1973.



* Catholic Archbishop's House Thrissur (An old picture)



PRIME MINISTER OF PRINCELY STATE

PANAMPILLY GOVINDA MENON

2

Panampilly Govinda Menon, a statesman of the erstwhile Princely State of Cochin before its formal merger with the State of Travancore, served as the Prime Minister of Cochin State in 1947. After the merger of Cochin and Travancore states, Shri. Panampilly Govinda Menon, popularly known as Panampilly, became the Minister of Education and Finance.

Panampilly Govinda Menon was born in the village of Kathikudam, near Chalakudy on 1st October, 1906. A statesman par excellence, Mr. Menon was an active member of Congress party and also a freedom fighter. A lawyer by profession, Mr. Menon was imprisoned for having participated in the Quit India agitation in 1942. Detainment gave him an occasion to study the Puranas. The knowledge he gained thus was used amply in his speeches during the freedom struggle later.

Panampilly Govinda Menon, an admirer of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, played an active role in implementing the 5 Year Plans envisaged by Nehru. He was the political mentor of Shri. K. Karunakaran. He represented the Mukundapuram Lok Sabha Constituency from 1962 onwards. He was the Union Cabinet Minister for Law and Railways [1969-70] and also Minister of State for Food and Agriculture. He continued as Member of Parliament till his death on 23rd May 1970.

The Birth Centenary Celebrations of Late Panampilly Govinda Menon were inaugurated by the then President of India Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. Later an Arts & Science Government College started functioning in his home town of Chalakudy to commemorate his memory.



* Panampilly Memorial Govt. College, Chalakudy, Thrissur



CHIEF MINISTER

E.M. SANKARAN NAMBOODIRIPAD

3

Elamkulam Manakkal Shankaran Namboodiripad (EMS), who graduated from St. Thomas College, was the first Chief minister of a Communist Government to come to power through adult franchise. He was the Chief Minister of Kerala for two terms: 1957 & 1967. He served the Communist Party of India (Marxist) as General Secretary for fourteen years.

EMS, as he was popularly known throughout the world, was the epitome of literary and cultural resurgence in Kerala. Closely

associated with social reformers like M. R. Bhattathiripad and V. T. Bhattathiripad, EMS was in the forefront of the struggle against conservatism and casteism, the bane of Kerala in those days. He was also closely associated with the Valluvanad Yoga Shema Sabha, an organization of progressive minded youngsters. It was during his tenure as Chief minister that radical reforms were implemented in the fields of education and agriculture. The Kerala Land Reforms Act and Kerala Education Bill continue to be beacon lights in those areas even today.

The first Communist Government headed by him was dismissed in 1959 when the provisions of Article 356 were invoked. Later he became the Chief Minister in 1969, but resigned two years later when his Ministry lost majority. EMS was the leader of the Opposition after that from 1960 to 1964. He has to his credit several books and articles, both in English and Malayalam.

He was survived by his wife Arya Antharjanam, two daughters Malathy and Radha and two sons Sreedharan and Sashi. He was born on 13th June, 1909 near Perinthalmamma and he died on 19th March, 1998.



* Kerala Legislative Assembly - (Niyamasabha Mandir), Thiruvananthapuram



CHIEF MINISTER

C. ACHUTHA MENON

4

He was sworn in as Chief Minister again on 4th October, and he held office till public election, 25 March, 1977. His political career started through Congress party and subsequently became a member of the Kochi Rajya Prajamandalam and later he joined the Communist Party of India in 1941. He continued his political activities, even when the Communist Party was banned.

Achutha Menon underwent the first imprisonment in 1940, for one year for making an anti-war speech; and the next in the wake of the "Quit India" movement in 1942. He was elected to the Travancore-Cochin State Legislature while "underground" in 1952. He became the first Finance Minister of Kerala in 1957. During the time of Vimochanasamaram (Liberation Struggle) the crucial Home Minister portfolio was handed over to Menon by EMS. He was again elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1960. Also became a member of the Rajyasabha during 1968–69. During the Communist Party split, he continued to remain with the CPI and was elected as the State Secretary of C.P.I.

After becoming Chief Minister in 1970, subsequently got elected from Kottarakkara and in the mid-term poll conducted in 1970, he was again elected from Kodakara in Thrissur District. He retired from active politics in 1977. He had authored many books and articles.

He was always a phase of human values and was against corruption throughout his political career. He was married to Ammini Amma, and had three children including 2 daughters and son V. Ramankutty.

He was born on 13 January, 1913 at Pudukkad and he died on 16 August, 1991.

Chelat Achutha Menon was the Chief Minister of Kerala state for two terms. His education was in St Thomas College, Thrissur for intermediate level. He continued his college education in St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli. There he won a gold medal for academic excellence, Menon, then went on to study Law in Government Law College, Thiruvananthapuram.

The first term of Chief Minister was from 1 November, 1969 under the support of Congress and he continued till the dissolution of the third Kerala Legislative Assembly and the fall of his Government was on 1st August, 1970.



C. Achutha Menon Government College, Kuttanellur, Thrissur



PARLIAMENT OPPOSITION LEADER & UNION MINISTER

C.M. STEPHEN

5

C. M. Stephen, an Indian Parliamentarian, Union Minister and a congress leader who was the first opposition leader in Lok Sabha. He was the student of St Thomas College for Intermediate course. He was the opposition leader during the rule of Moraji Desai's Janatha Sarkar. He was an eloquent speaker and a leader of trade unions. Also he worked as AICC General Secretary and as a lawyer in Kollam. He was the President of Kollam District Congress Committee.

He was elected to Legislative assembly in 1960 and 1965. Moreover he was elected to Lok Sabha in 1971, 1977 and 1980.

C. M. Stephen was born on 23 December, 1918 to Eapen Mathai and Esther of Chembakassery house in Cherukole, Mavelikkara. He died on 16 January, 1984.



* Parliament of India, Lok Sabha, New Delhi



RELIGIOUS LEADER

SWAMI CHINMAYANANDA SARASWATHI

6

He went on to Lucknow University (1940-1943) to earn postgraduate degrees in literature and law and completed courses in journalism.

In 1936, his visit to the eminent sage, Sri Ramana Maharshi was the turning point in his spiritual life. He has studied Language, Law and Journalism from the University of Lucknow.

Swami Chinmayananda Saraswati, commonly referred to as Swami Chinmayananda, was a spiritual leader and a teacher who was the founder of Chinmaya Mission. He has turned to Vedanta studies after his studies at St Thomas College.

He was really known as Balakrishnan, who later known as Swami Chinmayananda. He completed his formal schooling in Sree Rama Varma High School, Kochi (1921-1928) and Vivekodayam School, Thrissur (1928-1932). He completed his FA (Fellow of Arts) at the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam (1932-1934), and his BA (Bachelor of Arts) at the St Thomas College, Trichur (1935-1937).

In 1942, during "Quit India" movement Balan was one of the students to join in writing and distributing leaflets supporting Congress. In 1944, almost two years after the British had issued his arrest warrant; Balan arrived in Punjab and associated with several freedom groups but was arrested and imprisoned. He later became a journalist and took up the job of the sub-editor of the 'National Herald' newspaper in Delhi. Having returned to the Sivananda Ashram in Rishikesh on 25 February, 1949 he was initiated into Sanyasa by Swami Sivananda and gained the new name, Swami Chinmayananda.

Chinmayananda held his first lecture series at a Ganesha temple in the city of Pune in December 1951. In 1953, he founded Chinmaya Mission* and it is having 300 centres in India and worldwide. Chinmayananda authored 95 publications in his lifetime, and wrote commentaries on the Bhagavad Gita and Upanishads and other spiritual texts. And he has conducted a worldwide Gita Yajna (Vedic ritual), classes. Chinmayananda also helped found the Vishva Hindu Parishad in 1963. He had made a talk in UN Assembly in 1992.

He was born in the city of Ernakulam on 8 May, 1916 as the eldest son of a prominent judge, Vadakke Kuruppathu Kuttan Menon and Ernakulam Puthampulliyil Paru Kutty Amma.

Chinmayananda returned to God's heavenly abode on 3rd August, 1993.



* Chinmaya Mission College, Thrissur



RELIGIOUS LEADER

H.H. BASELIOS MARTHOMA PAULOSE II

7

The boy K.I. Paul had his graduation from St Thomas College, Thrissur and later adopted the name Baselios Marthoma Paulose II was enthroned as the Catholicos of the East & Malankara Metropolitan.

He was born on 30 August, 1946 in a village called Mangad near Kunnamkulam, Thrissur District, Kerala. He joined the Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam from where he obtained G.S.T. and B.D. degrees of the Serampore University.

He joined C.M.S College, Kottayam and took his M.A in Sociology. At the young age of 36, the church elected Fr. K.I. Paul as Bishop. On 15 May, 1985 he was consecrated as Episcopa (Bishop) with the new name Paulose Mar Milithios. Subsequently, His Grace was elevated as the first Metropolitan of the newly formed * Kunnamkulam Diocese on 1 August, 1985. The Malankara Syrian Christian Association held at Parumala on 12 October, 2006 unanimously elected His Grace Paulose Mar Milithios Metropolitan as the Catholicos Designate and the successor to the Malankara Metropolitan. On 1 November, 2010 following the abdication of his predecessor, His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Didymus I, His Grace Paulose Mar Milithios Metropolitan was enthroned as the Catholicos of the East & Malankara Metropolitan with the new name His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Paulose II.



* Arthat Kunnamkulam Badrasanam



RELIGIOUS LEADER

ARCHBISHOP DR. MAR APREM

8

The Chaldean Syrian Church in India is based in Thrissur and its head in India Dr. Mar Aprem was the student of St Thomas College for Intermediate under Madras University in 1955. He was the Chaldean Archbishop for the last 50 years and a scholar of Syrian Language. Born on 13 June, 1940 and his name is George Daves Mookan who later became Archbishop Dr. Aprem.

George was the 4th of the ten children of Devassy and Kochu Mariyam of the Mookan family. He joined the Leonard Theological College, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh for Graduation in Theology and immediately did B.D. course of the Serampore University at Jabalpur. He went to St. Boniface College, Warminster, England on a scholarship of the World Council of Churches. Further, he had short courses at St. Augustine' College, Canterbury as well as the Ecumenical Institute, Bossey, Switzerland. He holds two master's degrees in Church History, one from the United Theological College, Bangalore and the other (STM Degree) from the Union Theological Seminary, New York in 1967. He was a candidate for Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) degree at Princeton Theological Seminary, USA, when he was elected as bishop and later as Metropolitan at Baghdad, Iraq in September 1968. In 1976 he earned his D.Th. degree from Serampore University near Calcutta. He was an active worker and research guide at SEERI (St. Ephrem Ecumenical Research Institute) Kottayam. In 1995, Mahatma Gandhi University in Kottayam recognized SEERI as the Centre for the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Syriac Language and Literature. He successfully defended his thesis and in 2002 the Syndicate of the M. G. University awarded Ph.D. degree in Syriac Language. Mar Aprem has written 76 books mostly in English and a few in Malayalam and also received many awards.



Martha Mariam Church (Valiyapalli) Thrissur



RELIGIOUS LEADER

ARCHBISHOP MAR ANDREWS THAZHATH

9

He was born on 13 December, 1951 to Thazhath Anthappai and Rosa at Puthukkad. He joined the seminary on 14 June, 1967 and ordained on 14 March, 1977. Later he took his doctorate in Canon Law from Pontifical Oriental Institute of Rome.

He did his great service as KCBC President, Secretary, CBCI Vice President, Chancellor of Alwaye Pontifical institute, KCBC Education Commission Chairman, President of Oriental Canon Law Society of India and Judge of Syro Malabar Tribunal (Court).

He is the pioneer of Buon Natale, a cultural event for charity which has the Guinness record for participating most number of Santa Clauses across the globe and many other social service schemes and projects.

He worked hard and succeeded in attaining the autonomous status for the college and cleansing the college from political strikes. The college is planning to extend its new campus to Ramavarmapuram in his guidance as a memorial of it's centenary celebrations.

Bishop Mar Andrew Thazhath has his history linked with this college as the Manager and Patron of his former alma mater. He was a Pre-degree student in St Thomas College. He became the Manager in 2004 when he was ordained as the Auxiliary Bishop of Thrissur Archdiocese*. Later in 2007, he became the Patron of the college when he became the Archbishop.



* Catholic Archbishop's House, Thrssir



RELIGIOUS LEADER

BISHOP MAR JOSEPH IRIMPAN

10

Born in Poovathussery, in Diocese of Irinjalakuda on 25th February, 1919. After his high school studies from St Aloysius School, Elthuruth. He completed his Intermediate course at St. Thomas College, Thrissur and was graduated from Madras University. He completed his studies from Papal Candy Seminary and ordained as a priest in 1950. He served as Vicar General of Thrissur Archdiocese. On 8 September, 1974 he ordained as the Bishop of Palghat Diocese* by the Cardinal Mar Joseph Parekkattil. He was a man of humility and modesty. He was a holy man for all types of people irrespective of religions or castes. He gave the message that the bishops must be the model of simplicity through his life. He retired from the diocese administration on 6 December, 1994 and passed away on 23 August, 1997.



* Bishop House, Palakkad



RELIGIOUS LEADER

BISHOP MAR JAMES PAZHAYATTIL

11

The first bishop of Irinjalakuda Diocese, Mar. James Pazhayattil was a great spiritual leader and a good scholar. He completed his post-graduation in English Literature from St Thomas College, Thrissur. He had also served as English Professor as well as hostel warden at St Thomas College.

He was born on July 26, 1934 at Puthenchira, Thrissur. He joined Thrissur Thope Minor Seminary in 1952. He successfully completed his philosophical as well as theological studies from Candy and Pune seminaries respectively. He received his priestly ordination from Cardinal Valerian Gracious on 3rd October, 1961. He was nominated as the first *Bishop of Diocese of Irinjalakuda on 22 June, 1978. He was ordained as Bishop on 10 September, 1978 by the Cardinal Mar Joseph Parekkattil. He served as the Assistant of Syro Malabar Major Archbishop from 7th June, 1995 to 18th January, 1997. He was a substitute member of permanent Syro Malabar Synod.

He received Bharatijyoti and Rastriya Ratna Awards of Syro Malabar Church. At the age of 75 he retired from his service on 18 April, 2010. His qualities such as simplicity of life and hospitality had made him a loving shepherd among the people. After serving 54 years as a priest and 37 years as a Bishop he took his eternal rest on 10th July, 2016.



* Bishops House, Irinjalakuda



RELIGIOUS LEADER

BISHOP MAR PAUL CHITILAPPILLY

12

Mar Paul Chittilappilly was a spiritual leader who served as the Bishop of Thamarassery and Diocese of Kalyan as well as the Vicar General of Diocese of Thrissur for a long time. He studied Intermediate at St. Thomas College and completed his studies at S.H. College, Thevara.

He was born on 7 February, 1934 as the son of Chittilappilly Chummar - Kunjayi couple at Mattom in Thrissur. He has done his theological studies at Urban University in Rome. He received priestly ordination at Rome from Mar Mathew Kavakkatt in 1961. He obtained PhD in Canon Law from Lateral University, Rome and became the Professor at Major Seminary, Vadavathoor. He served as Chancellor of Diocese of Thrissur in 1971 and Vicar General of Archdiocese of Thrissur for 10 years from 1978. He became the first Bishop of Diocese of Kalyan in 1988. He ministered there for 10 years and became the Bishop of Diocese of Thamarassery in 1997. He took retirement on 8 April, 2010 and he passed away at the age of 86 on 6th September, 2020.



