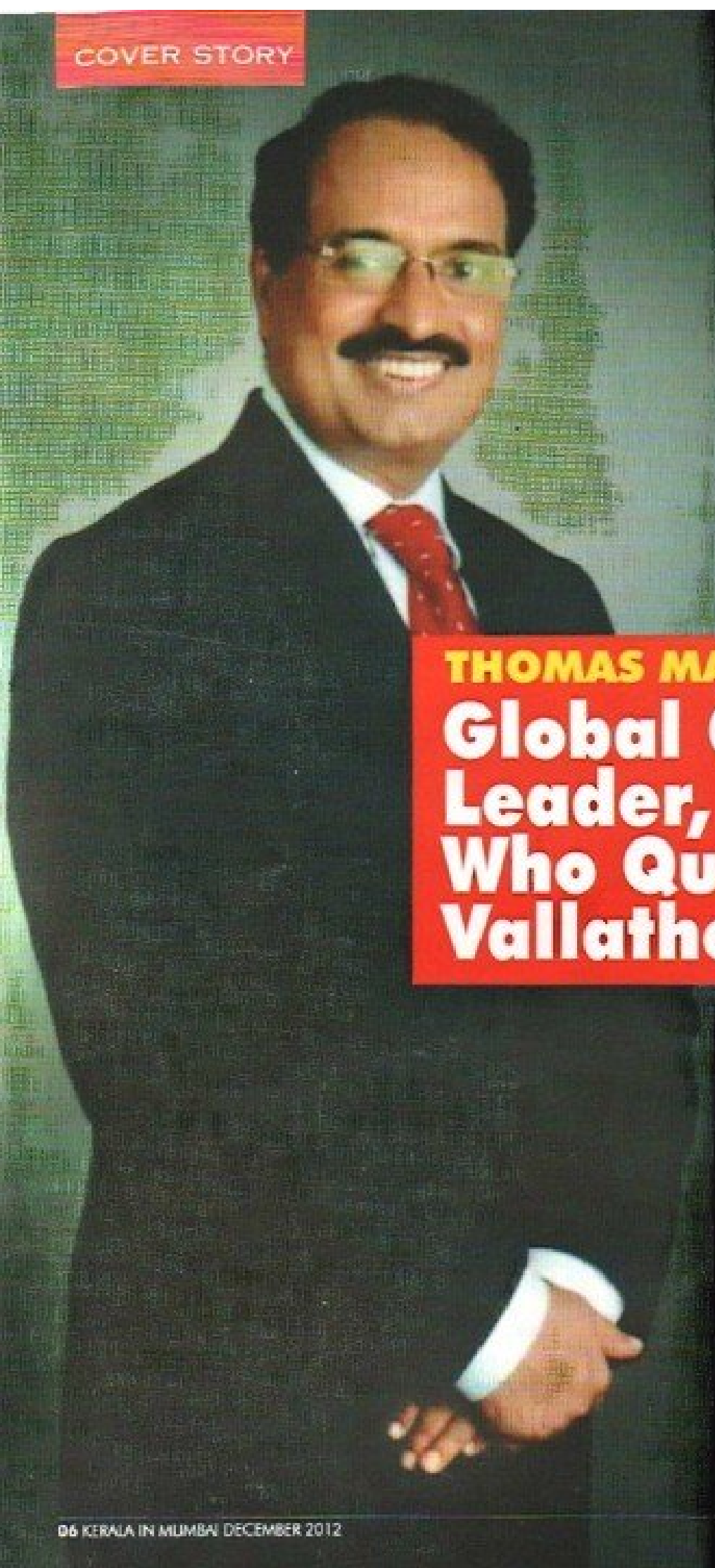




Thomas Mathew, Managing Director of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), the premier public sector undertaking, that ensures security against untimely death or calamities, deals in his profession with figures and finance yet he evinces keen interest in literature, fine arts and the Malayalam language passionately.

