

GLORIOUS 61 YEARS OF LIONISM IN KERALA

Lionism started its glorious march in the state of Kerala with the organization of the Lions Club of Calicut, sponsored by the Lions Club of Coimbatore, on December 28, 1959, more than three and half years after it found its roots in the Indian subcontinent. When the Calicut Club was formed, it became part of District 304-S, comprising the entire south India and also Sri Lanka, with the late M.V. Venkataraman of Madras(Host) as not only the First District Governor from south, but also the first Multiple District Council Chairman of India. Venkataraman was District Governor for 1959-60 and was elected for a second term, 1960-61, but he expired on October 12, 1960 when three more Lions Clubs were organized in Kerala as given below:

- 1) Cochin Sponsored by Madurai-February 2, 1960
- 2) Palghat Sponsored by Calicut-April 26, 1960
- 3) Cannanore Sponsored by Calicut-April 26, 1960

Thereafter, the late T. Sundaram Chettiar was nominated District Governor for the remaining part of the fiscal year. He was elected for a second term, 1961-62. It was during this period that Kerala had the next 6 Lions Clubs organized:

- 1) Trichur Sponsored by Palghat-October 2, 1961
- 2) Alleppey Sponsored by Cochin-October 10, 1961
- 3) Quilon Sponsored by Cochin-October 11, 1961
- 4) Trivandrum Sponsored by Cochin- October 12, 1961(Host)
- 5) Kottayam Sponsored by Cochin- December 23, 1961
- 6) Tellichery Sponsored by Canannore-February 12, 1961

The list of District Governors (304-S) from the year 1959-64 are given below

- 1959-60. Ln. Venkataraman (Madras)**
- 1960-61. Ln. Venkataraman (Madras) & Ln. T.Sundaram Chettiar**
- 1961-62. Ln. T.Sundaram Chettiar**
- 1962-63. Ln. M.R. Sastri.**
- 1963-64. Ln. Dr T.V.Venkitachalam (Madurai)**

In July 1964, Kerala had its first District Governor in the person of Dr. A.K. Haridas of Palghat. He was Governor, not only of District 304-S

which was made up of the whole of South Indian and Sri Lanka, but he was also Council Chairman of Multiple District 304 comprising of the Clubs in India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Burma. When he took over as District Governor, Kerala had 16 Clubs and 586 members; at the end of his term there were 19 Clubs and 703 members.

1964-65. Ln. Dr A.K.Haridas (Palakkad)

1965-66 Ln. M.H.Kassim Sait

1966-67. Ln. Goapalaswamy.

At the beginning of July 1, 1966, District 304-S was redistricted into 304-S1 (Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Sri Lanka) and 304-S2 (Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka). And, the first District Governor of the newly formed district 304-S1 was the late Justice P. Govinda Menon (for 1966-67), elected from Cochin Lions Club, Kerala continued as part of District 304-S1 till July, 1970.

The List of District Governors of District 304-S1 are given below.

1967-68 Ln. Js. O. Govind Menon Cochin

1968-69. Ln. P.S.Abraham Quilon

1969-70 Ln Dr. Karunakaran Calicut

In July 1970, the District was redistricted into 304-S3 and A.G. Nayar of the Lions Club of Calicut was its first District Governor. District 304-S3 (Kerala) continued to be part of Multiple District 304 (whole of India) till 1973 July. We were able to have 3 Council Chairmen during the 14 years period: Dr. A.K. Haridas, Prof. N.S. Panchanath and Justice P. Subramonian Potty.

The List of District Governors of District 324-S3 are given below:

1970-71 Ln. A.G.Nayar Calicut

1971-72. Ln. Prof. N.S.Panchnath Palaghat

1972-73. Ln. js. P.Subramaniam Potti Cochin.

At the end of the 1972-73 fiscal year, the entire country was redistricted into 4 Multiple Districts. 321(Northern India), 322(Eastern India), 323(Western India) and 324(Southern India) and the erstwhile 304-S3 became 324. Ln.E.P Dinakaran Achan of Lions Club of Trichur became the first District Governor

of the newly named District 324-E. Ln. J. Chinnaswamy of Lions Club of Erode, District Governor of 324-B, was the first Council Chairman of Multiple District 324.

The List of District Governors of District 324-E are given below

1973-74.	Ln. E.V.Dinakaran Achan	Trichur
1974-75.	Ln. Dr.J.Samuel MJF	Quilon
1975-76.	Ln. Jose T Mooken MJF	Cochin
1976-77.	Ln A.K.Mohammed Sagir	Kodungallur.
1977-78.	Ln. A.J.M.Anthraper	Cherthala
1978-79.	Ln. Bharathanpillai MJF	Quilon.
1979-80.	Ln. D.N.Gupta	Cannanore.
1980-81.	Ln. Chev. Jacob Sebastian	Kottayam.
1981-82.	Ln. Prof. R.S.Panicker MJF	Chenganassery.
1982-83.	Ln. Thomas Kuruvila MJF	Thiruvalla.
1983-84.	Ln. A.Noushad MJF	Quilon
1984-85.	Ln. K.T.Regunatha MJF	Calicut.
1985-86.	Ln. Jose Pulikken	Trichur.
1986-87.	Ln. P.Bhaskaran Nair MJF	Nedumangad.
1987-88.	Ln. K.J.Joseph MJF	Chenganassery.
1988-89.	Ln. C.R.Natarajan	Cochin.