Our Lady of Dolour's Basilica, Thrissur



RELIGIOUS LEADER

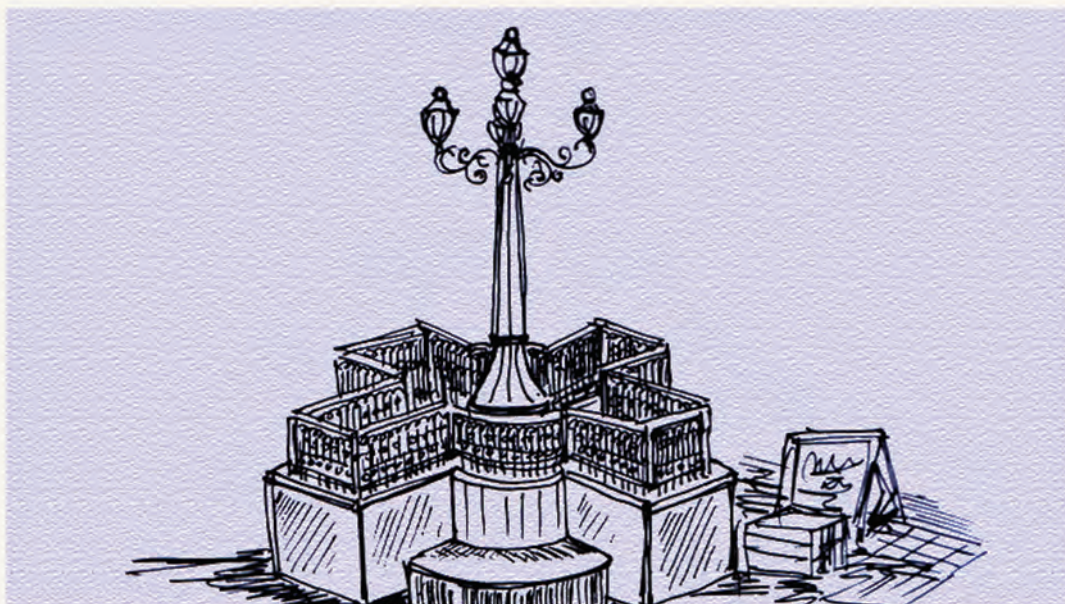
BISHOP DR PAULOSE MAR PAULOSE

13

Dr Paulose Mar Paulose had a memorable presence in cultural leadership of Kerala more than that a Bishop of eastern Chaldean Syrian Church. He was graduated from St. Thomas College in Mathematics.

He was born on 14 September, 1941 at Thrissur as the son of Konikara Anthony and Kochumariam. After his studies at Thrissur, he learned Theology from Serampore University. He has done his master's Degree in Theology at Prinston Theological Seminary in America. He earned Doctorate from Graduate Theological Union in Barkley, California.

Ordained as priest in 1965. He became a Bishop in 1968. He served as the President in India of Czechoslovak-based Christian Peace Organization and Chairman of World Christian Students' Federation which is centered in Geneva. He has presented papers in International Ecumenical Councils. He has witnessed the student agitation happened in Tianmen Square in China. His first thesis was 'Swathanthryamanu Daivam'. He also published the books 'Nishabdharayirikkan Ningalkenthadhikaram' and 'Cheruthunilppinte Samskaram'. He got the endowment for Vaideeka Sahityam of Kerala Sahitya Academy for the book 'Swanthryamanu Daivam'. He passed away on 24th March, 1998.



Anchuvilakku, Thrissur



RELIGIOUS LEADER

BISHOP MAR TONY NEELANKAVIL

14

Mar Tony Neelankavil, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Thrissur, is currently the Manager of St. Thomas College. He was a Pre-Degree Science group student from 1 June, 1982 to 31 March, 1984.

Born on 23 July, 1967 to Chev. Prof. N. A. Ouseph, former Professor of English Department, St. Thomas College and T. J. Mary, teacher, Government Model High School for Girls, Thrissur. He joined St. Mary's Minor Seminary, Thrissur after Pre-degree studies and was ordained priest on 27 December, 1993. In 1995 he went to Catholic University, Leuven, Belgium to pursue his Masters and Doctoral Studies and defended his Dissertation in 2002 on *Towards an Intercultural Hermeneutics of Trinitarian Harmony: A Conversation Between Vedantic and Early Christian Traditions in Response to the Asian Synod*.

He has received research fellowship from the Catholic University, Leuven and he is Gambrinus Fellow of the Technische Universität, Dortmund, Germany. He has served the Marymatha Major Seminary, Thrissur from 2002 on as Professor, Dean and finally, as its Rector.

He was ordained Bishop on 18 November, 2017. Currently, he is the Chairman of the Doctrinal Commission of the KCBC as well as the Syro-Malabar Synod of Bishops. He is also the Chairman of two Research Institutes: the PAROC Research Institute, Thrissur and the Liturgical Research Institute, Kakkanad.



Lourdes Metropolitan Cathedral, Thrissur



RELIGIOUS LEADER

BISHOP MAR SEBASTIAN POZHOLIPARAMBIL

15

The first Bishop of Diocese of Hosur of Syro Malabar Church, Mar Sebastian Pozholiparambil was a Pre-degree student in St. Thomas College. He was born on 1 September, 1957 as the son of K.S. Lonappan (Late) and T.L. Sara.

He completed his studies at St. Mary's Minor Seminary Thrissur, St. Thomas College and St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor.

He became a priest on 22 December, 1982 and obtained Doctorate from Rome. He has served as Vicar General of Diocese of Irinjalakuda and Co-ordinator of Chennai Mission. He ordained as Bishop on 22 November, 2017. He can manage five languages such as Malayalam, English, Italian, German, Tamil.



Margam Kali



RELIGIOUS LEADER

BISHOP MAR JOY ALAPPAT

16

Auxiliary Bishop of Diocese of Chicago and a native of Parappukara in Thrissur District, Mar Joy Alappat was a Pre-degree student in St, Thomas College during 1973-75.

He was born on 27 September, 1956 as the son of Alappat Varghese and Rosy. He was ordained as a priest on 31 December, 1981. He has served at Chennai Mission for 6 years. He is serving at America from 1994.

On 27 September, 2014 he became the Bishop, Diocese of Chicago*.



* Holy Name Cathedral (Chicago)



RELIGIOUS LEADER

BISHOP MAR PRINCE PANENGADEN

17

Mar Prince Panengaden, now the Bishop of Syro-Malabar Diocese of Adilabad*, was an undergraduate student of St. Thomas College. He hails from Arimbur village and was born in 13 March, 1976. His priestly formation was done in Dharmaram Vidyakshetram, Bangalore and in Ruhalya Seminary, Ujjain. He was ordained as a priest on 25 April, 2007. He was awarded Ph.D from Urbana University Rome. On 29 October, 2015 he was anointed as the Bishop.



* St Joseph's Cathedral, Adilabad



RELIGIOUS LEADER

BISHOP MAR THOMAS VAZHAPILLY

18

Mar Thomas Vazhapilly was the former Bishop of Mysore and he hails from Puthenvelikkara, Thrissur. He was an intermediate student of St. Thomas College.

Bishop Thomas was born on 11th April, 1940. He was ordained as a priest on 2nd December, 1964. He was the rector of St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore. In the year 2003, March 25th he was appointed as the Bishop of Mysore*. He served there for 13 years and retired on 25th January, 2017.



* St Philomena's Cathedral, Mysore



RELIGIOUS LEADER

MSGR. PAUL KAKKASSERY

19

Msgr. Paul Kakkassery Ph.D., D.D., born on the Christmas day of 1900 as the son of Mattam Kakkassery Ouseph and Mariamma. After completing his studies at St. Thomas College, he joined in Candy Seminary for his priestly formation.

He was ordained on 5th October, 1930. He worked for 12 years as the editor of diocesan bulletin 'Nava Jeevika' from its starting in 1933. He was the parish priest of *Ollur Forane Church from 10 January, 1942 to 15 April, 1955. During this time, he was honored with the title of Monsignor by the Pope.

He planned and initiated many programmes for the poor people and even now those organisations are functioning well. 'Sadhu Samrakshana Sangham' (1943), Arora Club, Vincent De Paul Dispensary are doing good things still now. He was appointed as the rector of Thope Seminary and from 1958 he started his mission at Ootty. He was a great personality with kind heart.



* Ollur Forane Church, Thrissur



RELIGIOUS LEADER

MSGR. ANTONY MALIEKKAL

20

Msgr. Antony Maliekkal is unique with his versatile personality. He was well known as an exemplary priest, a genius, a good *Seminary Rector, a Vincentian leader and a great champion of charity activities. He was excellent in all fields of his life.

He was born on 21 April, 1917 at Meladoor near Mala. He was graduated from St. Thomas college. He completed his seminary formation at Aluva and Candy. He was ordained on 24 August, 1947. He was the Rector of Bishops Mar James Pazhayattil, Mar Valiyamattam, Mar Bosco Puthur, Mar Paul Chittiappilly, Mar Andrews Thazhath, Mar Paul Alappatt, Mar Raphael Thattil and so on. He was a colleague of Mar Joseph Kundukulam. He was the founder of St. Vincent De Paul Society in the Archdiocese of Thrissur. He started 'Save A Family' programme for the poor. He was the founder manager of 'Mary Vijayam' magazine and worked as the Latin Professor at St. Thomas College. Pope Paul VI honored him with the title of Monsignor in 1976. He died in 2001.



* St Mary's Minor Seminary, Thrissur



RELIGIOUS LEADER

MSGR. JOSEPH VILANGADEN

21

Msgr. Joseph was the back sculptor of many charity institutions initiated in collaboration with Mar Joseph Kundukulam in the Archdiocese of Thrissur. His services for the poor and abandoned were recognized at the national and international level. He always kept a

distance from fame and power, and he was an exemplary priest. He started the houses for the unmarried mothers and for the orphan children and also for the AIDS patients. Thousands of poor and needy people were provided with all the conveniences in these institutions.

He hails from Thrippunithura. He was born on 18 August, 1926 as the son of Vilangaden Ulahannan and Annamma. His intermediate study was in St. Thomas College from 1942 to 1944. His priestly formation was done at St. Mary's Minor Seminary, Thrissur and in Propaganda Seminary, Rome. He was ordained as a priest on 7th December, 1954. He was awarded Ph.D. in Canon Law from Rome. He was an expert in English, Italian, Latin, German and French.

He worked for long term as the secretary to Mar George Alappatt and Mar Joseph Kundukulam. He was the co-founder of the *Congregation of 'Nirmaladasi Sisters' along with Mar Joseph Kundukulam. He was an advisory board member of the Eastern Churches and was the Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Thrissur. Pope St. John Paul II honored him with the title of Monsignor on 7 May, 1992. He died on 9 October, 2011 at the age of 85.



* Nirmaladasi Generalate, Mulayam



JUDICIARY

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CHIEF JUSTICE M.S. MENON

Justice M.S. Menon, former Chief Justice of Kerala was the old student of St Thomas College, Thrissur. He was the Chief Justice of Kerala High Court* during January 29, 1953 to 12 June, 1969.

He was a bachelor. He was born on 12 June, 1907. Menon had served for more than 8 years as Chief Justice. He was judge of the Travancore- Cochin High Court since 1953, even before the formation of State of Kerala. He had refused to any office of profit since the retirement in 1969. He passed away at the age of 95 in the year 1969.

JUSTICE M.P. MENON

Kerala High Court Judge Justice M.P. Menon is an old student of St. Thomas College, Thrissur.

He was the Judge of High Court during 27 March, 1978 to 31 August, 1987.



* Kerala High Court, Ernakulam



JUDICIARY

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JUSTICE K.T. SANKARAN

Justice K.T. Sankaran born in Thalakkasseri, near Pattambi, Palakkad on 25 December, 1954. After completing his school education from S.B.S Thanneercode, Government High School, Kumaranellur, he has joined for Pre-Degree at St. Thomas College, Thrissur. Later studied at Saraswathy Law College, Mercara, Coorg, Karnataka. He enrolled as an Advocate in 1979 and he started practice in Magistrate Court Pattambi in 1979 and shifted his practice to Kerala High Court in 1982. He was appointed as an Additional Judge of Kerala High Court in 2005 and became a permanent judge in 2006. He retired from service in 2016.



25

JUSTICE G. VISWANATHA IYER

Former student of St. Thomas College, Justice G. Viswanatha Iyer served as Kerala High Court Judge of Kerala from April, 1972 to January, 1982.



Kerala Advocate General Office



JUDICIARY

26

JUSTICE ASHOK MENON

Ashok Menon graduated from St. Thomas College, Thrissur and obtained Law Degree from Government Law College, Kozhikode. Ashok started practicing as a lawyer in Thrissur and Wadakkancherry Courts in 1981. He started serving as Munsiff-Magistrate in 1988. Thereafter promoted as Sub Judge in 1995 and as District Judge in 2002. He was appointed as Registrar, Supreme Court of India in 2009-10 and continued to be as Registrar, Competition Appellate Tribunal, New Delhi from 2010 to 2013. Thereafter served as Principal District Judge, Kollam from 2013 to 2015. In 2017, he was elevated as an Additional Judge of High Court of Kerala and became permanent judge of High Court of Kerala in 2019.



27

JUSTICE M.S. RAMAN

Justice M.S. Raman also former student of St Thomas College, Thrissur. He was the judge of High Court of Kerala for 10 years. He was graduated in Law from Govt. Law College, Ernakulam. He has served as Member of Kerala High Court Advocates Association and also advocate of various Government companies. He was elevated to the post of High Court Judge of Kerala in 2001 and retired from High Court in 2010.



Government Law College, Thrissur



FREEDOM FIGHTER

V.R. KRISHNAN EZHUTHACHAN

28

V R Krishnan Ezhuthachan was a famous Gandhian and well-known political leader and editor. He was the 10th son of Vadakkoot Nellipparambil Raman Ezhthachan and Peringandoor Njarassery Valappil Lakshmi Amma who were settled at Ollur, Avinisserry.

After his college studies in St Thomas College, he took Law Degree from Trivandrum Law College.

He quit his Government job and entered Freedom Struggle inspired by Gandhi and also became active in Khadi-Village Industries, rural upliftment, eradication of untouchability, temple entry struggle etc. Elected to Cochin Assembly in 1954 from Orrakam and then in 1952 from Nemmara. He was the President of Thrissur District Co-operative Bank for 25 years. He was also President of Cochin Karshaka Sabha, Kerala Kisan Sabha, Thrissur District Congress President, worked as member of AICC, KPCC and also the founder General Secretary of Cochin Prajamandalam. He was the publisher of Navadeepam, Deenabandhu Gramakshemam, Karshakan etc. He had written 10 books and a few among them were Nalpathukodiyude Shabdham, Kochikku Oru Abhivrudhi Padhathi, Aatmakadha (Autobiography) etc.

He was the President of Kodannur Panchayath, Member of Prohibition Commission, Member of Coconut Development Society, Campco, State President of Bharat Karshaka Samajam, Marketing Federation, Kerala Co-operative Union, Office bearer of Warehousing Corporation, Director of KSFE, President of Fruit-Vegetable-Tapioca Societies, and also Vice President of Cochin Central Co-operative Bank etc. He took the major initiative to begin the Thrissur Co-operative Spinning Mill. He breathed his last on May 13, 2004.



Swaraj Round, Thrissur



UNION MINISTER

A.M. THOMAS

29

A M Thomas was a Minister in the cabinets of Jawahar Lal Nehru, Lal Bahadur Sastry and Indira Gandhi. He has also worked as the Chairman of Central Khadi Commission* for a long time. He was also elected to the Cochin Assembly and was also the Speaker in Travancore-Cochin Assembly. He was the Minister of State in Food and Agriculture Ministry and the Defence Minister in Lal Bahadur Sastry's and Indira Gandhi's Ministries. Also served as the Indian High Commissioner in Australia, Zambia and Botswana.

He passed away on April 27, 2004.



* Khadi Office inaugurated by Mahatma Gandhi in 1925, Jalandhar, Punjab



MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

P.A. ANTONY

30

Social worker and Member of Parliament P.A. Thomas was a former student of St. Thomas College.

He was elected from Thrissur to Lok Sabha twice on 1984 and 1989. He won the 1984 election by a margin of 51290 votes which still remains as the highest margin of victory from Thrissur. He was also elected to Kerala State Legislative Assembly during the bye elections of 1972.

He was the founder leader of KSU. He was one among the top 10 leaders along with Oommen Chandy, V M Sudheeran, Vayalar Ravi etc. He was a Councillor in Thrissur Corporation and President of District Congress Committee. He was a popular leader in Thrissur.

