

KCS annual theme for 2021
"The year of the youth"

From the desk of KCS President

Dear Friends,

At the outset, let me wish all of you and your family a blessed Christmas and a healthy, prosperous, and happy New Year. May Infant Jesus make all your dreams come true.

Your GC and I take this opportunity to congratulate all members now in our rolls for completing 25 years of lively activities and for keeping the organisation in a fairly healthy state. Although our organisation is not financially strong, the fellowship and camaraderie among the members are remarkable.

On this occasion, we remember with gratitude the founders of KCS. We must remember those who passed away, bearing in our minds that they had rendered yeoman services to the society in their lifetime. Thanks are due to those who left KCS for personal reasons but were active as members.

We are working on a video presentation of our activities of 25 years compressed into about 15 minutes. We will keep you informed about the date of its presentation.

We are getting ready for our Jubilee celebrations on February 19, 2022, with lot of expectations and enthusiasm. Tentative programmes have been already conveyed to you. Detailed programmes are under preparations and will be finalised in January. We hope to have a 'mask less' get-together.

Dialysis project is progressing well. We signed a MOU with Rotary Club of West as an equal partner. Reputed Tanker Foundation is the dialysis operator. The space at Padi Community Hospital has been allocated with the Commissioner, Chennai Corporation having signed the Government order on 16th November. We have travelled a long way in mobilising contributions of 65 lakhs by December 20, 2021. Yet there is still short distance to cover. If all go according to plan, we hope and pray that the facility could be commissioned before our jubilee meeting.

We have made a small beginning to infuse new blood into our organisation by enrolling two young men by giving them temporary membership. We hope to add more youngsters to join by the end of KCS year on 30th June 2022. I appeal to members to make use of the route of temporary membership to encourage youngsters. Plans are being finalised by the Youth GC member, Ranjith to conduct a friendly cricket match between two KCS teams early next year.

With regards,
EC Thomas
President



Silver Jubilee wishes to all KCS Family members.

From the desk of KCS Secretary

- Minutes of GC held on 9th October were circulated & passed.
- Accounts for month of October 2021 was reviewed and approved after discussions.
- Newly inducted GC members Mini Jose, Aniritta George and Joseph Jose were welcomed to the GC
- GC was informed that MOU for our legacy dialysis project was signed on 1st November. Out of the Rs.130 lakhs of estimated investment, 65 lakhs is KCS contribution
- Archbishop His Highness Antonysamy agreed to recite the jubilee mass. Mr. Peter Alphonse, Chairman, Minority Commission of TN will be the chief guest. Invited Fr Paul Poovathingal who has agreed to participate as guest of honour. Cicily and troupe agreed to perform cultural.
- 25th year jubilee video is under preparation.
- Subscription Received Rs 5,52,000 from 96 members. 28-member are due to pay.
- ROS filed for the year 20-21 along with amendments and receipts obtained.
- IT filing will be done by 30th November. IT status of notice is to be circulated. Applied for CSR and certificate number is to be obtained within a month.
- Christopher has given a letter agreeing to clear the small room/cooking by 8th November. Got a new lock key for the rooms. Working time & duties to be specified for staff, no staying inside premises. Must lookout for replacement for Christopher if he decides to resign.
- DDR/ CCTV. The old company is closed, to get new quotes for camera/DDR etc. Ranjith will also help.
- Temporary membership application format is to be reworked along with eligibility criteria.
- Zonal Cricket match for the youth is to be organised by January 8 /9th or by Pongal holidays of 13,14, and 15th Jan 2022. Ground is to be located, budget to be allocated, teams to be formed and work to be distributed.

M.S. Abraham
Secretary

**KCS Vision****KCS shall evolve into a premier organisation**

- By instilling a sense of pride in being associated with it and thereby motivating the young and the old of the Kerala Catholic families to join the society wholeheartedly.
- By creating an image in the city of Chennai and elsewhere by initiating special projects for the community, working in tandem with similar organisations, if necessary.
- By utilising the inherent talents and strengths of all its members to initiate activities that will install a sense of belonging and promote fellowship.
- By creating an atmosphere for constant, innovative, and timely improvements in the organisation and its structure.



**Babu Jacob,
KCF no. 026**

MY CIVIL SERVICE DREAMS!

