



SPEAKER

THERAMBIL RAMAKRISHNAN

Shri Therambil Ramakrishnan adorned the Chair of the Speaker of the Kerala Legislative Assembly twice. As the Speaker, he has contributed much for upholding the healthy democratic ideals and principles of parliamentary democracy. With pleasing manners, friendly behaviour and sensible approach, he had a knack of managing the floor peacefully. He is widely recognised as a man of maturity and a Speaker of consensus. He believed that administration was the duty of the Government and criticism that of the Opposition and only if both played their roles well, parliamentary democracy would flourish.

Born on June 3, 1941 at Kuttur, Thrissur as the son of Shri Melute Krishna Menon and Smt. Therambil Nanikutti Amma, Shri Therambil Ramakrishnan entered politics through student movements. He had his early education at Government Lower Primary School and Chandra Memorial Government

School of his village. He took graduation from Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur, where he played a dominant role in the college union activities by holding the posts of General Secretary (1958-59) and Chairman (1959-60).

He took his F.L. and B.L. Degrees from Ernakulam Law College and Law College, Thiruvananthapuram respectively. During his days in Ernakulam Law College, he also had a commendable stint as Magazine Editor.

Having entered the portals of the legal profession, Shri Therambil Ramakrishnan evolved into a lawyer of standing, occupying the position of legal advisor in many reputed institutions and banks. As the General Secretary of the Kerala Bar Federation, he played a pivotal role in introducing the Advocate Welfare Fund and Advocate Clerks' Welfare Fund.

In due course, Shri Therambil Ramakrishnan rose to important positions, including the post of Thrissur District Congress Committee Secretary of the undivided Congress in 1965, Member, Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee and All India Congress Committee.

Shri Therambil Ramakrishnan became a member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time in 1982 from Trichur Constituency as a National Democratic Party candidate. Subsequently, he was elected to the 9th Assembly as an Indian National Congress candidate from the same constituency. In this period, he was elected as the Speaker of the Assembly on June 27, 1995 and held the post till May 28, 1996. In the 10th and 11th Assembly also he became a Member from the Thrissur Constituency and occupied the coveted post of the Speaker from September 16, 2004

to May 23, 2006. He was again elected to 12th and 13th KLA from the Thrissur Constituency and was the Deputy Leader of the Congress Legislature Party in the 13th KLA. Shri Therambil Ramakrishnan also served in various Legislature Committees. He was the Chairman of the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table during 1998-2001 and Committee on Official Language during 2003-04, besides being Member of financial committees.

In a career spanning over five decades, Shri Therambil Ramakrishnan has proved his capabilities in different walks of life. He was member of the Nair Service Society Director Board during the period 1975-84; he had a role in starting the NSS Public School and Working Women's Hostel, Thrissur. During 1978-84, he served as General Secretary of the National Democratic Party and was its Chairman during 1984-86.

He is President of the Thrissur District Printing and Publishing Co-operative Society (KAIRALI). Committed to the Library Movement, he served as the Secretary of Thrissur Public Library for a number of years and Member of the State Library Council. While serving as the Manager of Vivekodayam Schools, Thrissur, Executive Committee Member of Kerala Agricultural University and Senate Member of Calicut University, he made his contribution in the field of education too.

Shri Therambil Ramakrishnan was a delegate to the 41st Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held at Colombo in 1995 and the 51st Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held at Fiji in 2005.

Smt. Chandramathi Amma is his wife and they have a daughter and a son.