Born on January 26, 1930 as the son of Pudukkadan Aipu. He passed away on 24 April, 1996 at the age of 60.



Nehru Park, Thrissur



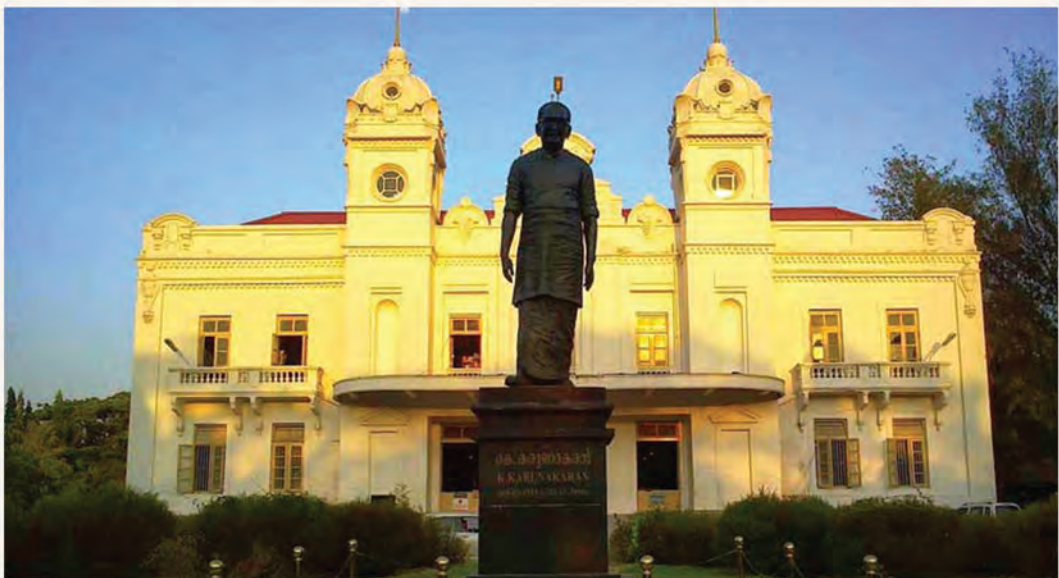
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

V.M. SUDHEERAN

31

Sri V.M. Sudheeran was the former Minister and former Speaker in Kerala Assembly during 1985-87 and also was elected as a Member of the Parliament. He was also former President of KPCC and began his active politics while in St Thomas College during 1963-68. He was a leader of KSU and later on and became its President from 1971 to 1973. In 1975 he became the President of Youth Congress and in 1977 won his Lok Sabha seat from Alleppey. He was elected as MLA from Manalur Assembly during 1980 to 1996. He has also worked as Health Minister in Kerala.

He was born on May 26, 1948 as the son of Anthikkad Padiyam V.S Mama and Girija.



Town Hall, Thrissur



MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

K. MOHANDAS

32

Mohandas who was a Member of Parliament was a B.A Economics student of St Thomas College. He was appointed as a Guruvayur Devaswom Board member while he was studying in the college. He was the eldest son of Vallakunnu Kizhakkattipurath Velayudha Menon and Karthiayani. He was selected as the Lok Sabha candidate on his wedding day, viz, November 25, 1984. He had served in KSC and as State President in Youth Front. He was the youngest Member of Parliament when he was elected at the age of 32 years.

Mini Mohandas his wife (Principal, Retd, National Higher Secondary School, Irinjalakuda), Megha and Midhun are his children. He breathed his last at a young age of 44 on 20 September, 1996.



Chimmini Dam, Thrissur



MINISTER, GOVT.OF KERALA

PROF. JOSEPH MUNDASSERY

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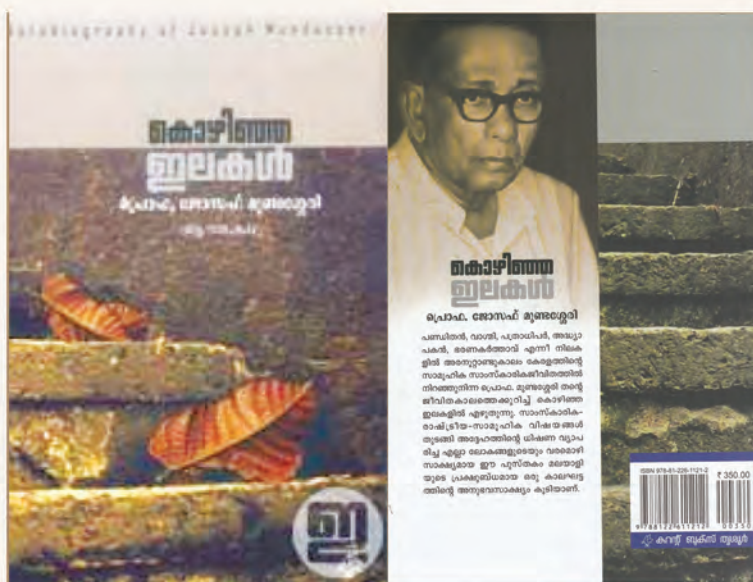
Famous as Education Minister and Literary Critic Prof. Joseph Mundassery was a student of St. Thomas College and later on became a Professor. He was a graduate in Physics and then took Post Graduate degrees in Malayalam and Sanskrit. He was also the Head of the Department of Foreign Languages till 1952.

Joseph Mundassery brought the controversial Education Reform Bill during the 1957 Ministry of EMS Namboodiripad.

He was born in Kandassankadavu in Thrissur. He was one of the few persons behind the establishment of Kerala Sangeeta Nataka Academy and also a member of Kendra Sahitya Academy. He was also President of Kerala Sahitya Parishad. He brought in the controversial Education Reforms Bill which caused the fall of EMS Government. The Reform changed the governing of Universities, Colleges and Educational institutions. He was also the Vice Chancellor of CUSAT. Mathai Manjooran, C. Achutha Menon were some of his students.

He has written many books- Konthayil Ninnun Kurisilekku, Parappurath Vithacha Vithu, Sahityavimarsanam, Kavya Peedhika, Kumaranasante Kavitha- Oru Padanam, Vallatholinte Kavitha- Oru Padanam, Roopabhadra, Anthareeksham, Prayanam, Vayanasalayil, Pashchathya Sahitya Sameeksha, Mattoly, Rajarajante Mattoly. His Autobiography- Kozhinja Ilakal*.

He passed away on 25 October, 1977.



* Autobiography



MINISTER, GOVT.OF KERALA

MATHAI MANJOORAN

34

Mathai Manjooran was an MLA in the 3rd Kerala State Assembly when EMS became the Chief Minister. He studied in St. Thomas College as an Intermediate Student.

He was a freedom fighter and worked in the Congress party for long. In 1947 founded the Kerala Socialist Party. He was one of the founding leaders of the Left Front in Kerala in 1950.

He was born on 13 October, 1912 and passed away on 14 January, 1970.



Peechi Dam, Thrissur



MINISTER, GOVT.OF KERALA

ADV. K.T. ACHUTHAN

35

Adv K T Achuthan who was a leading Congress leader, Minister for Transport was a former student of St Thomas College. During 1960-1962 in the Pattam Thanu Pillai Ministry and from 1962 to 1964 in the R. Shankar Ministry he was the Minister for Labour- Transport.

Born in 1911 as the son of Thayyan Vaidyan and Madhavi. He was a member of Cochin Legislative Assembly during 1943-1949, then in Thiru-Kochi Assembly from 1949 to 1951. He was elected to the Second Kerala State Assembly from Nattika Constituency in 1960 as a Kerala Congress candidate.

He was also a Lok Sabha MP from Kodungalloor during 1952 to 1957. He started his public life as a Councillor of Irinjakulada Municipality and then grew in stature to become a M.P. He was also the General Secretary of Cochin SNDP Yogam.

He passed away on 8 January, 1999.



Paramekkavu Temple, Thrissur



MINISTER, GOVT.OF KERALA

K. NARAYANA KURUPPU

36

K Narayana Kurup has served as Minister of Transport, Deputy Speaker in Kerala Assembly and also one of the founder members of Kerala Congress. He was a member of the State Assembly for 26 years.

Born on 23 October, 1927 at Karukachal, Kottayam. He studied for Intermediate in St. Thomas College. Further studies were in Madras and Bombay. He was a lecturer in NSS College, Changanassery. He worked in Congress and PSP before he took the initiative with other leaders to found Kerala Congress.

He passed away on 26 June, 2013 at the age of 86.



Sakthan Thampuran Palace, Thrissur



MINISTER, GOVT.OF KERALA

P.K. VELAYUDHAN

37

P. K. Velayudhan was the athletic champion of St. Thomas College and was the best athlete in the All India University meet held at Jabalpur in 1969, Cuttack in 1970 and Baroda in 1971. He had also excelled in politics as an MLA and a Minister.

Born on 4 September, 1946 as the son of Kunjaiyyappan. He was elected as MLA from Pandalam in 1980 and from Njarakkal in 1982. Became a minister in Karunakaran's Ministry in 1983. He was the President of Bharatiya Dalit Congress in 1980 and 1982. He had worked as University Senate Member, KPCC President, Kerala Aquatics Association Member and President of KSRTC Labour Association.

Wife- P.V. Girija. He passed away on 25 May, 2003.



Corporation Stadium, Thrissur



MINISTER, GOVT. OF KERALA

BABY JOHN

38

Baby John was known as Kerala Kissinger for his adept skills to overcome political problems. He entered into public life during the freedom struggle even he was a student. He was arrested and imprisoned at young age. He started his political career in Congress party and later on became the supreme leader in RSP.

He was elected to the Thiru-Kochi Assembly during 1952-1954 and became a MLA from Karunagappilly in the second Kerala Assembly in 1960. He became MLA again in 1967 and 1970. Then from 1977 onwards till the 10th Kerala Assembly he was elected continuously as a MLA. He was a minister under C. Achutha Menon, K. Karunakaran, E.K. Nayanar and P.K. Vasudevan Nair.

Spouse- Annamma, Children- Shaji Baby John, Shibu Baby John, Sheela James Joseph.

He was born on 14 September, 1920 and passed away on 29 January, 2008.



Pancharimelam



MINISTER, GOVT. OF KERALA

P.P. GEORGE

39

Former Minister for Agriculture, P P George was a former student of St Thomas College. He was elected as MLA for 6 times from various constituencies. He won the elections from Chalakudy during 1965, 1967, in 1987 from Thiruvambadi, from Ollur during 1991 and 2001. He became the Minister for Agriculture during 1991.

As a Congress leader he had worked as KPCC Vice President and General Secretary.

He was the son of Pudukkad Pulikkan Paulose- Mary couple and worked as a Mathematics teacher at St Antony's School, Pudukkad.

He passed away at the age of 72 years on 6 January, 2008.



Vimochana Samaram



MINISTER, GOVT.OF KERALA

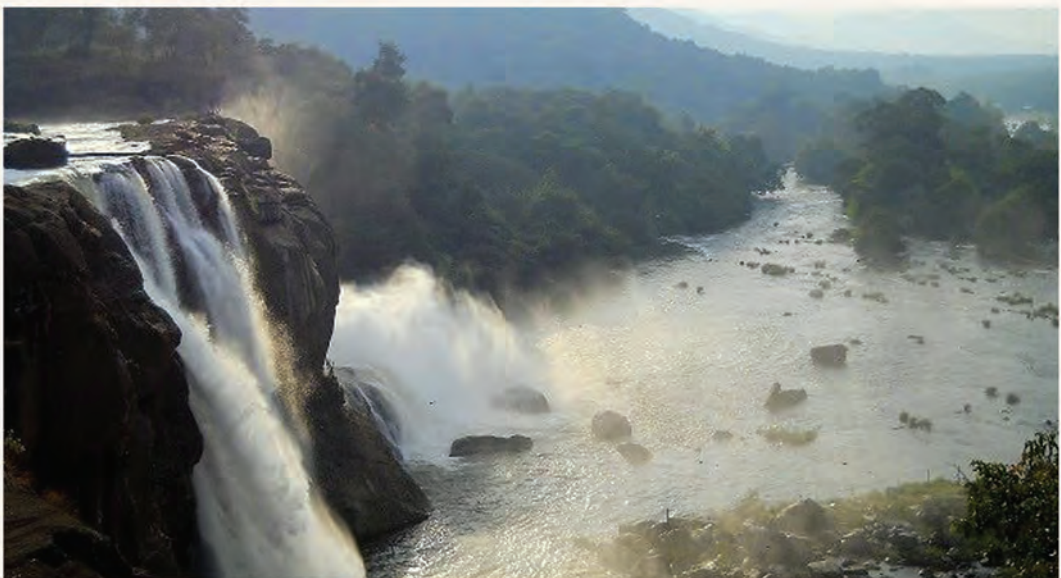
P.J. JOSEPH

40

Sri P J Joseph, former Minister for Home, Education and Public Works was a degree student of St Thomas College.

Born as the only son of Thodupzha Purapuzhakarayil Palthinal Joseph and Annamma on 10 June, 1942. He had completed his studies in St. Thomas College -Thrissur, Loyola College-Madras and SH College- Thevara. He was interested in music right from his early age.

While working as a College Lecturer, he joined Kerala Congress party. Became an MLA in 1970 and thereafter he won the elections in 1977, 1980, 1982, 1987, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016. He became the Home Minister in 1978, Revenue Minister in 1982 and PWD-Education Minister in 1996.



Athirapilly Waterfalls, Chalakudy



MINISTER, GOVT. OF KERALA

PROF. C. RAVEENDRANATH

41

Prof. C. Raveendranath, Education Minister of Kerala, is a former student and Professor of St. Thomas College. He was elected 3 times from Pudukkad constituency in 2006, 2011 and 2016 to Kerala Assembly and is the Education Minister since 2016. He was an active member of Complete Literacy Movement, AKPCTA and Sasthra Sahitya Parishad.

He has published books like "Nava Liberal" or "Durithangalude Nayam", "ASEAN Kararinte Yatharthyangal" and "Niyamasabha Prasangangal." To improve the standards of students who are suffering due to social-economic-emotional problems, he introduced "Sraddha Padhathi". He has also worked as an Advisor of State Planning Board and as a Convenor of Civil Planning Programme of Thrissur.



Mahatma Gandhi's visits to St Thomas College (1927)



MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

C.S. GANGADHARAN

42

C.S. Gangadharan was a student of St Thomas College. He joined the freedom struggle while he was student by the inspiration of former MLA Mathai Manjooran.

Born on October 7, 1927 at Koorkkancherry. He worked in the Congress party for a long and later on joined KSP.

He became an MLA in 1970 from Irinjalakuda. He was a proponent of Inter-caste marriages. He married in 1952, Smt. Vijayalakshmi who was the granddaughter of Komattil Achytha Menon, who was the Chief Secretary in the erstwhile Cochin State. He has worked as the State Secretary and Chairman of Freedom Fighters Society. He was the editor of Socialist weekly and also an active Gandhian and member of Prohibition Committee. He died on 8th April, 2007.



Thrissur Pooram



MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

ADV. N. I. DEVASSYKUTTY

43

Adv. N. I. Devassykutty was elected as MLA 3 times from Manaloor Assembly and served for 13 years. He was the Chairman of St Thomas College during 1947 and became active in politics through KSU.

He was also associated with non-political organisations as the President of Kole Karshaka Sangham and member of All Kerala Panchayath Presidents' Association. He was also the founder President of Karshaka Congress and the Chairman of Coconut Development Board* for 8 years.



* Coconut Development Board, Kochi



MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

JOSE THANIKKAL

44

Jose Thanikkal was a former degree student of St. Thomas College. He was a former MLA and Congress leader of Kerala.

He was born on 8th March, 1946 as the son of T.O. John and Mariyam.

He was elected as MLA from Irinjalakuda constituency in the year 1980. He was a member of AICC and President of Thrissur DCC. He was also the President of Thrissur District Co-operative Bank.

He passed away on 31st December, 2009 at the age of 64.