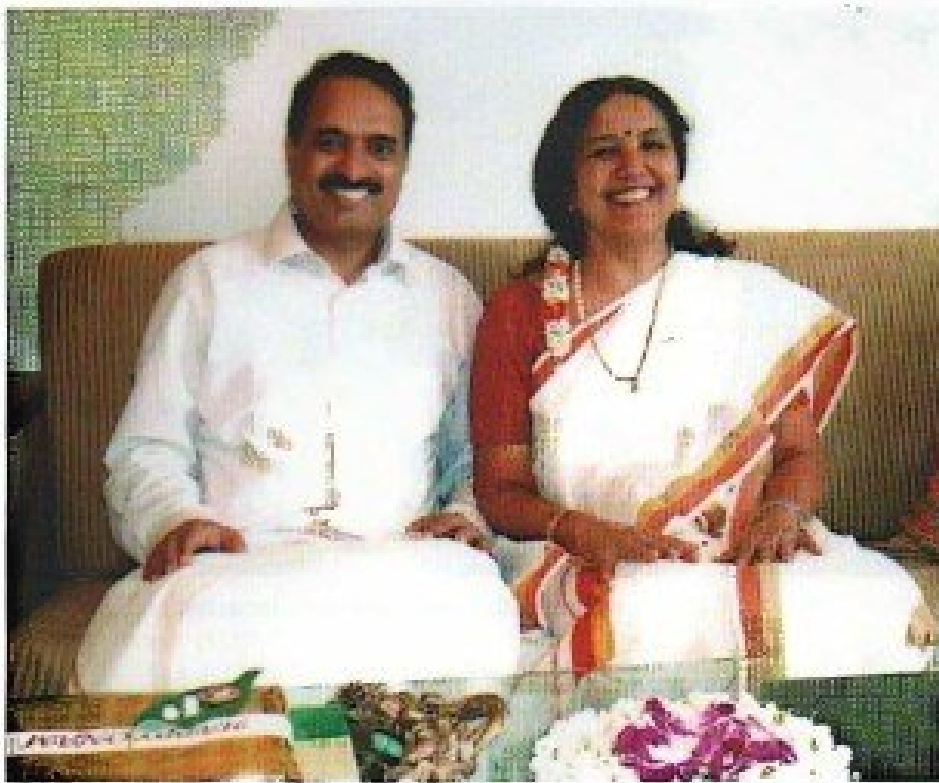
THOMAS MATHEW

Global Corporate Leader, Who Quotes Vallathol

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Thomas Mathew T, Managing Director of LIC of India, a company that assures security for human lives, dabbles in management, finance and statistics in his daily professional life but at heart he is a simple man, loving the simple pleasures of life.

He loves Kerala and its language and can quote passages from Malayalam literature with great ease. "It is our duty as parents to pass on to our children and to the next generation awareness of the beauty of their mother tongue. We must encourage them to learn Malayalam and become familiar with our culture, traditions and literature. Maybe we can organize literacy meetings, kavi sammelanams, seminars, etc. in which



Thomas Mathew and his wife

the young can be involved. In fact the second/third generation Mumbai Malayalee youth should see around Kerala, visit its villages and learn about their roots, our rich culture and traditions," he says.

Thomas Mathew completed his schooling in Wadanchery, his hometown, and did graduation in English Literature from St Thomas College, Thrissur. He has done his post-graduation in Economics, holds a postgraduate diploma in Management and is a law graduate as well. He is an Associate of the Insurance Institute of India and has a diploma in the Spanish language. He has attended various Management courses in Institutions like IIM Ahmedabad, ISB and MDI.

He joined LIC in 1978 with his first posting in Assam and he has been with LIC for the last 35 years. After acquiring grass-root operational experience at the Branch and Divisional levels, Mathew moved to leadership positions as Senior Divisional Manager, Zonal Manager, Executive Director and Managing Director.

He has successfully handled all departments of LIC of India including marketing, investment, Information Technology, and international operations and has been instrumental in many far-reaching decisions of the Corporation and has travelled abroad extensively as part of his work.

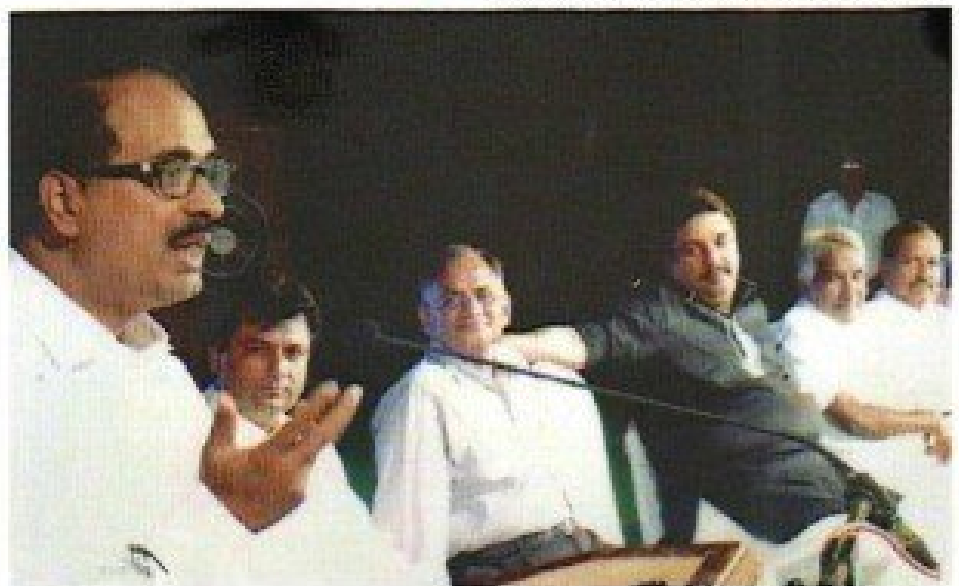
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Chairman of National Insurance Academy, Pune, and Chairman of LIC Nomura Mutual Fund Trustee Company Pvt Ltd., He is also a Director on the boards of Larsen and Toubro, Tata Power Company, L&T Infrastructure Development Projects, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, LIC(Int'l) BSC (C) Bahrain, LIC Pension Fund, LIC Cards Services, LIC (Nepal) and was previously on the boards of Mahindra & Mahindra, Corporation Bank and Industrial Finance Corporation of India.