Joining the Civil Services: It was my father who planted the idea in my young mind, when I turned a teenager. He was a private bank employee and my mother a government servant, both struggling hard to bring up five kids and make both ends meet. Both were only SSLC passed and did not or rather could not enter the portals of a college. In retrospect, I wonder what made my father to make me dream to become an IAS officer. I grew up in a small town called Ponkunnam in Kottayam District. My school education was done in 5 schools in Ponkunnam and neighboring Kanjirappally, another small town. Two of these schools were Government schools, and it goes without saying, all were Malayalam medium schools. I started reading The Hindu from the age of 12. My father used to bring the previous day's copy from the Bank, after his manager had read it! I used to read the entire paper, especially the editorials.

I had a fascination for English language, and it became a passion for me as I entered High school. M.E Joseph sir, my Headmaster and English teacher could easily spot my English skills and it was he who nurtured and encouraged me to be proficient in the Queen's tongue! He used to give me books for reading (there was no library in the school) and corrected my assignments with a critical word or two and an occasional word of encouragement and appreciation. Thanks to him I scored a distinction in English for my SSLC and possibly a state rank too! Professor Sebastian of St Berchmans College Changanacherry spotted my talents in English when I joined the college for my pre-university course and encouraged me to excel in the language.

It was my good fortunes to have met an adolescent prodigy (as I used to call him) in S.B College. We were classmates for a year. He was none other than V.Krishnamoorthy, who later stood first for IAS in All India level. We used to call him Swamy, since he was a Brahmin (Iyer). Swamy did not hide his ambition to

Mr. Babu Jacob needs no introduction. He is a founder member who conceptualised the Helpline of KCS. He is a prolific writer.

join the Civil Services. There was not even an iota of doubt in the minds of all of us that he will surely get into IAS. And he did, with flying colours! Krishnamurthy retired as Kerala's Chief Secretary. His benign influence on me has to be acknowledged gratefully.

Another person whom I should thank is Thomas Kuruvilla, who was doing B.A Economics, when I was doing B.Sc Chemistry. We soon became very close friends and we two were perhaps the only students in SBC who used to talk mostly in English. Remember, In Kerala, even now, talking in English is snobbish, even though most youngsters have studied in English medium schools! The legendary Prof.C.A Shepherd was our English Professor. He was truly amazing! We used to be spell bound while listening to his lectures. Our Principal, Fr. P.C.Mathew also encouraged me a lot. Overall, the four years I spent in S.B College laid a solid foundation on which was built my IAS ambitions and further gave wings to it.

After graduating in Chemistry, I took up a job in Mar Ivanios College Trivandrum as a junior lecturer. Actually, my designation was Demonstrator! Some people used to mock at me by calling me Demon.Fr.Geevarghese Panicker was the principal. When I complained to him that my designation is causing me a lot of heart burn because of the ridicule I was subjected to, he agreed to re-designate me as Junior Lecturer. He even told the Head of the Dept of Chemistry to allow me to take lecture classes for Pre professional class. So, I became a Guru for several future doctors and Engineers! Incidentally, my salary was a princely sum of Rs 108, which was later raised to Rs 158!

Earlier, I was offered the job of a Demonstrator in my own Alma Mater, S.B. College. However, My IAS ambitions were instrumental in my decision to move my base to the capital city of Kerala. The University College Trivandrum was conducting Pre examination coaching classes for Civil Services examination by Union Public Service Commission. So in the year 1963, I was selected for this evening class from 6 to 9 pm. I was staying in SCA Hostel, near the University College, for easier commuting (and of course for cheaper accommodation). As a Teacher in Mar Ivanios' College during day and a student at University College at night, I struggled for about 9 months to come up with time for my IAS studies. But I did very well in the class, by being the topper from among the 12 merit quota students when a scholarship exam for a scholarship of Rs 60 PM for 4 candidates was conducted and results announced!

I was fortunate to have at least half a dozen friends in the class, who later joined the Civil Services. Two of them joined the Tamil Nadu cadre, while two others got into Kerala cadre. One of them was Ms Lalithambika IAS, whom we used to make fun of by calling her IPS because she was somewhat obese! We had Prof. Warriar as course director and a few other eminent professors for teaching us varied subjects. Their faces are still vivid in my mind, although the names I am unable to recollect. All of them would have gone to heaven by now!