State Museum, Thrissur



MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

P.T. KUNJU MUHAMMED

45

Sri. P.T. Kunju Muhammed is well known as the MLA from Guruvayur (1998, 2007), and the producer of award winning films. He received National Award in his maiden venture as a director. He had excelled in dramas while studying in the St. Thomas College itself. He is the producer of award winning films like 'Purushartham', 'Swaroopam' and 'Ashwathamavu'.

He took the role of the central character in the 1986 film "Uppu" which won the National Awards for the second best film and the best Malayalam film. He acted in Ravindran's " Ore Thooval Pakshikal" and T.V. Chandran's " Alicinte Anweshanam". He also won the National Film Award as the Best Director for his maiden directorial attempt for the film "Magriba" in 1993. He is also one of founder directors of Kairali TV Channel. He has also produced two films 'Paradesi' (2007) and 'Veera Puthran' (2011).



Juma Masjid, Thirissur



MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

ADV. V. BALARAM

46

Adv. V. Balaram was elected to the State Assembly in 1996 and 2001 from Wadakkancherry. He had also worked as General Secretary, KPCC. He was the President of Cochin Agricultural Bank and Vice Chairman of KKVIB. He also served as the District Secretary of the Congress Party, Thrissur.

He was born on 10 November, 1947 as the son of T. Raman Nair and Velur Chinnammu Amma. He passed away at the age of 72.



Poomala Dam, Thrissur



MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

M.K. PAULSON MASTER

47

Sri. Paulson who has excelled himself as a Teacher, Political Leader, MLA, Social Worker and Organiser was a former student of M A Economics in St. Thomas College, Thrissur.

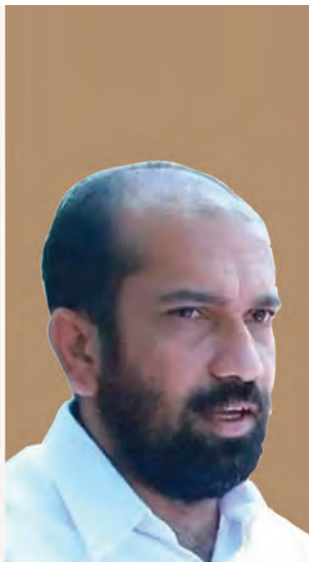
He has worked as a lecturer in a private college for a long time. He was active in Social-Public-Political activities since young. He was also the President of Congress, Kodakara Constituency, member of Pudukkad Panchayath, Chairman of Kodakara Block Committee and member of first Thrissur District Council. He was elected as member of the first District Panchayath of Thrissur in 1991.

He was the Chairman for the development of Pudukkad in a Sarvakakshi Aikyavedi formed in 1979. He was elected as MLA from Manaloor constituency during 2001-2006.

He is also active in Gandhian Movements and Prohibition.



Prajyoti Niketan College, Pudukkad



MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

ANIL AKKARA

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Anil Akkara was a student of the St. Thomas College in B.A. History and English course during 2000-2003. He was elected from Wadakkancherry constituency as an MLA in 2016.

He has worked as Congress District Secretary, President of Adat Panchayath and Chairman of District Panchayath Standing Committee.

Born in the year 1974, as the son of Akkarapattayekkal Antony and Lilly.



Adatt Kole, Thrisur



PRESIDENT, DISTRICT PANCHAYATH

K.V. DASAN

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K.V. Dasan was the President of District Panchayath of Thrissur during 2013-2018 and a former Pre-degree student of St. Thomas College during 1977-1979. He was also *District Panchayath member of Madakkathara Division. He is the General Secretary of Congress Committee in Thrissur District and Vice Chairman of Thrissur Sahakarana Karshika Vikasana Bank.



* Thrissur District Panchayat



MAYOR

I.P. PAUL

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Sri. I.P. Paul who was the Mayor of *Thrissur Corporation was a former student of 1970-1972 Pre -degree batch at St. Thomas College.

Attracted towards the socialist ideologies, he entered the politics even when he was a student. He was imprisoned during the Emergency Period. He was the President of Thrissur Block Congress, Municipal Councillor from 1988 to 1995, the Corporation Councillor from 2000-2015 and Mayor from 2010-2013. Prior to that he was the Leader of the Opposition in Thrissur Corporation from 2005-2010.

He attended the Mayor's International Conference held at Moscow in 2013. He resolved the Pollution issues in Laloor and the public agitations associated with this. He is a recipient of Kerala State Health Department Award.



* Corporation Office, Thrissur



MUNICIPAL CHAIRMAN

ADV. P. P. DEVASSY

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Adv. P. P. Devassy who had been the Municipal Chairman, Legislative Member of Cochin State, Acting Diwan and Government Pleader, who completed his graduation from St. Thomas College and took his Law Degree from Madras Law College. He started his practice in Thrissur Bar* in 1938. He was an expert in handling Criminal and Civil cases. He was a legal advisor to many companies, trusts, institutions and churches in Thrissur.



* District Court, Thrissur



MUNICIPAL CHAIRMAN

ADV. C.C. GEORGE

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Adv. C.C. George who was the Municipal Chairman of Thrissur, and an Intermediate student in St. Thomas College. He was the President of Congress party and the *Chambour of Commerce, founder President of Wholesale Consumers' Society and also served as KPCC Office bearer.

He was an eminent figure in the social, cultural and political circles of Thrissur. He worked for the welfare and development of the retail traders of Thrissur. He played a key role in organizing the Santhosh Trophy Tournament in Thrissur.

He was also a State committee member of Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachara Sabha, Vice President of Thrissur Athletic Association, Director of Trichur Urban Co-operative Bank, Member of Transport Advisory Committee, Director of Catholic Syrian Bank Ltd and the member of Kerala University Senate.



* Chambour of Commerce, Thrissur



MUNICIPAL CHAIRMAN

ADV. A.P. GEORGE

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Adv. A.P. George, was a former Municipal Chairman of Irinjalakuda Municipality. He was an alumnus of St. Thomas College. He was the founder Director of Kerala Solvents Extractions, Irinjalakuda. As a veteran Congress leader, he directed several financial institutions in and around Irinjalakuda. George was born on 19 December, 1935 as the son of Akkarakaran Kunjipyloth and Rosa Kunjipyloth, Son of Akkarakaran Kunjipyloth and Rosa Kunjipyloth. He completed his degree from Ernakulam Law College. He was the College Union Chairman and the State General Secretary of Independent Students' Organisation, a non-political students' organisation. He was also the founder President of Catholic Youth Organisation in 1967. He was a councilor of Irinjalakuda Municipality for 17 years, of which he was the President for 7 years from 1972 to 1979. He was the State President of All Kerala Chitty Foreman's Association and Committee member of Sahitya Parishad.



St Thomas Cathedral Church, Irinjalakuda



VICE CHANCELLOR

DR. K. GOPALAN

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An alumnus of St. Thomas College, Dr K. Gopalan was the Vice Chancellor of Cochin University for Science and Technology, popularly known as CUSAT. His imaginative stewardship was instrumental in leading the fledgling CUSAT to one of the premier institutions of India. He was also the Director of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)*, New Delhi.



* National Council of Educational Research Training Institute, New Delhi



VICE CHANCELLOR

DR. T.N. JAYACHANDRAN I.A.S.

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A well acclaimed academican-cum-administrator, Dr. T.N. Jayachandran I.A.S, an alumnus of St. Thomas College was the Addl. Chief Secretary of Kerala, Transport Commissioner (1994) and Vice Chancellor of University of Calicut* (1983). He was the Chairman of Cochin Port Trust in 1981 and Director of Institute of Management in 1987. Born on 22 June, 1936 to Shri. Thaivalthu Narayanan and Smt. Eswaramangalath Saradha. Dr. Jayachandran completed his Intermediate Course in St. Thomas College in 1952. He took his Honours in B.A. from University College, Trivandrum and joined Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur as Junior Lecturer. Later he took his I.A.S and began his administrative career as Deputy Collector. He also served as R.D.O of Devikulam. He was posted as Collector of Kottayam in 1967. Later he became the Private Secretary of the then Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri C. Achutha Menon. He underwent training in Public Administration for one year in Cambridge University, London.



* Calicut University



VICE CHANCELLOR

DR. A. JAYAKRISHNAN

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Former Vice Chancellor of Kerala University and Cochin University for Science and Technology (CUSAT)*, Dr. Jayakrishnan, an alumnus of St. Thomas College retired as Professor of Biotechnology from Indian Institute of Biotechnology, Chennai in 2018.

He had also served as Senior Scientist in Sri. Chitra Thirunaal Institute of Medical Sciences, Trivandrum. He completed his post graduation in Chemistry in University of Calicut and took his Doctorate in the same subject from the prestigious I.I.T, Chennai. After that he took is Post Doctorate from University of Florida, U.S.A. Polymeric Materials for Medical Applications was his favourite subject of study. He is the author of more than 100 erudite articles which has published in internationally acclaimed journals. Dr. Jayakrishnan has credit with several prestigious awards too. He was awarded the Fellowship of Indian academy of Science, Benguluru. Awards earned by him also include the one for the most outstanding Alumnus of IIT, Chennai, Gold medal of Indian Science Congress (awarded by the then P.M. of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh), and Swadeshi Sastra Award (awarded by the then President of India Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam). He was also awarded the Indian National Science Academy Fellowship.



* Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT)



Well known scientist of Kerala
Dr. R.S. Krishnan was the Vice
Chancellor of University of Kerala.

VICE CHANCELLOR

DR. R.S. KRISHNAN

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He was born at Rappal in Thrissur District in 1911. He was a Fellow of Indian Academy of Science, Indian National Science Academy and London Institute of Physics. He was awarded the prestigious C.V. Raman Prize for his contribution to Physics as well as the Benguluru Indian Institute of Science Platinum Jubilee Award for Outstanding Student. Dr. C.V. Raman, Nobel Prize winner of Physics was his Research Guide. Following the retirement of Dr C.V. Raman from Indian Institute of Science, Benguluru, Dr. Krishnan became the Head of the Dept. of Physics. It was after his official retirement that he was nominated as the Vice Chancellor of University of Kerala*.



* University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram



VICE CHANCELLOR

DR. K. MOHANDAS

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Dr. Mohandas was the first Vice Chancellor of Kerala University of Health and Allied Sciences (KUHAS). He did his Pre-degree in St Thomas College. He was the Chairman of Commonwealth Universities. He had also officiated as the 3rd President of Association of Indian Universities. He was appointed as Vice Chancellor of *KUHAS, when he was serving as Director of Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute of Medical Sciences, Trivandrum. He has been awarded the prestigious Harmony Fellowship of Royal College of Anesthetists, England. He took his basic degree in Medicine from Christian Medical College, Vellore and Post-graduation from Mysuru Medical College. He began his medical career as an Anesthetist in Sree Chitra Thirunal Medical Centre and he was the Anesthetist for the first cardiac surgery conducted at this Centre.



* Kerala University of Health and Allied Sciences, Thrissur



VICE CHANCELLOR

DR. RAMACHANDRAN THEKKEDATH

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An alumnus of St. Thomas College, Dr Ramachandran Thekkedath served as Vice Chancellor of Cochin University of Science and Technology from 2009 onwards. He was appointed as Vice Chancellor when he was working as a Scientist in USA. He was the Technological Commercialization Officer in Utah University, USA. His Doctoral Degree was in Laser Physics from CUSAT. He has to his credit several patents. He had also served as a scientist in Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute of Medical Sciences*, Trivandrum.



*Sree Chithira Thirunal Institute of Medical Science, Thiruvananthapuram



VICE CHANCELLOR

DR. DHARMARAJ ADAT

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Noted writer Dr. Dharmraj Adat, an alumnus of St. Thomas College was the Vice Chancellor of Sree Sankaracharya Sanskrit University, Kalady. Well versed in Sanskrit, Dr Dharmaraj Adat hails from the Adat village in Thrissur. He was awarded Doctorate for his Doctoral Dissertation based on the study of the poem 'Keralodayam' written by K.N. Ezhuthachan. Prior to joining *Sree Sankaracharya Sanskrit University as Vice Chancellor, Dr. Adat served as Professor in Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur and Bishop Moore College, Mavelikkara. He was a Member of the Senate of University of Calicut and a Syndicate member of Sree Sankaracharya Sanskrit University*, Kalady. Dr Adat has authored nearly 35 books and has secured several awards, including Kerala Sahitya Academy Award.



* Sree Sankaracharya Sanskrit University, Kalady



SCIENTIST

PADMA SHRI DR. E.D. JEMMIS

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Dr. Eluvathinkal Devassy Jemmis, renowned Researcher and Scientist, born at Chovoor, near Cherpu (Thrissur) was a Chemistry Graduate student of St. Thomas College. The Nation honored this Professor of Theoretical Chemistry of Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru with the prestigious Padma Shri Award for his contribution to Chemistry. He was the Founder Director of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Trivandrum.

His first field of research was Applied Theoretical Chemistry. Dr Jemmis took his Post graduate degree in Chemistry from IIT, Kanpur immediately after his graduation from St. Thomas College. After that he joined Princeton University, USA for Research. Nobel Laureate (1988) Dr. John Poppil and Prof. Dr Paulvon Reig Shayler were his Research Guides in Princeton University. One semester was done in University of Munich, Germany and four semesters in University of Erlangen, Neurenberg. Post-doctoral research has done under the Guidance of Nobel Laureate Prof. Rold Hoffman in Cornell University.

Following that he joined School of Chemistry, University of Hyderabad where he became a Professor in 1990 and Dean in 2002. Dr. Jemmis served as Visiting Professor in Australian National University and Centre for Computation Quantum Chemistry, University of California. He joined Indian Institute of Science in 2005 from where he was deputed to start IISER* in 2008. Dr. Jemmis is famous for having conducted research in Theoretical Mode in Structure of Molecules and Reaction. Dr. Jemmis' contribution to Science in general and Chemistry in particular have been including in the syllabus of renowned Universities throughout the world. Author of nearly 200 science articles, published in leading journals, he has guided nearly 20 research scholars. He has been awarded the fellowships of several universities and Academies, including the prestigious Bhatnagar Award.



*Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Trivandrum



SCIENTIST

PADMA SHRI PRADEEP T.

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An Alumnus of St. Thomas College, Dr. Pradeep did his Graduation and Post-Graduation in Chemistry in this college from 1980 to 1985. Today he is one of the most renowned Scientists in Nano Science, having conducted research in Nano Science and Technology, Nano Materials, Water Purification Process, Ice Chemistry, Surface Science, Spectroscopy, Scientific Instrumentation and Business Incubation. He has served as Chemistry Professor and Chair Professor of Deepak Parekh Institute in I.I.T*, Chennai. He took his Doctorate from Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru in 1991. He was Post-Doctoral Fellow in Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, California University (1992-93) and Purdue University, Indiana, USA (1993-1994).



* Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai



SCIENTIST

DR. T.R. VISWANATHAN

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Dr. Viswanathan was a student of Physics in St. Thomas College. After his graduation he took his Engineering degree from Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. He served as Research Professor in Texas University, USA. He was also a Faculty and Research guide in several Universities, both in India and outside.

Dr. Viswanathan has to his credit 23 patents in USA. He has authored a text book and 45 erudite scholarly articles, all published in world renowned journals. Dr Viswanathan was a Professor in Electrical Engineering Department of I.I.T., Kanpur. He retired from service as Director of Research and Development, Texas University*. He was the Technical Manager in AT&T Bell Laboratories for 10 years. He has guided research scholars in Electrical & Computer Engineering. Besides, Dr. Viswanathan has also served in the Advisory Boards of several prestigious Companies in and outside India.

Following his graduation in Physics from St. Thomas College and in Electrical Communications at Indian Institute of Sciences, Bengaluru, Dr. Viswanathan took his Post graduate degree from Suskachevan University, Canada. His Doctorate in Electrical Engineering was also from this University. He is the recipient of prestigious awards that include Darlington Award, Third Millennium Medal and Jack Kirby Award. He was also awarded the Gold medal for the best Physics student during his studies.