In 1989, District 324E was subdivided into two as 324 E1 & E2. The southern part of Kerala from Angamaly in the north to Parassala in the south became the jurisdiction of 324 E1. Ln. James Cherian of Lions Club of Palai was elected as the first District Governor of District 324E1. Under the leadership of many of our District Governors, 324 E2 has now grown considerably large.

The District Governors of 324-E2 are given below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>District 324-E1</u>	<u>District 324-E2</u>
1989-90.	Ln James Cherian (Palai) (Tellichery)	Ln. K Radhakrishnan
1990-91	Ln. Barister M.P.R.Nair(Cochin) P.P.Pavithrasagar(Cannanore)	Ln. Er
1991-92	Ln. Dr N.Ramesh(Haripad)	Ln. K.P.John(Irinjalakuda)

1992-93	Ln. Dr.P.P.Kurian(Kottayam)	Ln.	
	Dr.T.R.Louis(Kunnamakulam)		
1993-94	Ln. Dr.N.Ahammedpillai(Tvm.Cntl)	Ln.	Dr.
	A.V.Karunakaran(Payyannur)		
1994-95.	Ln. John Kachapally(Angamaly)	Ln.	V.K.Satheeshbabu
	(Triprayar)		
1995-96	Ln. Jose Antony (Cochin East)	Ln.	Er.Ramakrishna
	Menon(Trichur)		
1996-97	Ln. Dr P.K.Raveendranath(TVM)	Ln.	Er.
	B.Neelakandan(Kalpetta)		
1997-98	Ln. Riyas Ahamed(Cochin)	Ln.	Er.P.Anand
	Menon(Irinjalakuda)		
1998-99.	Ln. Dr.P.G.R.Pillai(Kottayam)	Ln.	Dr. N.M.Vijayan
	(Kodungallur)		
1999-00.	Ln. R.Ravikumar(Tvm. Host)	Ln.	K.Sreenivas
	Shenoy(Kanhangad)		
2000-01.	Ln. k.P.A.Haroon (Cochin)	Ln.	Prof.Varghese
	Vaidyan(S.Battery)		
2001-02	Ln. M.Jayanand Kilikar(Cochin)	Ln.	
	Dr.K.K.Mohandas(Koorkenchery)		
2002-03.	Ln. K.K.Kuruvila		(Chingavanam)
	Ln.Ad.V.K.Madusoodanan(Kodungalur)		
2003-04	Ln. Sabu Karikkasery (Cochin G)	Ln. Richard Hay (Tellichery)	

Eventually in the year 2004 the District 324-E1& 324-E2 has been divided in to 324-E1, 324-E2, 324-E3, 324-E4 and our club is presently part of District 324E2 which comprises of Clubs in Theorizer, Malappuram & Palakkad Revenue Districts. District 324-E1 comprises revenue districts of Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam and Taluk of Karthikapilly (Alapuzha District). 324-E3 includes revenue districts of Kottayam, Patthanamthitta and Taluks of Cherthala & Ambalapuzha of Allapuzha District. 324-E4 includes revenue Districts of Aeronomical & Idukki. 324-E5 includes Wayanad, Kozhikkode, Kannur & Kasaragod.

The District Governors for the district 324-E1,E2,E3,E4 & E5 (Kerala State) are :

Year	District	Governor	Home Club
2004-05	E1	Ln. R.Murugan	Trivandram Host
	E2	Ln. Adv T.J.Thomas	Irinjalakuda
	E3	Ln. Prof. James K Philip	Thiruvalla

	E4	Ln. Kurian John	Cochin East
	E5	Ln P.P.Lakshmanan	Kanoor
2005-06	E1	Ln. Adv. G Surendran	Anchel
	E2	Ln. Dr D Ramanathan PMJF	Trichur - Ayyanthole
	E3	Ln. C.V.Mathew	Changanassery
	E4	Ln. M.V.Das Mankidy	Ernakulam
	E5	Ln. Adv. Varghese Simon	Thamarassery
2006-07	E1	Ln. M.K.Sundaram Pillai	Kollam
	E2	Ln. Er. T.K.Nanukuttan	Mala
	E3	Ln. Er. George Cherian	Kottayam
	E4	Ln. Dr. Thomas Philip	Cochin
	E5	Ln. Dr. K.Damodaran	Payyannur
2007-08	E1	Ln. C.V.Syamsunder	Trivandrum Central
	E2	Ln. Er. K.M.Rahamadulla	Palghat
	E3	Ln. Dr. George Mathew	Palai
	E4	Ln. K.Ramachandaran Nair	Thrikkakkara
	E5	Ln. O.C.Manomohanan	Kannoor South
2008-09	E1	Ln. Dr. Thassim Syed Mohammed	Trivandrum
	E2	Ln. George De Das	Chalakyudy
	E3	Ln. Rajan Daniel	Kottayam
	E4	Ln. Prof. Mohammed Kokkad	Cochin East
	E5	Ln. K.K.Suresh Babu	Quilandy
2009-10	E1	Ln. Indira Ravindranath	Tvm Ananthapuri
	E2	Ln. T.K. Kishore	Kattoor
	E3	Ln. Dr Thomas Philip	Ranni
	E4	Ln. Roy Varghese	Cochin Greater
	E5	Ln T. Balakurup	Badagara