With keen business acumen and management skills he has been instrumental in moulding LIC into an entity to reckon with in the highly competitive global life insurance market. In fact LIC is the largest provider of life insurance within the country in spite of stiff competition from the private sector. According to Thomas Mathew, LIC holds 81% of market share in policy and 76% in Premium and it is the largest and most dependable insurance company in the world having 30 crore customers, total assets worth Rs 14 lakh crores, 1,18,000 employees, 13 lakh agents and operations all over India and abroad.

He says LIC commands the trust of the public, being completely owned by the Government and is described as the 'Jewel in the crown of the Government of India'. It is the premier public sector undertaking of the country. With the largest agent network in India and by adopting global best practices and latest technology in insurance product development, servicing and marketing, LIC has reached all the parts of the country including small towns and very



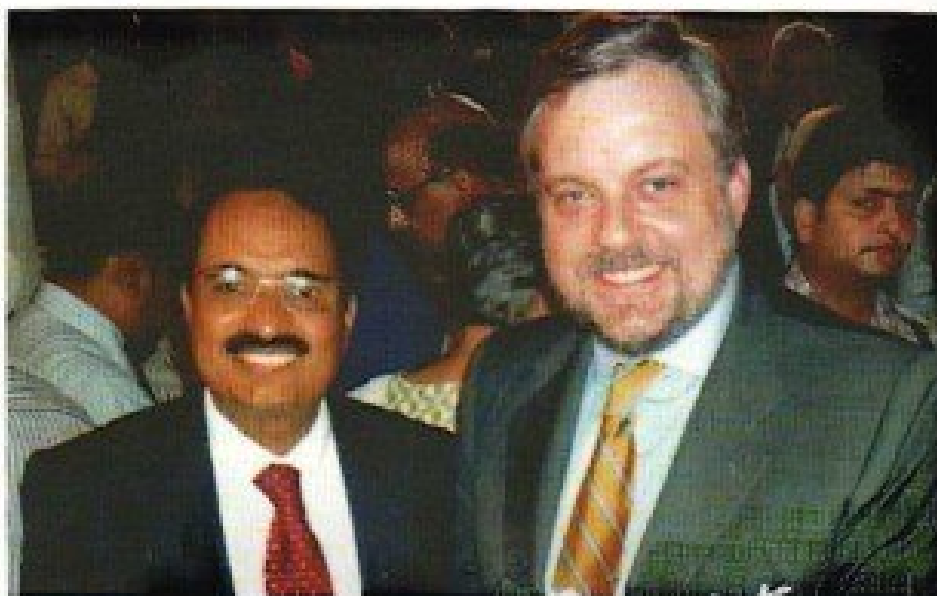
Thomas Mathew speaking at Mumbai Pooram. Ganesh Nayak, Minister of Maharashtra, Oommen Chandy Chief Minister, Kerala and Shibu Baby John, Labour Minister, Kerala are others on the dais.

remote villages. LIC holds one-fourth of the Government's securities, has an annual income of 3 lakh crores and settles around Rs 70,000 crores as claims every year.

Thomas Mathew's father, Shri TM Mathew, was a businessman in Wadankanchery. His older brother, Retd. Air Commodore Dominic Mathew was in the Indian Air Force and is currently Principal of an Aeronautical Engineering College in Bangalore. His second brother Shri George Mathew is a businessman and his sister Mrs. Jainamma Kurien lives in Wadankanchery with her family.