* Texas University, USA



SCIENTIST

DR. E.J. JAMES

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Dr. E.J. James, former Vice Chancellor of Karunya Deemed University*, Coimbatore was a Pre degree student of St. Thomas College in 1962. He was born on 18 September, 1947. Dr. James, after completing his Pre Degree, took his Degree in Hydrology and Water Resources (Civil Engineering) from Regional Engineering College, Mysuru, followed by M. Tech from the same University.

His Doctoral degree was from Calcutta University. Following that he successfully completed his Post-Doctoral research from UK.

Dr James is one of the leading professionals in the field of Water resources and Hydrology. He served as Director of Water and Land Management Institute from 2003 to 2007. He was also A Grade Scientist and Executive Director of Centre for Water Resources Development and Management. He continues to be a Member of Institution of Engineers, Indian Water Resources Society, International Association of Hydrological Sciences, Indian Association of Hydrologic Research and International Water History Association.

Kerala Community Irrigation Project, Kerala Minor Irrigation Project and Attapadi Eco Restoration Project are some of his contributions to preservation of water in his home State. Dr. James continues to be a Consultant of international agencies like World Bank, UNDP, Wetland International Project of India as well as State Projects.

Dr. James was also the Vice Chancellor of Amrita Deemed University, Coimbatore.

Dr. James is the recipient of British Council Scholarship (1984) American Science Foundation Fellowship (1986) and Engineer of the Award (2000).



* Karunya Institute of Technology and Science, Coimbatore



SCIENTIST

DR. SEBASTIAN C. PETER

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Recipient of Govt. of India Young Scientist Swarna Jayanthi Award (2017), Dr. Sebastian C. Peter is a world renowned Scientist who took his degree and Postgraduate degree in Chemistry from St. Thomas College in 1998 and 2000 respectively. Later he took his M.Tech degree from Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT). Following that he took his Doctorate from Munster University in Germany (2006). He served as Post-Doctoral fellow in the renowned Max Plank Institute for Chemical Physics of Solids and North Western University in USA. Dr. Sebastian won the Fellowship of Jawaharlal Nehru Center for Advanced Scientific Research in 2010.

He is a teacher par excellence in Crystallography. He is hailing from Vaniampara, Thrissur and an active member of several worldwide Science Committees.



Kerala Forest Research Centre, Peechi, Thrissur



SCIENTIST

DR. V.K. KRISHNAN

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Mathematics is a game of intelligence and Dr V.K. Krishnan, renowned as Mathematician is equally adept in Chess too. He completed his Intermediate and degree courses from St Thomas College in 1953 and 1956 respectively. After taking his Post-graduate degree from Govt. Victoria College*, Palakkad, Dr V.K. Krishnan joined the Dept. of Statistics of St. Thomas College. Though he had Post-graduate degrees in both Mathematics and Statistics, Mathematics was his first love and so he took his Doctorate in it. His books were later published by renowned publishers like Prince Hall and Pearson. Those books have been included in the syllabi of foreign Universities. Dr Krishnan is also a key resource person for faculty training programmes of Mathematics teachers in and outside India.



*Govt. Victoria College, Palakkad



SCIENTIST

DR. THOMAS A. KODENKANDATH

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Dr. Thomas Kodenkandath, a Doctoral degree holder in Chemistry is also a famous cartoonist.

He was a student of St. Thomas College for his Pre degree to Post graduation classes (1978-1985). During his college days itself he had started earning accolades as a cartoonist. He took his Doctorate in Chemistry from IIT, Chennai. His achievements include UNESCO's Promising Young Scientist Fellowship (1993) United Kingdom Fellowship of Engineering and Physical Science Research Council (1996) and American Chemical Society Fellowship of National Science Foundation (1999).

Artistic accolades and Awards include Kerala Lalitha Kala Academy* Award and American Association of Editorial Cartoonist Awards.

Author of 75 articles in well browsed scientific journals throughout the world, Dr Kodenkandath has 7 patents so far. Fellow of the Imperial College of London, this cartoonist has published more than 12000 cartoons to date.



* Lalithakala Academy, Thrissur



CIVIL SERVICE

D.K. MANAVALAN, IAS

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Shri Davy K. Manavalan, popularly known as D.K. Manavalan IAS was an alumnus of St. Thomas College in the early 1960s. After completing his B.Sc. Hons. with Distinction in 1960, D.K. Manavalan belonged to the West Bengal Cadre (IAS) of 1965. Following his study in St. Thomas College, he joined the 5 year Course of Engineering.

His area of specialization during his training in Missouri National Academy of Administration was Public Administration. He was a Fellow of Economic Development Institute in World Bank in 1973.

Dr. Manavalan served as Commissioner in Sikkim External Affairs Ministry, Home Secretary and Chief Election Officer. He was the Special Secretary (Finance) in West Bengal as well as Commissioner of Commercial Tax Assesse till 1986. He was the Rural and Panchayat secretary from 1992 to 1993. Later he served as Commerce and Industries Principal secretary till 1995. He was the Youth affairs Joint Secretary in Resources Development Ministry till 1992, Addl. General Secretary in the ministry of Welfare from 1995 to 1997, Secretary in the Ministry of Justice and Empowerment from 1998 to 1999 and Secretary in the Dept. of Youth Affairs and Sports from 1999 to 2001.

Following his retirement from Govt. Service in 2001, Dr Manavalan has been active in the activities of Action for Food Protection, Natural Resources Management and Tribal Watershed & Livelihood activities.



Kerala Institute of Local Administration- (KILA) Thrissur



CIVIL SERVICE

DR. K.N. SATHISH, IAS

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Dr. Satheesh, who hails from Tellicherry was the C.M.D of Civil Supplies Corporation, Govt. of Kerala. He took his Post graduate Degree in Botany from St. Thomas College. He began his career as Tahsildar of Chavakad Taluk. He passed I A S in 2004 and has served as Collector of Kasargod and Trivandrum. He was also an Administrator of Guruvayoor Devaswom, Chief Executive Officer of Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Duty Magistrate in Sabarimala and Fort Kochi RDO. He was also Director of Higher Secondary Board, Director of Coir Board, Addl. Director General of Tourism and Inspector in Registration Department.

Dr. Satheesh was awarded Medal by President of India for his Census related activities and was active in the Rescue Disaster Management activities in Lathur after the devastating earthquake. He was also the Observer in several parts of India during Elections to the Lok Sabha and Assemblies.



Secretariate, Thiruvananthapuram



CIVIL SERVICE

P.M. FRANCIS, IAS

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P.M. Francis took his Post Graduate Degree in Commerce (M.Com) from St. Thomas College in 1984. After serving South Indian Bank for 10 years, he resigned and joined Kerala Civil Service as Deputy Collector in 1993. He also served as Collector of Thrissur District* and Director of Kerala State Industries Department from 2014 to 2017. He earned his IAS in 2004 and served as ADM and RDO in the districts of Thrissur, Kollam, Malappuram and Ernakulum. A part from Thrissur, he was also the Collector of Malappuram and Trivandrum districts. Following the devastating Tsunami havoc, he was appointed as Special Officer for the rehabilitation of the victims in 2009. He is also the Patron of Thrissur Educational & Charitable Hub (TEACH), a philanthropic NGO with its headquarters in Mannuthy.



*Collectorate, Thrissur



CIVIL SERVICE

FRANCIS KODANKANDATH, IRS

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A student of St. Thomas College for his Pre degree, Degree and Post Graduate Courses, world famous artist Francis Kodankandath earned his IRS in 2017. He is the Commissioner of Customs Intelligence Wing.

As an artist, Shri Francis Kodankandath has exhibited his paintings in Florence(Italy), London, USA , UAE, France and Japan, earning praise for his insightful paintings. He was awarded the Binale Award in 2015 for his paintings exhibited in the Florence Binale (Italy). He was the only artist selected by the Government of India to represent the country in the London Binale, 2017. 18 paintings of Shri Kodankandath were exhibited in the venue of an international conference held under the auspices of UNO, in 2018.

His paintings are permanent exhibits in the Salt Satyagraha Museum. He has been awarded the Kendra Lalitha Kala Academy Award (2004) and Kerala Lalitha Kala Academy Awards (1986,1989 &1993). He was cited Meritoriously by the Govt. of India on 10 occasions for having taken risky operations on behalf of Customs Department and awarded Recognitions by the Department nearly 200 times.



* Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL), Nedumbassery



CIVIL SERVICE

K.M THOMAS, IES

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K.M. Thomas was the first rank holder in M.A. Economics of University of Calicut. He was the Director of Planning Commission, Govt. of India as well as its Finance Commission too. Shri Thomas began his career as a Lecturer in the Department of his Alma mater in 1968. One year later he entered the service of the Govt. of India., when he was appointed as the member of the Planning Commission of the Ministry of Finance. Later he went on to become the Director of the 11th Finance Commission of the Govt. of India.



Central Secretariat, New Delhi



CIVIL SERVICE

DR. P. SARIN, IAAS

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Dr. Sarin is popular among the student community through his programme, *Kuttikalodano Kali*. He is an expert in conducting quiz competitions as well as debates meant for students.

It was his wide-cum-deep knowledge acquired from the books in the library of this college that enabled him to emerge winner in quiz competitions and debates. The same knowledge acquired from College later enabled him to clear the Civil Service Examination too in the first attempt itself. Dr. Sarin has always strongly believed that quiz competitions are the best tools for cracking the UPSC examinations at the national level.

Basically a Doctor at heart, Dr Sarin is active in Cancer Awareness activities as well as Pain and Palliative Care. This health activist has served in Audit and Accounts Department of Govt. of India.

At the time of retirement, Dr. Sarin was the Deputy General of Kerala-Karnataka Division of the Audit and Accounts Department of the Govt. of India. At present he is engaged in coaching students for Civil Service through his educational IAS Hotspot*, a residential institution in Thrissur.



*IAS Hotspot, Thrissur



PRO VICE CHANCELLOR

DR. N.D. INASU

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An alumnus of St. Thomas College, Dr N.D. Inasu completed his Pre Degree and Degree courses in St. Thomas College (1971-1976). He is the son of one of the most humble legislators Kerala ever seen, the late Shri N.I. Devassykutty. Dr. Inasu served at Christ College, Irinjalakuda and later on went to become the Pro Vice Chancellor of Cochin University of Science & Technology (CUSAT) and retired from service as the Principal of St. Aloysius College*, Elthuruth, Thrissur.



* St Aloysius College, Thrissur



PRO VICE CHANCELLOR

PROF. K. RAVINDRANATH

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Prof. K. Raveendranath, who completed his Pre degree and Degree courses in St. Thomas College, later completed his Post Graduation in Commerce from the Dept. of Commerce, University of Calicut. Later he retired from service as the Pro Vice Chancellor of the same University. Prior to that, Prof. Raveendranath was the Principal of Sri Krishna College*, Guruvayoor. He was also the Vice President of Kerala State Higher Education Council.

Prof. Raveendranath was a member of the Senate of the University of Calicut, Sri Krishna College Management Committee and UGC Sub Committee. His notable achievements include his contribution to Commerce as a member of the Commerce Board of Studies.

At present Prof. Raveendranath is the Chief Executive Officer of Holy Grace Group of Institutions, Kuruvillasserry.



* Sree Krishna College, Guruvayur



ACADEMICIAN

PROF. M.P. PAUL

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A name written in golden words in the literary canvas of Kerala, Prof. M.P. Paul requires no special introduction to the students of literature in and outside Kerala. Prof. Paul was a literary giant in the firmament of literature in this State. A Litterateur Critic and Teacher, Prof. M.P. Paul marked his presence in the world of words through his writings. Prof. Paul has to his credit authoritative books on Fiction, Short Stories and Criticism.

After completing his Intermediate course in St. Thomas College, Prof. Paul completed his Graduation in History with First Class from St. Josephs College*, Trichy. He then was appointed Tutor in that College. In 1982 he joined the faculty of St. Thomas' College as English teacher. Those were the days when brilliant students, who rose to dizzy heights in the socio political and cultural life of Kerala were studying in St. Thomas' College. Those included Shri E.M.S. Namboodiripad, Shri C. Achutha Menon, Mahakavi C.A. Joseph etc. Later he shifted his teaching career from his Alma mater to S.B. College, Changanasserry. He was also a faculty of Mar Ivanios College, Trivandrum.

Prof. M.P. Paul was the pioneer of the Tutorial College system in Kerala, when he established Paul's Tutorial. Tutorial colleges were the precursor of Parallel Colleges in Kerala later. Branches of Paul's Tutorials were established in Thrissur, Kottayam, Changanasserry and Trivandrum.

Prof. Paul was the founder President of Purokamana Sahitya Sanghatana. The Sahitya Pravarthaka Sahakarana Sanghom was the brainchild of Prof. M.P. Paul. When Mahatma Gandhi visited Thrissur, Prof. M.P. Paul was fortunate enough to interact with him. His literary contributions include books and articles on Literature, including Aesthetics, Logic etc. Prof. M.P. Paul passed away on 12 July, 1952.



* St Josephs' College, Trichi, Tamilnadu



ACADEMICIAN

CHEV. PROF. N.A. OUSEPH

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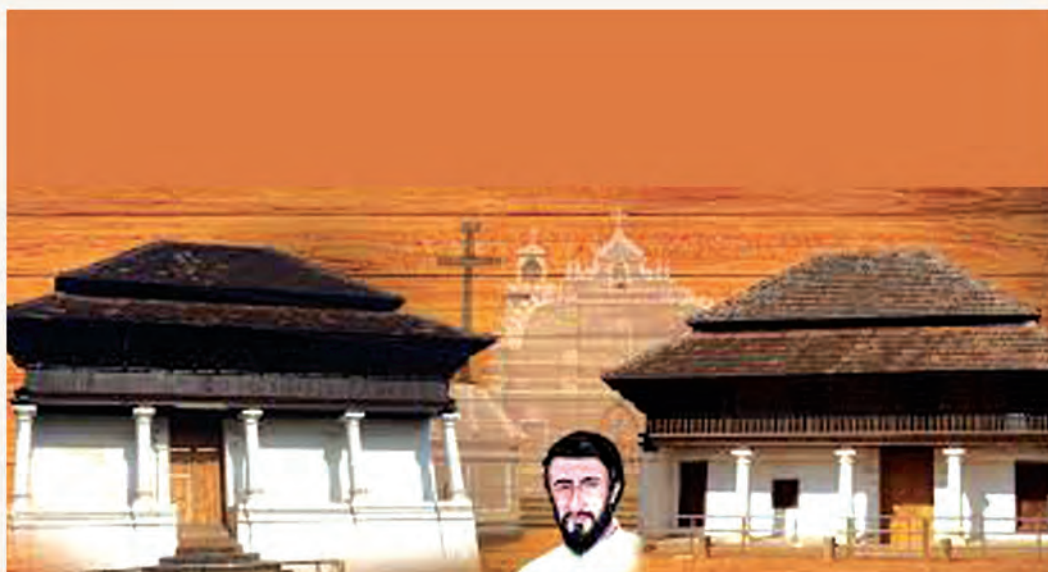
Prof. N.I. Ouseph, who took his Master's Degree in English from St. Thomas' College was also a Faculty of the same Department. Prior to his PG days in St. Thomas College, he was a student of St. Joseph's College, Trichy where he was also the President of Malayalee Samajam. He was active in CLC and AICUF.

Prof. N.I. Ouseph had made invaluable contribution through his writings in the field of Theology and Lay leadership. He was the founder member of Catholic Union of Thrissur, Vice President of All India Catholic Union, Chairman of Catholic Union (Thrissur), CBCI, Consultant of CRI Commission for Vocation, Managing Editor of Tempest Magazine, and Consultant of CBCI Educational Commission.

Prof. Ouseph was in the forefront of the several agitations like the one against O.P. Thyagi Bill and Vimochana Samaram. He was an activist in the fight for upholding the rights of the Minorities in India.

Taking into consideration the contributions of Prof. Ouseph to the Christian community, the Pope invested the title of Grand Chevalier on him. Awards secured by him include Kerala Sabhathaaram Award, All India Catholic Congress Atheethi Award etc. His eldest son Bishop Mar Tony Neelankavil, also an alumnus of St. Thomas College and he is the Auxiliary Bishop of Thrissur Archdiocese.