In 2009-2010 one Multiple District 324-E was formed for the entire State of Kerala and Ln. Dr Thassim Syed Mohammed (Trivandram) became the first Multiple Council Chairman of 324-E

2010-11	E 1	Ln. G Harihara	Trivanmdrum
	E 2	Ln CA. Mohandas A	Kodakara
	E 3	Ln. Er Paul Mathai	Thiruvalla
	E 4	Ln. Dr Binoy Mathai	Muvattupuzha
	E 5	Ln. Ipe Thomas	Calicut East
	The Multiple Council Chairman was Ln Roy Varghese (Cochin – District 324 E 4)		
2011-12	E 1	Ln. Dr. C Ramakrishnan Nair	Vattiyurkavu
	E 2	Ln. Adv. K.N.Somakumar	Poonkunnam
	E 3	Ln. Suresh Joseph	Kottayam Mid Town
	E 4	Ln. Dr T.A Varkey	Ernakulam
	E 5	Ln. K.T.Ajith	Calicut
	The Multiple Council Chairman was Ln G Hariharan (Trivandraum – District 324 E1		
Entire State of Kerala was brought under a single Multiple District of Dist 318 & E1 became A,E2 became D, E3 became B, E4 became C & E5 became E) from the year 2012-2013			
2012-13	A	LN P Surendran	Thenmmala
	B	Ln Er. N Dharamarajan	Kottayam
	C	Ln Abraham Panjikkaran	Sherthalai
	D	Ln Adv. M.V.Sooryaprabha	Palakkad Fort Town
	E	Ln V Vineesh Vidyadharan	Calicut Silver Hills
	The Multiple Council Chairman was Ajith K.T (Calicut)		
2013-2014	A	Ln Abbas	Thiruvananthapuram GEMS
	B	Ln Thomas Jose	Chenganassery
	C	Ln Er. M. Sivanandan	Thrikkakara
	D	Ln Nandakumar Kottarah	Kanjany
	E	Ln Dr. Suchithra Sudheen	Mattannur
	The Multiple Council Chairman was Ln. Er. N.Dharamarajan (Kottaym)		
2014-2015	A	Ln Dr. N.N.Murali	Kottarakkara
	B	Ln. Lt.Col.N.N.P.Nair	Mavelikakra
	C	Ln R.Ramachandra Warrior	Cochin Smart City

	D	Ln. Er. E.Thankappan	Koratty
	E	Ln. Ca A.J.Mathew	Tellichery
	The Multiple Council Chairman was Ln. Er. M.ASivanand (Thrikkakkara)		
2015-2016	A	Ln. Adv D.S.Sreekumar	Trivandrum Cotton Hill
	B	Ln Binu George	Kottayam ELITES
	C	Ln. Adv V.Amarnath	Cohin Mid Town
	D	Ln. C Joseph John	Kunnamkulam
	E	Ln Sujith K	Badagara
	The Multiple Council Chairman was Ln. Dr N.N.Murali(Trivandraum)		
2016-2017	A	Ln. Alex Kuriakose	Trivandraum Cosmopolitan
	B	Ln Joy Thomas	Kumarakam
	C	Ln. Ar. Thomas Jacob	Cochin Greator
	D	Ln V.P.Nandakumar	Thriprayar.
	E	Ln. Ca. K.Sivaprasad	Cannannore
	The Multiple Council Chairman was Ln. Adv. V.Amarnath (Cochin Mid Town)		
2017-2018	A	Ln K.Suresh	Trivandraum HOST
	B	Ln. G.Venukumar	Chengannoor
	C	Ln. Adv. Abraham John	Cochin East
	D	Ln. V.A.Thomachan	Irinjalakuda
	E	Ln Dennis Thomas	Iritty
	The Multiple Council Chairman was Ln. V.P.Nandakumar (Triprayar)		
2018-2019	A	Ln John G Kottara	Trivandrum City
	B	Ln. K.A.Thomas	Ranni
	C	Ln Adv. A.V.Vamankumar	Cochin Gateway
	D	Ln Er. E.D.Deepak	Edamuttam
	E	Ln Ganeshan Kaniyarakkal	Calcut City
	The Multiple Council Chairman was Ln. Ca. K.Suresh (Trivandrum)		
2019-2020	A	Ln. Dr.A.G.Rajendran	Trivandrum Metropolis
	B	Ln Maggie Jose Menaparambil	Palai
	C	Ln Rajesh Kolarikkal	Koonammavu
	D	Ln. M.D.Ignatious	Mannuthy
	E	Ln. Dr.Rajiv Sridharan	Payyannur
	The Multiple Council Chairman is Ln. Adv A.V.Vamankumar (Cochin Gateway)		