The saddest part was that I could neither get my Rs 60 pm Scholarship (totally Rs 600 for 10 months), nor appear for the UPSC exam due to a quirk of destiny. I proposed and God disposed! I got the hall ticket for the exam and was looking forward with confidence to write the exam and pass it too. However, that was not to be. I had applied for the job of a medical representative with Park Davis India Ltd, a leading American pharmaceutical company. The interview was held just two weeks before my IAS exam. Mr T.V. Nalluswamy, the Regional Manager who interviewed me was so impressed with me that he selected me on the spot and asked me to report at the company's Bombay Head office within a week for a one-month long orientation course. I tried in vain to convince Mr. Nalluswamy to permit me to write the IAS exam and join duty after that. He refused to relent and coaxed and cajoled me by saying that I will be getting 50% more salary than an IAS officer. He even taunted me by saying that there can be many a slip between the cup and the lip, implying that my getting into IAS is not at all a certainty.

I was really on the horns of a big dilemma! Should I join Park Davis or say no to the American giant? Being the eldest son, I had a big responsibility to shoulder. By this time, my father had lost his job (Palai Central Bank, where he worked, went into liquidation, thanks to Morarji Desai the then Finance Minister of India) and the only source of income was my mother's salary. My two younger siblings were in college. On the one hand, the lure of a well-paid job with a multinational company was too much to resist. On the other hand, my decade long dream of getting into IAS was too much to discard overnight. My former Headmaster M.E. Joseph sir was, by this time, promoted as Regional Deputy Director of Education and was stationed in Trivandrum. With a trembling heart, I sought his advice. Having understood my predicament, he suggested that I accept the job offer from Park Davis. And I did accordingly. My IAS dreams were given a decent burial! After three years with Park Davis and after my younger sister and brother became graduates, thanks to my financial support, I left Park Davis. But looking back, I have the satisfaction that I could help my parents and younger siblings when they needed help the most. I salvaged a bit of prestige when I got selected as a Probationary officer by State Bank of India (with a salary more or less equal to that of an IAS officer), after an All-India competitive exam. However, SBI was not lucky to have me for long since I resigned after 15 years!

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Obituary

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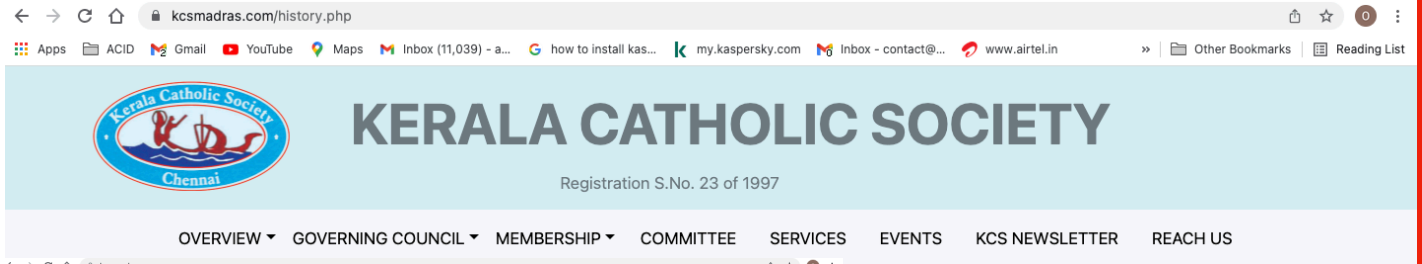
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Treesa Paul mother of Geo Paul (KCF no131) and Mercy Paul (KCF 61) passed away on 14th November 2021 at 7pm at Kothamangalam, Kerala and was buried at St Sebastian Church, Keerampara.

We from KCS family extend our heartfelt condolences to Geo Paul all family members in bereavement. We pray for the departed soul to rest in eternal peace.