Though affable and humble in his demeanor, Prof. N.I. Ouseph could transform himself into totally different person when addressing the public on issues involving Minority rights and allied issues.



Arnos Pathiri Bhavan, Velur, Thrissur



ACADEMICIAN

P. CHITRAN NAMBOODIRIPAD

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Famous educationist P. Chitran Namboodiripad was a Joint Director of the Government Education Department, Kerala. He was an intermediate student of St. Thomas' College. After completing post-graduation, he started his services by establishing a school at his village called Mookuthala in Malappuram for the educational renovation of the place.

He was born on 19 January, 1920. His post-graduation was from Pachaiyappa's College, Chennai. After returning to his native place, he established a school there in 1952. He was also the first headmaster of that school. In 1957, the school was handed over to the government for one rupee. After this, he had joined the government service and retired as the joint director of education department in 1978. It was during his service period that the State school arts festival for school students started in 1958. He was an advocate of arts, cultural and sports programmes. Schools started to consider sports as an important event by means of his contribution. He has worked as the secretary of Kerala Kalamandalam after his retirement. He was honoured with the National Award for Best Teacher in 1967.

He was featured in the news by travelling to the Himalayas* 29 times including his visit to the Mountain range when he was 99 years old. He has authored works like 'Punya Himalayam' and his autobiography titled 'Smaranakalude Poomukham'.



* Himalayan Mountains



ACADEMICIAN

CHEV. PROF. GEORGE MENACHERY

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World famous Historian Prof. George Menachery is a native of Ollur and a former student of St. Thomas' College. He is also the former head of the Department of English, St. Thomas' College, Thrissur. He is the editor of Saint Thomas Christian Encyclopedia. He has published research works about Indian Christian Church and Syro-Malabar Church. He has also served as a teacher in Pontifical Seminary*, Aluva for several years.

He is the recipient of several awards like KCBC award, Kerala Sabhatharam award and Indian Church History award (Delhi). He had also served as Chairman, Board of Studies of Malayalam University, Senate Member of Calicut University, Advisory Member of State Archeology, President of Kalasadan, Member of Kerala Sahitya Academy, Vice President of Church History Association, Founding President of Kerala Historical Research Society and Governing Body Member of Calicut University Christian Chair. His important works are: The St. Thomas Christian Encyclopedia of India, Indian Church History Classics Vol. I "The Nazranies", The Thomapedia and India's Christian Heritage.



* Pontifical Seminary, Aluva



WRITER

VILASINI (M.K. MENON)

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Renowned writer and journalist Vilasini (M.K. Menon) was a Mathematics graduate from St. Thomas' College. After completing his degree in 1947, he pursued higher education from Madras University. In 1953, he founded an English magazine titled "Movie News" in Singapore. After two years, he began working as the sub-editor of the French news agency AFP.

He wrote his novel *Avakasikal** after returning to Kerala in 1977. *Avakasikal*, published in 1980 is considered as the longest novel in Indian literature. This novel consists of four volumes and 3,958 pages. He was born in Karumathra near Wadakkanchery and started to write poems when he was a school boy. It was N.V. Krishna Warriar who ushered him to turn his attention to novels. *Niramulla Nizhalukal*, published in 1965 was his first novel.

Inaangaatta Kannikal, *Oonjaal*, *Chundeli*, *Thudakkam*, *Avakasikal* and *Yathramukham* are his novels. Some of his poems published in the magazine 'Mangalodayam' are later published as a collection titled 'Kaithiri'. 'Uthirmanikal' is the name of his Essay collection. 'Swa-le' is a work about journalism. *Sahashayanam* (Translation of Kawabata Yasunari's Japanese Novel), *Kurudan Moonga* (Translation of the Persian novel Boof-e koor (The Blind Owl) by Sadegh Hedayat) and *Pedroparamo* (Translation of the Spanish novel Pedro Páramo by Juan Rulfo) are his contributions to the field of translation. He is the recipient of prestigious awards like Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award, Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award, Vayalar Award and Odakkuzhal Award.



* Novel *Avakasikal*



WRITER

C.A. JOSEPH

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A prominent name among Kerala poets, C.A. Joseph wrote poems in both Malayalam and English. He had also served as a translator and a transport officer.

He was a classmate of E.M.S. Namboothirippad at St. Thomas' College. Dr. Sukumar Azhikode described him as a poet who has the ability to look at human life as a pilgrimage and a rebirth and to develop that vision as beautiful and well framed portrait of a poem.

C.A. Joseph was born in Padoor (Thrissur) on 26 February, 1910. He graduated in Economics from St. Thomas' College. After a short stint as an English teacher in Sacred Hearts Convent School*, Thrissur, he joined the Madras government service and retired as RTO in 1965.

He had published works like *Mathrsmarana*, *Udayathilekku*, *Ekaki*, *Antharangam*, *Innolam*, *Darsanam*, *Mandarathinte Katha*, *Akavum puravum*, *Vikkanmarude Rashtram* and *Nicholasum Russiayum*. His English poetry collection was published with the name 'A New Cots' Reverie and other Poems'. A new edition of this collection is published in 2017 under the name 'A New Grove'. His works *Antharangam* and *Ekaki* were textbooks in Calicut and Mysore Universities. His poem which was published from MAHFIL magazine in Chicago was included in the 8th standard syllabus with the name 'Nirangalude Amma'.

He has presented a paper with the title "Similes in Malayalam Poetry" in World Malayalam Conference. He has also translated K.T. Muhammed's play "Velicham Vilakkanweshikkunnu" into English for Kerala Sahitya Academy. Even though this literary genius was not bestowed with awards, he is the recipient of awards like Mary Vijayam magazine's Msgr. Paul Kakkassery Award, Thrissur Rotary Club Literary Award and Kerala Catholic Almaya Association Award.



* Sacred Heart Convent School, Thrissur



WRITER & SOCIAL WORKER

I.M. VELAYUDHAN MASTER

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I.M Velayudhan Master was a well-known personality within our state for his contributions to various fields as an Eminent Educator, Orator, Writer, Political Leader, Gandhian, Teetotaler, Organizer, Library Promoter and Cultural Champion.

Velayudhan Master was born in Chemmanda, Irinjalakuda on 23 April, 1927. He pursued B.A. from St. Thomas College, Thrissur.

He did B.T (Bachelor of Teaching) from Govt. Training College, Calicut. He worked as a teacher at Kuttanellur Rajarshi Memorial High School, R. H. S. Perinjanam and retired as the Headmaster of Sree Narayana Gurukulam Sanskrit School, Kanimangalam*. He had received the State Level Teacher's Award in 1975 and the National Level Teacher's Award in 1977. He had participated in the Quit India Movement in 1942. He had also served as the Secretary of Thrissur District Congress Committee in 1954.

Even though Velayudhan Master was elected as the M.L.A. from Manalur Constituency in 1965, he was not able to go to the Legislative Assembly because no party had the majority and the assembly was dissolved. Later, he joined the Janata Party as a protest against National Emergency. He was very much active in Library activities, Gandhian activities and Anti – alcoholic activities. He was a Co- editor of 'Deenabandhu', a newspaper. He was also the editor of 'Vivekodayam', prohibition magazine.

He has written a number of books like 'Samoohika Vidyabhyasa Chinthakal', 'Vaidyarute Katha (Story of Vaidyar)' and 'Puthiya Kaval Naikkal' (play). He has edited and published the works 'K. Kochukuttan Smaranika', 'A. Madhavan Master Smaranika' and 'G. Kumara Pilla Smaranika'.

He had translated the speeches of Jawaharlal Nehru, Acharya Kripalani, Sucheta Kripalani, C. Rajagopalachari and U.N. Dhebar on the spot.



* Kanimangalam S.N School, Thrissur



WRITER

T. L. JOSE

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Well known playwright and actor T.L. Jose entered into the foray of artistic creativity from St Thomas College, Thrissur.

Jose's association with the college from 1964 to 1971 helped him to improve his acting and writing skills. He made use of the college library efficiently.

His play 'Samudhayam' has won 5 Sahitya Academy Awards for the categories of Best Script, Best Actor, Best Presentation, Best Child Actor and Best Actress. His important works are the plays *Samudhayam*, *Samagamam*, *Lelam*, *Kalledukkunna Thumbi*, *Swarnagopuram*, *Anthapuram*, *Mochanam Nale*, *Savadhan* and *Prasavedhana*.



School of Drama, Aranattukara, Thrissur



WRITER & SOCIAL ACTIVIST

FR. DR. FRANCIS ALAPPATT

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Fr Francis was born in Thrissur as the son of Karanchira Alappat Antony and Rosy in 1953. He has had his education from Thrissur Sacred Hearts School, Model Boys High School, Thrissur and St Thomas College, Thrissur. He had taken the M.B.B.S degree from Govt. Medical College, Calicut.

He had also acquired graduations in theology and philosophy from Calicut Jesuit Training College, Adayar Sacred Heart College and Mangalapuzha St Joseph's Pontifical Institute, Aluva. After his ordination as a priest in 1995, he has served in Pavaratty and Eravimangalam. He was a member of the mental hospital monitoring committee appointed by the High Court of Kerala. He had established the Kerala Blood Donors Forum in 1979 with a foresight even at a time when the people were not ready to donate the blood. He has also produced a documentary about blood donation with the title 'Poovithal Pozhiyumbol'. He has served as the Vicar General of Thrissur Archdiocese, Director of Jubilee Mission Medical College*, Chairman of Santhwanam and as the Patron of 'Satsangh'.

His works are, 'Vivahavediyilek', 'IlANJI Poomanam Ozhuki Varunnu', 'Daivavachanam- Dhyaniikkanum Jeevikkanum', 'Subashithangal Chinthadalangal' and 'Raghava Krishna'.



* Jubilee Mission Medical College, Thrissur



WRITER & SOCIAL ACTIVIST

BALACHANDRAN VADAKKEDATH

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Literary critic and orator Balachandran Vadakkedath pursued his degree from St Thomas College, Thrissur which served as the arena for him to shape his literary and oratory skills. He was born in Nattika in 1955. He had served as the Secretary of *Kerala Kalamandalam and as a member of the Sahitya Parishad's Executive Committee.

His important works are; 'Vakkinte Soundaryasasthram', 'Maranavum Soundaryavum', 'Nishedhathinte Kala', 'Utharasamvedhanam', 'Arthangalude Kalaham', 'Puthiya Idathupaksham', 'Purogamana Paadangal', 'Aadhunikathakkum Utharaadhunikathakkum Idayil', 'Prathyavamarsam', 'Anandameemamsa' and 'Kuttivayana'.

He is the recipient of awards like Raja Ravi Varma Award, Kuttipuzha Award, Fr Abraham Vadakkal Award, Kavyamandalam Award and Gurudarsana Award.



* Kalamandalam, Thrissur



WRITER

V.G. THAMPI

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Prof. V.G. Thampi is a well-known Poet, Critic, Director and Traveller. He was a B.A. Economics student in St Thomas College, Thrissur from 1975 to 1978.

His important works are; 'Thachana riyatha Maram', 'Havva Mulappal Kudikkunnu', (English Translation -Suckling Eve); 'Nagnan' (Poetry Collection), 'Athmavidyalayam', 'Souhrdathinte Ottamarakkad (Memoir), Nisabda-nayirikkan Avakasamund, 'Aayiram Chirakulla Pakshi' (Articles), 'Europe Athmachihnnangal'(Travelogue); 'Classikukalum Navabhavukathvavum' and Nithya Chaithanya Yathi: Anuragaparvam (General Editor).

He has directed 15 short films including 'Veronica of the Passion', 'Colours of the Soul', 'Mother Mariam Thresia', 'Nagara Velicham', 'Scrariachan' and 'Tharisunilam'. He was the Chief Editor of publications like 'Rasana', 'Kanal' and 'Padabhedham'. He is the Editor of the online journal 'Sradha' and the Chief Editor of 'Ezhuthu Masika'. He has directed a literary documentary series titled 'Vagartham' broad casted by Jeevan Television.

He was a Malayalam Professor at Sree Keralavarma College*, Thrissur. Presently, he is the Dean of Language and Literature at Sahrdaya College of Advanced Studies, Kodakara. He is the recipient of Kerala Sahitya Academy Award.



* Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur



WRITER - FILM CRITIC

PROF. I. SHANMUGHADAS

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Following this, he started his service as an English Professor in Government College. He had retired as the Head of the English Department of Sri. C. Achutha Menon Government College, Kuttanellur in Thrissur.

He had received the National Award for the Best Film Critic in 1999. His book on the films of Satyajit Ray, won the State award for the Best Book on cinema in 1996. In 2008, his book on Godard won the G.N Pilla Endowment Award. In 2012, he received Kerala Sahitya Academy's Vilasini Puraskaram for the Best Literary Criticism for his book 'Shareeram Nadhi Nakshathram' and the Kozhikodan Award for the Best Book on cinema for his works 'Cinamayum Chila Samvidhayakarum'. 'Daivanarthakante Krodham', his article on M.T Vasudevan Nair's 'Nirmalyam', won him the State Award for the Best Article written on films in 2013.

He is the author of 8 books. 'Malakalil Manju Peyyunnu', 'Cinamayude Vazhiyil', 'Sanchariyude Veedu', 'Aaranu Buddhanallaathathu', 'Godard: Colaykkum Marxinum Naduvil', 'P. Ramadas: Vidyarthiyude Vazhi' and 'Cinamayum Chila Samvidhayakarum' – all these are his books about cinema. 'Shareeram Nadhi Nakshathram' is a study of Arundhati Roy's renowned novel 'The God of Small Things' by him.



Books on films written by Pro. I. Shanmughadas



SOCIAL ACTIVIST

DR. K. RAMDAS

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A previous student of St Thomas College, Thrissur and the Former Director of Trivandrum RCC, Dr K. Ramdas was a helping hand and support for many cancer patients.

He is specialized in Head-Neck Oncology and Epidemiology. Presently he is the Head of Radiation Oncology Department in RCC. He was the Additional Director of RCC* for 9 years until 2018. He works in association with nearly 90 publications. Various text books contain 18 chapters written by him.

State Government awarded him the Best Doctor Award in 2006 considering his service for preventing cancer disease. He received the Visiting Scientist Award for Senior Researchers from the World Health Organization in 2007. Award for special activities regarding cancer treatment and research was given to him in 2011. He received the Spirit of Humanity Award given by Americares India in 2012. Kerala University honoured him with doctorate in 2013.



* Regional Cancer Centre (RCC) Team



SOCIAL ACTIVIST

CAPTIAN DR. GEORGE VARGHESE

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He was the champion of Mysore University Intercollegiate Tournament and Weightlifting.

He served as the short term Commissioned Officer in Army Medical Cadre in 1969. He took part in the 1971 Indo- Pak war. He served in the Kerala Government Health Department after retiring from the army. In 1995, he retired from the Kerala Government service. He had served as the Vice President of Kerala Medical Officers' Association and as the President of Thrissur District Medical Association. He was the President of IMA Thrissur branch. He received the State Social Security Scheme Award 8 times. He also served as the Director of the IMA Blood Bank Complex in Ramavarmapuram*, Thrissur. For a long time, he served as the President of the Alumni Association of St Thomas College, Thrissur. He is the recipient of the award for Kerala's Best 'Family Doctor' given by IMA.

Dr. George Varghese, known by the name Captain was a degree student at St Thomas College, Thrissur during 1960-1963. He was born on 29 April, 1940 at Nedupuzha, Thrissur. He graduated in M.B.B.S. from Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore in 1968. He was the captain of the Medical College's volleyball team.



* IMA Blood Bank, Ramavarmapuram, Thrissur



ENTREPRENEUR

KOCHOUSEPH CHITTILAPPILLY

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Kochouseph Chittilappilly, Managing Director of V-Guard Industries Limited and the founder of amusement parks Veegaland in Kochi and Wonderla in Bengaluru. He completed his Masters in Physics from St Thomas College, Thrissur in 1970. A native of Parappur in Thrissur, his high school education was at St John's High School*, Parapur.

