



SPEAKER

P. P. THANKACHAN

Shri P. P. Thankachan, a successful lawyer and parliamentarian, adorned the Chair of the Speaker in the ninth Kerala Legislative Assembly and later became a Minister as well. He was born on July 29, 1939 at Angamaly, Ernakulam District as the son of Rev. Fr. Poullose Pynadath and Smt. Annamma.

As a student, apart from his studies, Shri Thankachan was active in co-curricular activities too and was the recipient of the award for the best student of S.H. College, Thevara, Cochin in the year 1956-57.

After graduating, he opted to pursue a degree in Law and on successful completion, groomed into a practising lawyer of repute. In addition, he secured a Diploma in Public Administration.

In 1968, Shri Thankachan became the youngest Municipal Chairman in the country when he was elected to the Perumbavoor Municipal Council. He held the post till 1980. He also served as the Leader of Opposition in the Perumbavoor Municipal Council from 1980 to 1985.

He was the President, Ernakulam District Congress Committee from 1977 to 1989. He also held the Presidentship of various trade unions in the State.

Shri Thankachan was elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1982, 1987, 1991 and 1996 all from Perumbavoor Constituency as a Congress candidate. He was the Secretary, Indian National Congress(I) Legislature Party from 1987 to 1991.

Shri Thankachan was elected as the fourteenth Speaker of Kerala Legislative Assembly on July 1, 1991 and occupied the Chair till May 3, 1995. Four new Legislature Committees were formed

during his tenure - Committee on the Welfare of Women and Children, Committee on Environment, Committee on the Welfare of Backward Class Communities and Committee on Papers Laid on the Table. He was the Chairman of Committee on Papers Laid on the Table during 1996-98.

Shri Thankachan became a Minister holding the portfolio of Agriculture in the Cabinet headed by Shri A. K. Antony, on May 3, 1995 and continued till May 9, 1996. He was the Opposition Chief Whip in the tenth Kerala Legislative Assembly from 1996 to 2001.

He had served as the Chairman, Kerala Marketfed and was also Vice President of Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee during 2001-04. Shri Thankachan was appointed as acting President of KPCC in 2004 and later became Convenor of UDF and still continues in this post.

Smt.T.V.Thankamma is his wife and they have one son and two daughters.