About Us



KCS HISTORY

Kerala Catholic Society (KCS) was established under the Societies Act on December 15, 1996, with 81 like-minded Kerala Catholic families in Chennai. Rev. Dr. Kurian Thomas of Asha Nivas (A well-known charitable organization in



ABOUT KCS

The main objective of the Society is to encourage fellowship and Charitable activities. As a vehicle to enable this objective, 4 helpline zones were created Adayar, Anna Nagar, Kilpauk and Kodambakkam

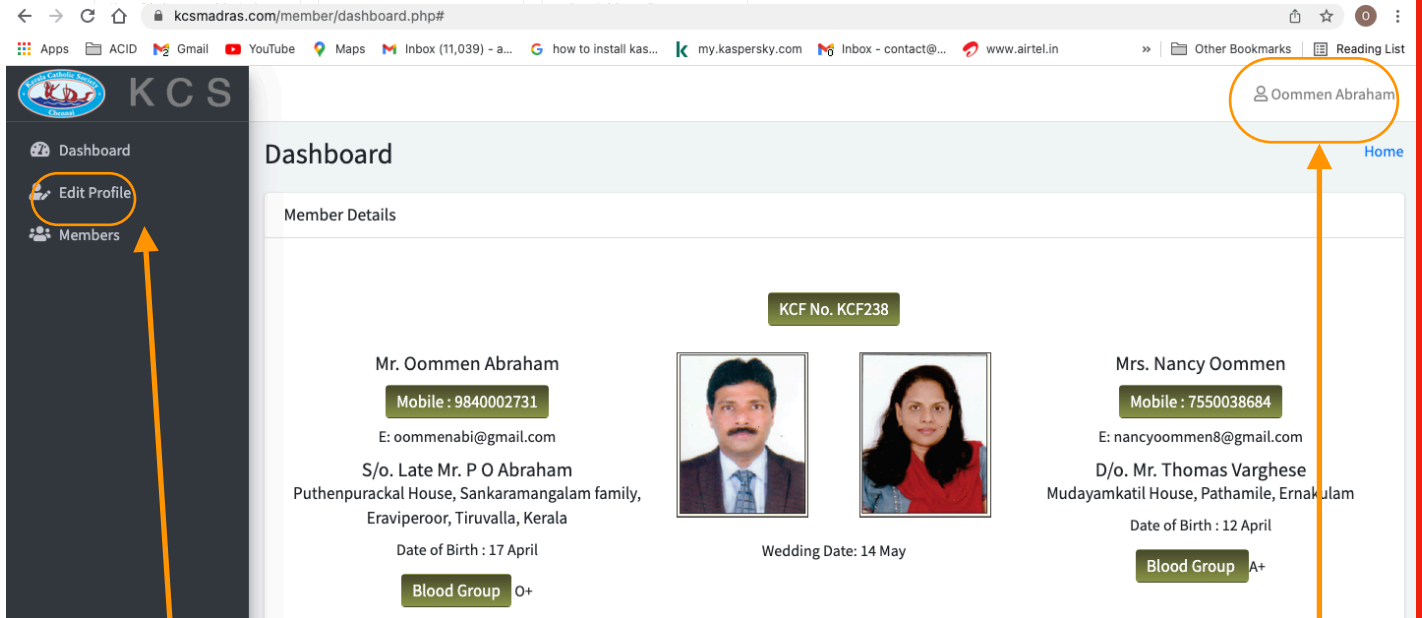


KCS VISION

KCS having over past 20 years evolved into a premier organization will continue to strive. By instilling a sense of pride in being associated with it and thereby motivating the young and the old of the Kerala Catholic families to join the

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Dialysis Project by KCS initiated by its President Mr. EC Thomas

KCS has taken the dialysis project in collaboration with Rotary Club, Tanker Foundation and Chennai Corporation. As informed earlier, Chennai Corporation is giving the place for putting up a 12 bedded dialysis unit in their Primary Health Centre, Padi, Ambattur, Chennai. All infrastructures like 12 dialysis machines, beds, RO plant, air conditioners, lighting, fans, table & chairs for nursing staff & Doctor, etc at an estimated cost of Rs.1.30 crores will be shared equally between KCS and Rotary on 50:50 basis.

Place provided by Chennai Corporation for dialysis unit in Padi



KCS committed to donate 8 machines plus associated infra cost totalling Rs. 65 lakhs. Veteran members of KCS have volunteered to donate 8 machines. Many more have shown interest to contribute however, we will have more such initiatives and create more opportunities to our members to contribute in future to those in real need.