He started his career as a Supervisor at Telics, a company manufacturing electronic stabilizers. In 1977, he founded a small scale industrial unit to manufacture and sell electronic stabilizers utilizing one lakh rupees lent by his father. The fascination for televisions in Kerala and the voltage scarcity at that time helped in securing a good market for the stabilizers. At present, there are more than 2000 employees in V-Guard Industries which started its service with just two employees. V-Guard Industries turned out to be a company with a profit of more than 300 crores. More than the stabilizers, V-Guard also manufactures electric pumps, water heaters, cables, fans and UPS. V-Guard is a listed public limited company in the Indian share market.

He has helped in the prohibition of 'nokku kooli' (gawking wages or wages for (just) looking on) practiced by the union labourers in Kerala. He is also known for his philanthropic and humanitarian activities including the donation of his own kidney. He has written a number of books and is the recipient of numerous awards.



* St Johns' High School, Parapur



ENTREPRENEUR

PADMA SHRI C.K. MENON

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Expat industrialist Padma Shri Adv. C.K. Menon did his Pre degree course at St Thomas College, Thrissur. Cheril Krishna Menon popularly known as C K Menon had been a prominent Non-Resident Indian entrepreneur (NRI) for more than 35 years.

He was the Chairman and Managing Director of Doha headquartered Behzad Group of Companies internationally famous for petroleum and other products. His group of companies is actively involved in an array of businesses across the GCC States, UK, Sudan and South America. The group's companies are also involved in such businesses as steel manufacturing, marketing of engineering machinery and equipment and distribution of car accessories among other activities. A well-known philanthropist, Menon donated most of his income for the deserving poor and charitable institutions. Menon who was conferred upon with the *Indian Civilian Award "Padma Shri" in recognition of his humanitarian and charitable deeds in 2009, had also been similarly honoured with Pravasi Bharatiya Samman.

Krishna Menon was born in Thrissur, to Cheril Karthyayani Amma and Puliymkott Narayanan Nair in 1949. He secured a graduate degree in Law from the Law College, Jabalpur. His career started as a lawyer at the High Court of Kerala, Kochi which he continued for two years before moving abroad.

He passed away on 1 October, 2019 at the age of 70.

Mr.C.K.Menon receiving the Padmashree Award, from Pratibha Patil, President of India on 31 March, 2009





ENTREPRENEUR

V.P. NANDAKUMAR

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Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Manappuram Finance, V.P. Nandakumar is a Science graduate from St Thomas College, Thrissur. Nandakumar who started his career as a bank officer resigned the job in 1986 to take over the reins of the business run by his father V.C. Padmanabhan.

Manappuram group has now become one of the leading financial enterprises in India. The company has 4260 branches and more than 25000 employees spread over 28 states.

Manappuram is a company which secures premium profits from the share market. As a part of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) mission of the Manappuram group*, they provide Free Insurance Scheme that extends health insurance and aids for education to the people of coastal region.

V.P. Nandakumar was born in 1954. He holds a Post Graduate degree in Science with additional qualifications in Banking and Foreign Trade. He has attended Management Development Programmes for CEOs at IIMs, Ahmedabad and IIM, Bangalore and took part in a Global Strategic Leadership Programme at the Wharton Business School, Philadelphia (USA).



* Head Office, Manappuram Finance, Valappad



ENTREPRENEUR

M.P. RAMACHANDRAN

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M. P. Ramachandran is the Founder Chairman and Managing Director of Jyothy Laboratories. He was graduated from St Thomas College, Thrissur.

He was born in Kandanassery, in Thrissur. He migrated to Mumbai in search of a job and worked there for some years. He introduced Ujala under the banner of Jyothy Laboratories* in 1983. Ujala was incredibly successful because it was introduced in the market at a time when there was only a chemical named 'Neelam' available for whitening the clothes. There are more than 5000 employees in the company which was established with a capital of 5000 rupees. Jyothy Laboratories which manufacture a number of products like soap, washing powder and starch (which keeps clothes rigid) has become a global brand at present.



* Head Office, Jyoti
Laboratories



DRAMA

DR. C.K. THOMAS

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Eminent Theatre Director and Former Director of Doordarshan Kendra* Thrissur, Dr C.K Thomas is an alumnus of St Thomas College, Thrissur. He is the producer of many television programmes and a noted broadcasting programme officer in our country. For three decades, he tried to disseminate Gandhian ideas to the people through films, television and drama.

His research on the art form 'Mudiyattam' made UNESCO to approve it as a traditional art form of Kerala. He has more than 40 years of experience in theatre art. He was able to work with more than 20 famous directors at the global level. Plays directed by Dr Thomas like 'Aa Manushyan Nee Thanne', 'Ecce Homo' and 'Othello' are unforgettable contributions to Indian drama.

His higher education in arts was from various institutes like Delhi National School of Drama, Asian Theatre Institute and Pune Film and Television Institute of India. He is the recipient of various awards like Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academy Award, Puzhankara Balanarayanan Smaraka Media Award and Thrissur Archdiocese Maryvijayam Madhyama Award. He was the President of Thrissur Kalasadhan during 2010-2017. He has directed a short film titled 'Orikkal'. He was a member of the production team of 'Gandhi' movie directed by Richard Attenborough. He anchored the weekly television programme 'Gandhi Darshan' continuously for 10 years.

He has taught at the Calicut University School of Drama, Pondicherry University, and Pune Film and Television Institute. He was the Director and Adviser of Kidney Federation of India's 'Hello Radio' from 1990 to 2008. He has written a number of books in Hindi and Malayalam. Dr. Thomas was the President of Old Students' Association (OSA), St Thomas College, Thrissur. He is the director and producer of the feature film 'Athma Vidyalyam' based on Mahatma Gandhi's biography.



* Doordarsan Kendram, Thiruvananthapuram



FILM DIRECTOR

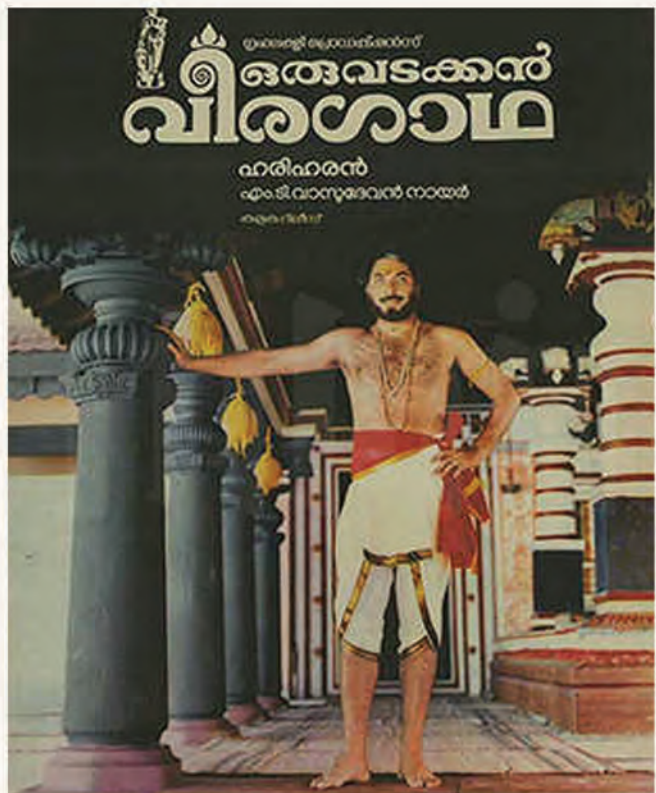
HARIHARAN

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Eminent Film Director Hariharan is an alumnus of St Thomas College, Thrissur. He began his film career through the movie 'Ladies Hostel' in 1973. Famous actors like Prem Nazir, Madhu, Jayan and Sheela were regularly present in his movies.

His films such as *Valarthumrugangal*, *Panchagni*, *Nakhakshathangal*, *Oru Vadakkan Veeragatha*, *Sargam*, *Parinayam* and *Ennu Swantham Janakikutty* have entered the Indian Panorama of International Film Festival. Hariharan's film *Sargam* won him the State Award for Best Director and also National Film Award for Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment. 'Parinayam' movie was exhibited about 7 film festivals across the world.

*Oru Vadakkan Veeragadha**, a historical movie developed from the collaboration of Hariharan and M.T. Vasudevan Nair – has won the Kerala State Film Award for the Best Film with Popular Appeal and Aesthetic Value in 1989. 'Pazhassi Raja' won the award for the best popular movie in 2010. He has won the Filmfare Awards for Best Director for *Pazhassi Raja* and *Parinayam*.





FILM DIRECTOR

K.R. MOHANAN

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K.R. Mohanan is a film Director and an Actor, artist produced from St. Thomas College, Thrissur. The present film officer of Kerala Films Development Corporation was the same Cosmo Mohanan who tested his acting skills at the old cosmopolitan hostel of St Thomas College, Thrissur.

He was the student in the last Pre University course of St Thomas College, Thrissur in 1963. In 1964, he has joined the B.Sc. Zoology course in the college. He completed his graduation in 1968. He joined the Pune Film and Television Institute* to study direction and earned a diploma. He was the assistant director of the movie named 'Chenda'. He joined the Kerala Films Development Corporation as an officer in 1976.

He has written and directed almost 25 documentaries. He received several State and National level awards. His film has won the National and State Awards for the Best Malayalam Film.



* Film and Television Institute of India, Pune



FILM-SCRIPT WRITER & DIRECTOR

RANJITH SANKAR

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A noted young filmmaker Ranjith Sankar of the modern Malayalam film industry captivated the minds of the audience as a director, producer and screenplay writer. He started to think about cinema when he was a Pre-Degree student at St Thomas College, Thrissur.

He started his movie career as the director and screenplay writer of the popular film *Passenger** released in 2009. He won the State Award for the Best Debut Director for his first movie itself. *Passenger* also won the award for the Best Socially Committed Movie.

His movies *Arjunan Saakshi*, *Molly Aunty Rocks*, *Punyalan Agarbattis*, *Varsham*, *Su... Su... Sudhi Vathmeekam*, *Pretham*, *Ramante Edanthottam*, *Punyalan Private Limited*, *Njan Marykutty* and *Pretham 2* were all successful at the box office.

Passenger won the Asianet Film Award and the Kairali Award given by the World Malayali Council. Ranjith Sankar received his B.Tech degree from M.A. College of Engineering, Kothamangalam.





FILM- MUSIC DIRECTOR

JOHNSON MASTER

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The famous Music Director proved his expertise in the world of music through the stages of St Thomas College, Thrissur. The music forum which consists of Johnson, Aatley, Ousepachan and Paulson Master was flamboyant. He learned the initial lessons of music from the choir of St Sebastin's Church, Nellikunnu.

Johnson master, who has not learned classical music, composed songs for drama and sang light music for Aakashavani. The relationship with Devarajan Master through the programme "Voice of Thrissur" made his opening to the cinema. He made his entry to the cinema through Bharatan's film in 1978. He became a Music Director at the age of 25 through the film *Inaye thedi*. He composed music for 300 films including Malayalam, Tamil and Hindi (background music). He is the music director after Devarajan Master who composed songs for plenty of cinemas. He made the record composing 31 film songs in the year 1991.

Malayalam got the National Award for the best background music through Johnson Master. He has 2 National Awards, 5 state awards and 5 film critic awards to his credit.

Devankanangal Kaizhoshinja..., Palapoove..., Anuragini..., Poovenam Poopadavenam...

He has passed away on 18 August, 2011, retaining the notes of his expressive tones in the heart of Malayalees.



* Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academy, Thrissur



FILM-MUSIC DIRECTOR

OUSEPPACHAN

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Ouseppachan, the talented Music Director, who sat behind his father as a kid and gave life to the strings of Raveka, rose to the peak of fame as a music director. Even though he has not mastered the seven basic notes of Karnatik Music, he is known as a talented Violinist and Music Director. His ambition was to become a violinist rather than a music director. He wanted to buy a violin and during that time Fr. Augustine Akkara presented the same.

He got an invitation from guitarist Aatley to "Voice of Thrissur" when he played violin in the consecration ceremony of Mar Joseph Kundukulam as the Bishop. He was astonished when he met Johnson Master and Aatley and they were composing songs for the music concert. It was for the first time that he saw an electric guitar. The acquaintance with them made him an artist over there. During this time Johnson Master and Ouseppachan got invitation from Devarajan Master to Chennai. He helped to make an entry towards cinema. *Kathodu Kathoram* directed by Bharatan is considered as his debut. Ouseppachan then went on to compose music for more than 60 films. He got his first State Award in 1987 for the movie *Unnikale Oru Katha Parayam*. The films titled *Kakothikavilae Apoopan Thadikal*, *Unnikale Oru Katha Parayam*, *January Oru Orma*, *Ulladakkam* and *Aakashadoodu* have bagged award for Yesudas and that honoured him as a music director of the same. Ouseppachan has a unique style in the composition of songs. It was Prof. Kailasam who guided him to the world of music.



With Best Compliments...

Mr. George Thomas

*Joint Secretary OSA (2018-2019)
Dept. of Botany (1977-1982)*





FILM-MUSIC DIRECTOR & PERFORMER

ALPHONSE JOSEPH

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Alphonse Joseph was a graduate student in the Department of Mathematics in St Thomas College, Thrissur during 1991-94 and he became the Kalapraphiba twice in the Calicut University during that time.

Alphonse Joseph is a native of Nadathara in Thrissur. He learned Karnatic Music from Mangad K. Nadeshan. He has passed seventh grade in western music and guitar from Trinity College, London. He is one among the pioneers to Testament Music Band combining Western, Karnatic and Hindustani. Alphonse got a big recognition as a singer for singing "Aaromale", a song composed by A.R. Rahaman. He was introduced to the world of cinema by the film director Badran through his film *Vellithira. Neemaimukiladakal, Keranirakal**, *Vidaparayukayano* are some of the evergreen favourite hit songs of Malayalees. Alphonse has marked a signature of his own in Malayalam and Tamil Music.



* A Shot of the song from 'Keranirakaladum'

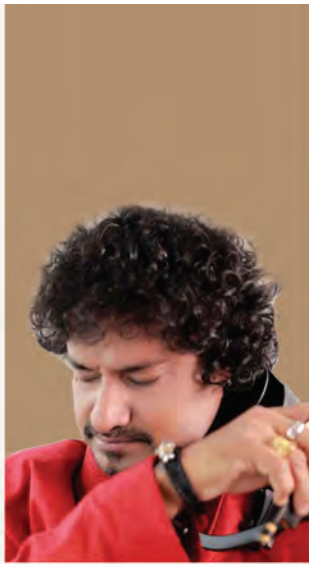


With Best Compliments...

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BA Double Main & MA English (1991-96)





MUSIC DIRECTOR & PERFORMER

MANOJ GEORGE

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The International fame Manoj George, who is an alumni of St. Thomas College, Thrissur is a recipient of Grammy Award. He is a wellknown violinist in the genres of World Fusion, Indian Classical, Indian Blues, Indo Jazz, Indian Folk Music etc. His performance as music director, music composer and music producer has international acclaim. He is a native of Olarikkara, Thrissur.

He performed as a violinist for the album "Winds of Samsara" and he holds the credit of being the first Malayalee to get the award. He worked as a music composer, performer and collaborator. He has got *licentiate* in violin from the Trinity College of Music*, London. He represented Kerala and Lakshadweep NCC directorate as the Cultural Leader at the Republic Day Camp held in New Delhi in 1990. He was awarded a scholarship from the Ministry of Human Resource and Culture. He conducted music concerts in India and all over the world. He was honoured by the Govt. of Kerala for his achievements in music in 2015. He established his own world fusion band "Manoj George for Strings" and offers training for any talents. He has composed music for Malayalam and Kannada films. He composed background music for the Malayalam film *Kharaaksharangal* which won the National Film Award for the Best Children's Film in 2001. He was also the music director for the film *Urvi*, which has been nominated for the Los Angeles Film Award. He is also a part of famous band Lucky Ali. He is also working as a faculty in the New Wave Music Centre, Bangalore.



