

**MATHEW T. THOMAS** [J.D.(S)-THIRUVALLA]

## Minister for Water Resources

Son of Rev. T. Thomas and Annamma Thomas (late); born at Thiruvalla on 27th September 1961; B.Sc., LL.B; Advocate.

Entered politics during student days influenced by the J.P. Movement and protesting against the imposition of Emergency; Enrolled as a Member of Kerala Vidhyarthi Janata (KVJ) in 1977; Served as Unit Secretary, Marthoma College, Thiruvalla, Taluk Secretary, Thiruvalla, District President, Alappuzha, State Secretary and State President (1985-88) of K.V.J.; State President, Yuva Janata; Participated in many student agitations and was arrested several times; Volunteer Secretary of NSS in Marthoma College Unit; Secretary as well as Speaker, BRAINS TRUST, Marthoma College, Thiruvalla; Union Councillor, Kerala University and M.G. University; Secretary, Janata Head Load Workers Union, Thiruvalla, Quarry Workers Union, Thiruvalla; President and Secretary of Y.M.C.A, Thiruvalla.

In 1987, got elected to the 8th KLA at the age of 25 and holds the record of being the youngest person to be elected as a Member of Kerala Legislative Assembly; Served as Minister for Transport, Printing and Stationery from 18-5-2006 to 20-3-2009; served as State President (2010-16), National



Executive Member, Janata Dal (S); Senior Vice President of Janata Dal (S) State Committee; Parliamentary Party Leader of Janata Dal (S) in 13th KLA.

Previously elected to KLA in 1987, 2006 and 2011.

Languages known : Malayalam and English

Wife : DR. Achamma Alex

Children : Two daughters

Travels Abroad : Qatar, Kuwait, U.A.E., Rome, Bahrain

Hobby : Reading

Recreation : Music

Literary Activities : Participation in locally organised

literary appreciation and debate

programme

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**Voting Results** 

Electorate : 2,07,825

Votes Polled : 1,43,994

Adv. Mathew T. Thomas : 59,660

[J.D.(S)]

Shri Joseph M. Puthussery : 51,398

[K.C.(M)]

Shri Akkeeraman Kalidasa : 31,439

Bhattathiripad (B.D.J.S.)