The whole initiative was taken by Mr. E C Thomas, President and he single handedly spearheaded the initiative, spoke to all the like minded people in KCS for donations and raised the amount committed for this purpose. He personally visited some of the existing dialysis units and did a pilot study at Padi, Thiruverkadu and Porur along with Ms. Lekha who has been a great support. They met the officials of Rotary, Tanker Foundations and completed all the formalities and documentations. Hats off to Mr. E C Thomas and he has set a new benchmark for the succeeding Office bearers.

Some KCS members expressed their views since the amount involved is huge, they preferred a project where KCS members regularly involve and have a say in the day today functioning of the project. Though there are lots of merit in their thought process, I strongly believe, what is done now is a great gesture and with one time payment, we are ensuring continuous support and help to those poor patients who need dialysis and it is a life supporting initiative. A person's life is more important than whatever our opinions are and this initiative helps poor people to extend their lifetime which is most precious for their family.

Every day, 24 dialysis will be done and in a year around 7500 dialysis from 12 machines. All the machines are bought with 5 year warranty and it seems that each machine may last for 10 years. It means around 75000 free dialysis we will be able to provide to the needy. In Chennai the average dialysis cost is around Rs. 1,200/- per dialysis and the worth of our help is around Rs.9 crores over a period of 10 years. KCS by contributing Rs.65 lakhs now help Rs.4.5 crores worth of dialysis over a period of 10 years. It is an humungous help to those in need. Apart from the initial infrastructure cost, there is a regular operational & maintenance cost like staff salary, consumables, etc which will be borne by Tanker Foundation and Chennai Corporation. All operational risk will be taken care by Tanker Foundation who are the specialist in Kidney transplantation and dialysis in Chennai.

Since many members wanted to contribute from their CSR funds, Mr EC Thomas initiated immediately to get CSR certification for KCS and that's a new milestone for KCS to ensure funding for all new & future KCS projects. Mr. MS Abraham, Secretary using the CSR certification of KCS was able to raise a lump-sum amount from a corporate not associated with KCS under the CSR fund. We will share all the details of the contributions in our KCS news, December issue.

KCS GC extends sincere gratitude to all the Donors for this timely and selfless support. KCS GC extends its gratitude to Mr. EC Thomas for spearheading this initiative.

For me personally it was a great inspiring experience working with Mr. EC Thomas. I just admired his focus, determination, can do attitude, energy and doing things without blowing one's own trumpet. Christmas is all about sharing. Wishing you and all family members a very happy & meaningful Christmas!

Oommen Abraham, Vice President - KCS

A dialysis unit run by Tanker & Rotary club in Thiruverkadu



Photo with Chief Medical Officer outside the proposed dialysis unit, Padi



Agreement signed between KCS & Rotary club



Date	Birthday - December	KCF no	Mobile no
2	Thomas George	226	9500031852
3	KM Johny	185	7042695520
5	Joy Aphraim	200	9884091559
5	Linda Peter Manvalan	62	9841420784
7	Susan Anto	4	9444017302
8	Pious Dominic	133	9840723569
11	Lucy Jacob	27	9884064582
12	Alphonsa David	85	9444535228
12	Molly Antony	155	9444024848
12	VM Kurien	117	9841271354
13	Vergheese George	96	9840443485
18	V M Thomas	78	9840020800
19	Alapatt Kurien Joseph	89	9840599969
21	P J Xavier	90	9840097814
26	Sujeetha Zacharias	179	9008282661
27	Sherry Jose	163	9841082101
29	Jossy M. Joseph	103	9840017598
29	Litty Raphael	97	7667135896
29	Gerard George	176	9841123642
30	Sabitha j Ambat	68	9600028502



Date	Wedding anniversary - December	KCF NO	Mobile no
26	TA Varghese & Jisha	156	9281057343
26	E C Thomas & Susan	148	9962829781
27	Anto Tharappen & Susan	4	9444017301
29	George Pius Tharayil & Shoba	123	9841021011
29	Pious dominic & Shini	133	9840723569
29	Binny Lawrence & Deepthy Binny	166	9841047222
29	Roopesh George & Achamma Roopesh	247	9841088527



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