



SPEAKER

A.P. KURIAN

Shri A.P. Kurian, eminent parliamentarian who became the Speaker of the Kerala Legislative Assembly was born on October 6, 1930 as the son of Shri A.K. Paulose and Smt. Mariamma at Thuravoor, Angamali.

Pursuing his early education in Thuravoor St. Augustine Upper Primary School and Manickamangalam NSS High School, Shri Kurian joined the Aluva U.C. College, but was unable to complete education because of his inclination towards political activities.

Joining the un-divided Communist Party in 1951, Shri Kurian chose to stay with CPI (M) after the party split and had actively participated in various movements of the peasants and worked for the betterment of their lot. He had a commendable stint

as President of a number of Kisan Sabha organisations and Trade Unions of TELK, CAMCO, TOSHIBA and Travancore Rayons and also a remarkable term as Member of Ernakulam District Committee and Secretariat of CPI (M) before becoming a Member of Kerala Legislative Assembly.

In 1967, Shri Kurian was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly from Angamali Constituency. Subsequently, he was elected to three successive Assemblies, in 1970, 1977 and 1980.

Shri Kurian was detained in July and September, 1975 at the Viyyur Central Prison for sixteen months under MISA, for breaking the ban to conduct processions and meetings in protest of the Emergency.

Shri A.P. Kurian was elected as the Speaker on February 15, 1980. It was during his tenure as the Speaker that steps for

formation of Subject Committees reached its culmination. Shri Kurian held the Office till February 1, 1982.

Before that, during 1972-73 he had also a brief stint as Chairman of Public Accounts Committee. He was also Director, Plantation Corporation and Director and Chairman, Bamboo Corporation.

A gifted orator and writer, Shri Kurian had also served as the Unit Manager of Desabhimani, Thiruvananthapuram for four years.

Smt. Kunjamma was his wife and they have three sons.

Shri A.P. Kurian expired on August 30, 2001 while very much active in public life. The Assembly paid homage to him on October 12, 2001.