* Trinity College of Music, London

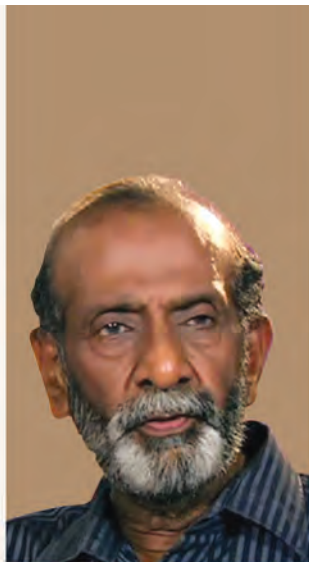


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M.A English (2003-05)





FILM ACTOR

T.G. RAVI

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T.G Ravi who played the villain role in 1970-1980s of Malayalam Cinema. He did his Pre-Degree in St Thomas College, Thrissur. And he completed his engineering from Govt. Engineering College*, Thrissur and Mar. Athanasius College, Kothamangalam. He was born on 16 May, 1944 in Moorkankkara village, Thrissur.

He acted in dramas, played hockey and cricket at university level. He started his carrier by acting for the plays in Aakashavaani. He entered the film field through Aravindan's film *Uttarayanam*. He produced a film named *Padasaram* and performed a lead role in the same taking into account his own interest. He acted in the film *Chakara* in which the actor Jayan played the role of hero. He also did noted villain characters with Balan K. Nair. He started a business organisation of his own. He was also a member of Cochin Devasvam Board.

He has bagged State Film Award, Special Jury Award and the Best Actor Award.



* Govt Engineering College, Thrissur



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1966-71



FILM ACTOR

DEVAN

103

Devan who acted in almost 250 films took his graduation in Botany from St. Thomas College, Thrissur. He had also completed his M.B.A degree. Devan who is a native of Thrissur is the nephew of Ramu Kariat. *Vellam* was his first film and played a lead role in *Oozham*. He is active in South Indian films. He also started a political party named Kerala Peoples Party.

A Scene from the film Christian Brothers



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B.A Economics
1975-78





FILM ACTOR

BIJU MENON

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The popular actor of Malayalam Film, Biju Menon pursued his degree from St. Thomas College, Thrissur. He could easily manage serious and comedy characters alike. He was born on 9 September, 1970.

He had his primary education from J.T.S Technical High School and did the degree in Commerce from St Thomas College, Thrissur. He made his entry through television serials and debut in 1995 in *Puthran*. Films were released in mid 1990s, Biju Menon did lead characters. Some of the noted films were *Pathram*, *FIR*, *Chinthamani Kolakesu* etc. The list also includes the films of Lal Jose, *Oru Maravathur Kanavu*, *Chandranudikunna Dikkil*, *Random Bhavam*, *Rasikan*, *Chandupottu*, *Pattalam*, *Mulla* etc. He got the Kerala State Film Award for the second Best Actor in 1997 for his role in the film *Krishnagudiyil Oru Pranayakalathu**. He also acted in Tamil films. He is married to the Malayalam actress Samyuktha Varma. He is the son of Madathiparambil P.N Balakrishnapillai and Malathiyamma Menon.



*A Scene from the film 'Krishnagudiyil Oru Pranayakalathu'

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M.Com
1972-74





FILM ACTOR

NARAIN

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Narain has completed his Pre-degree from St. Thomas' College, Thrissur. The film which made him popular among Malayalees was *Classmates**. He made his debut in Adoor Gopalakrishnan's *Nizhalkuthu* followed by his performances in Malayalam and Tamil. Narain worked with the director Sathyan Anthikad in the films *Achuvinte Amma* and *Bhagyadevatha*. He got the Filmfare Award for his role in the film *Robinhood* in 2010.



* A Scene from the film 'Classmates'



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Pre Degree to M.A. English
(1973-1980)



FILM ACTOR

SHINE TOM CHACKO

106

Shine Tom Chacko is one of the popular actors and assistant directors in Malayalam Film. He is an old student of St Thomas College, Thrissur. Shine has worked as a co-director with Kamal for 9 years and the film *Gadhama* made his entry into the field of acting. He appeared as a supporting actor in the films *Ee Adutha Kalathu*, *Annayum Rasoolum* and *Masala Republic*. He did leading roles in Binu S. Kalady's *Ithihasa**, *Biblio* and Aneesh Upasana's *Kinder Joe*.

He became more popular both as an actor and co director through the films *Manjupoloru Penkutty* (2004), *Minnaminnikootam* (2008) and *Tiyan* (2017). He appeared in a minor role in *Salt and Pepper*. The 2 films which gained him popularity are *Mannamkattayum Kariyilayum* (2017) and *Dhum* (2016). He has done a significant role in *Kayamkulam Kochunny*.



* A Scene from the film 'Ithihasa'



PLAYBACK SINGER & LIVE PERFORMER

FRANCO SIMON

107

Franco Simon has showcased his expertise in Malayalam, Hindi, Tamil, Sanskrit, Kannada and English. He has sung around 150 Malayalam film songs and 1500 album songs.

He has completed his Pre-degree from St Thomas College, Thrissur and learned music from Chetana Music College*, Thrissur. Later he has done B.A. in Music from Madras University. Franco's first cinematic song was *Raakshasi* from the movie *Nammal*. The hit album song *Chempakame* has attracted the youngsters and brought him to the limelight.

Franco is the nephew of music director Ouseppachan. His Christian meditation album in Sanskrit is famous. He has worked with the talented music directors Jayaraj, Vidyasagar, Berny Ignatius, Manoj George etc. The film songs *Pineapple pennae*, *Kanaponnum thedi* etc. are quite famous. He is the son of N.P Simon, former administrative assistant of St Thomas College, Thrissur.



* Chetana Music College, Thrissur





FILM PLAYBACK SINGER & LIVE PERFORMER

ANOOP SANKAR

108

Anoop Shankar was born on 22 May 1979 in Trikkarur, Thrissur.

Anoop Shankar has shone his unique and harmonious voice in the music competitions in the campus of St. Thomas College, Thrissur.

Anoop was initiated into Carnatic Music learning at the age of 6 under the guidance of Sri. Chalappuram Pappa. Anoop did his M.C.A and M.Tech in Chennai. The renowned musician Sri. Neyveli R. Santhana Gopalan was his teacher. He became famous through a talent hunt programme *Saptaswarangal*. He entered the field as a singer and as a music lyricist. He has worked with most of the music directors in Kerala. He has judged a music programme comprised of 1500 episodes and also excelled as an invitee and music mentor. Anoop has performed in Tamil and Tulu.

He is the founder of Academy of Universal Music* in Thirssur. He has been in the field of film music since 2003.



* Academy of Universal Music, Thrissur



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FILM - SOUND RECORDIST

P.T. DEVADAS

109

P.T. Devadas has got State Film Award for 9 times and National Film Award for 3 times. He studied in St Thomas College, Thrissur in the second half of 1950s. He became a teacher in Film Institute, Pune after his studies in the stream of sound recording. He has passed away while he was working in Chitranjali Studio*, Thiruvananthapuram. He has done the sound recording in 18 films including Adoor Gopalakrishnan, Aravindan, M.T. Vasudevan Nair, Lenin Rajendran, Padma Rajan, Bharatan, K.G. George and Jijo.

He got National Award for the sound recording in the films *Elepathayam*, *Anantaram* and *Mukhamukam*. He was also awarded State Award for the films *Elepathayam*, *Thampu*, *Peruvazhiyambalam*, *Ente mammatikuttiyammakku*, *Mukhamukam*, *Chidambaram*, *Asthikal Pookunnu* and *Vembanad*.



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FILM - SOUND RECORDIST

JUSTIN JOSE

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Justin Jose took graduation in Economics from St Thomas College, Thrissur. He was born in 1980. He is now well known as a sound engineer and sound mixer. He has worked in Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, Telugu, Marathi, Gujarati, Punjabi, Ladakhi, Latvian, Arab, Urdu and Malayalam films.

He has taken Diploma in Audio Recording from Chetana Sound Studio*, Thrissur. He has also secured 4th grade of Electronic Keyboard from Trinity College of Music, London. He joined Q Labs as ADR Recordist under Deepan Chatterjee, Ace Sound Engineer. He became Premix Engineer for feature films in 2005, and independent re-recording mixer by 2008. In 2012, he joined Future Works Studio, Mumbai and now he is handling Dolby Atmos surround mix for movies. He mixed *Madras Cafe*, which is the first movie in India to be mixed in native Dolby Atmos. He won National Film Award for the Best Re-recording mixer in 2015 and 2017.



* Chetana Sound Studio, Thrissur



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B.Sc & M.Sc Maths
(1981-86)



SPORTS AND GAMES-FOOTBALLER

OLYMPIAN O. CHANDRASEKHARA MENON

111

O. Chandrasekhara Menon was a footballer from the team of St. Thomas College, Thrissur. He played as a defender. He represented India for Summer Olympics*, Rome in 1960 and Asian Games in 1962. He got Silver Medal for AFC Asian Cup. At the club level, Chandrasekhar represented the Caltex Sports Club in Bombay. He was also a member of the team of State Bank of India from 1958-1966.



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SPORTS AND GAMES-FOOTBALLER

VICTOR MANJILA

112

Victor Manjila was a football goal keeper and coach who had been grown up from St. Thomas College, Thrissur. He was one of the members of the state and national teams. He got the honour of the best goal keeper in the first Federation Cup held at Kochi. He was the Captain of the Kerala team that played Santosh Trophy in 1975. He represented Premier Tyres from 1972-1978 and has got Nehru Cup Golden Jubilee Trophy, G.V. Raja Trophy and Chakola Gold Cup. He became a football coach and trained Calicut University football team for several years.



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St. Thomas' College (Autonomous), Thrissur
B.Sc & M.Sc Chemistry (1983-88)



SPORTS AND GAMES-ATHLET

JOSEPH C. ABRAHAM (ARJUNA AWARDEE)

113

The Indian track and field athlete Joseph C. Abraham is an old student of St. Thomas College, Thrissur.

He became the first Indian to win individual Gold Medal at 400m hurdles in Asian Games- 2010* held in China. He holds the current 400 metres hurdles State Record of 49.80 seconds set during the 2009 World Championships in Athletics. At Osaka, Abraham became the first Indian male athlete to clear the opening round of an event in the World Athletics Championship. In 2007 at the 13th Federation Cup Athletics Championship in Kolkata he broke his own 400m hurdles record 50.04 seconds to win the gold. He has also competed in the 400m sprint. He was honoured Arjuna Award by the Govt. of India in 2009.



* China-Asian Games Hurdels Track (2010)



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Henry Thomas

B.A Economics
(1975-78)



SPORTS AND GAMES-ATHLET

OLYMPIAN LIJO THOTTAN

114

Walter B John, coached him to reach the 400 m relay in Olympics. He had his participation in Asian Games (1998) and SAF Games (1999). He got Bronze Medal for the 400m relay in SAF Games. He had 4th position in the Asian Games (1998). Lijo got job in the Railway in 1996 and at present, he is working as Chief Ticket Inspector in Shornur.

Lijo David Thottan who has been nurtured his spirit in sports from the tracks of Thope Stadium* under St. Thomas School and College, Thrissur and later reached the track of Olympics.



* Thope Stadium, Thrissur



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St. Thomas' College (Autonomous), Thrissur
Pre Degree, B.Sc & M.Sc Botany (1978- 85)





SPORTS AND GAMES-BADMINTON PLAYER

VALIYAVEETIL DIJU (ARJUNA AWARDEE)

115

He represented India in 2012 London Olympics, became the first Indian player to participate at the Olympics in the Mixed Doubles* alongside Jwala Gutta.

Valiyaveetil Diju, the pride of St. Thomas College, Thrissur is an eminent sports person holds 7th place in the world ranking in Mixed Doubles.

He is the recipient of Arjuna Award (2014), G.V Raja Award, Jimmy George Award (2014), and Vivekananda Award (2014). He clinched 6 national championship title, once in the men's doubles and 5 times in the mixed doubles. Diju-Gutta mixed doubles pair became the first Indians to enter the Quarter Finals of World Championship. He won the Silver Medal in Commonwealth Games in the mixed team event. Liju who is a native of Ramanattukara, Kozhikkode is now working as a Manager in O.N.G.C in China.



* Mixed Dubbles Diju and Jwala



With Best Compliments...

Abhilash K.A.

Pre Degree
(1993-95)





ARMY OFFICIAL

COL. GEORGE THOMAS

116

George Thomas got selected to Indian Military Academy from his best service in NCC in St Thomas College, Thrissur. He was the right hand of N.C.C officer Prof. Paul Parambil during 1975-1978 while he was doing his graduation in Economics. He was also the N.C.C under officer in that period and in the final year of the course, he got selection to the Indian Military Academy. He has given training to many military operations after his training in Indian Military Academy*. He is now leading his retired life in Thiruvananthapuram.



* Indian Military Academy, Dehradun



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B.Sc Zoology
(1980-83)





BANKER

T.S. ANANTHARAMAN

117

He has passed B.Com at the age of 17 and CA at 19. He served the position of Accountancy Specialist in International Labour Organisation which is under the control of the U.N. He was the Chairman of Liyo Group.

T.S. Anantharaman who was a well known Investment Consultant and former Chairman of Catholic Syrian Bank Ltd*. He has completed his Pre-degree and degree from St. Thomas College, Thrissur during 1961-1965.

The significant positions held by him are Head of Department, University of Botswana, Assistant Finance Manager in Tansania, Vice President of Cochin Stock Exchange, Special Advisor to various Governments in the subject of commerce and President of Thrissur Management Association. He authored 4 books related to Commerce. One among them is an official book of University of Botswana.



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M.Sc Chemistry (1963-65)
Lecturer in Chemistry (1965-66)





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118

P.K. Vijayakumar who was an old student of St. Thomas College, Thrissur served the position of Director General in the Income Tax Department. He has worked as the Insurance Ombudsman of Kerala and Lakshadweep after the retirement. He performed the service of a superior of the office which handled the complaints of 52 insurance companies. He belonged to the IRS batch of 1978. He has held the position of Income Tax Commissioner in Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai regions.



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BUSINESS

DR. M. JAYAPRAKASH

119

Dr. M. Jayaprakash is one among the pioneers of Kerala Vyapara Vyavasaya Samithi. He did his graduation in Mathematics in the year 1970 at St. Thomas College, Thrissur.

He was born on 3 January, 1949 as the son of Kottarathil Kochunny Nair and Mullapilly Ammuamma. He has also qualified M.B.A, M.A. English and D. Litt. He joined in the business of his father, Prakash Stores and now he is the Chairman and Managing Director.

The Kerala Vyapari Vyavasayi Ekopana Samithi was formed in 1980. He was a leader of the youth wing and held the positions of State General Secretary, District President, Youth Wing State President and President of District Merchant Association, Thrissur. He is also the Secretary of Bharatiya Udyog Vyapar Mandal.



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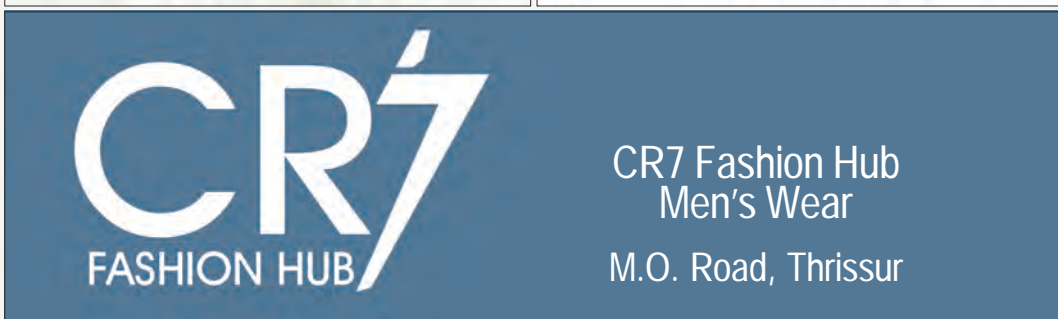
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