Thomas Mathew's wife, Thankom Mathew, is Executive Director at LIC. Her parents are late Shri P J Joseph, Retd. Additional Secretary in the Kerala Government and Smt KA Mariamma, who retired as Asst. Secretary, State Transport Authority, Kerala.

Mrs. Thankom is a postgraduate in Chemistry from Kerala University. Her brothers are



Thomas Mathew with Spanish Ambassador to India

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Shri Johny Joseph IAS (Retd. Chief Secretary, Maharashtra and former BMC Commissioner), who is currently the Upa Lokayukta in the Maharashtra Government; Shri P J Thomas IAS (Retd Chief Secretary, Kerala Government and former Central Vigilance Commissioner) and Shri. Francis Joseph (Dy. General Manager, National Insurance Co., Kolkata) and her sisters are Mrs. Ratan Joseph, former banker and Mrs. Mini Simkin a home-maker.

Thomas and Thankom Mathew have three children. Their eldest son, Thejas Mathew is an Engineer and was working with Ernst & Young. He is currently pursuing studies in Actuarial Science. Their daughter, Dr Nidhi Mathew, holds a Masters in Hospital Administration (MHA) from the prestigious Tata Institute of Social Sciences and is now working as the Asst. Administrator at St Elizabeth Hospital at Malabar Hill, Mumbai.



Thomas Mathew and his family with Cardinal Oswald Gracias

Their youngest son, Thapas Joseph, is the CEO of Fountainhead Digital a digital marketing and advertising agency. The children speak Malayalam at home, attend Malayalam social programmes and watch Malayalam movies as well. Thomas Mathew is closely involved in the Corporate Social Responsibility activities of LIC, in its support for education and health care assistance to orphanages, hospitals etc.

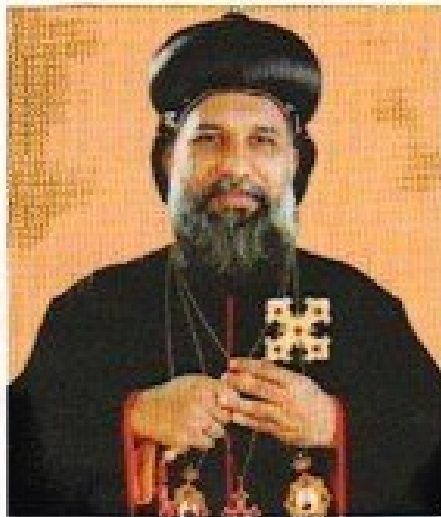
Thomas Mathew is passionate about literature, Carnatic and Light music and travel. Gardening is another hobby of his. He is an exemplary orator and a sought after speaker at several industry fora. But despite his hectic work schedule, he makes it a point to attend Malayalee social and cultural functions in Mumbai and is a popular speaker at such gatherings. He often cites these lines of Mahakavi Vallathol in his speeches:



Thomas Mathew, Mrs. Thankom Thomas Mathew, younger Son Thapas Joseph, Dr. Nidhi Mathew (daughter), elder Son Thejas Mathew, Sitting: father- T M Mathew and brother in law K J Kurlan

"Bharatham ennu kettal abhimana poorithamaganam antharangam, Keralam ennu kettal thilakkanam chora namukku njarambukalil."

Baselios Mar Cleemis Installed as Cardinal



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Pope Benedict XVI installed Baselios Mar Cleemis, Major Archbishop of the Syro Malankara Catholic Church, as Cardinal of the Catholic Church at a ceremony at the St. Peter's Basilica in The Vatican. Along with him, the Pope installed five other Cardinals, all of them, like Mar Cleemis, from non-European nations.

An official delegation led by Rajya Sabha deputy chairman P.J. Kurien, Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation K.C. Venugopal and E.T. Mohammed Basheer and Jose K. Mani, both MPs, a delegation representing the capital city led by Mayor K. Chandrika, Cardinals led



Baselios Mar Cleemis being installed as Cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI

by Cardinal George Alancherry, and Thiruvananthapuram Latin Archbishop Susaipakiam, all Bishops of the Syro Malankara Catholic Church, and a multi-religious delegation comprising Swami Sookshmananda of the Sivagiri Math, Palayam Imam Jamaluddin Mankada, Swami Gururathnam Jnanathapaawi of the Santhigiri Ashram, Bishop Joseph Barnabas of the Marthoma Church, CSI Bishop Dharmaraj Rasalam, among others, were present to witness the installation of the new Cardinal.

Shortly after his installation, the new Cardinal told television channels: "I place on record my respect for our nation. Let Kerala receive the blessings of God. I pray for all Malayalis. Let God lead our State from prosperity to greater prosperity".

Earlier this year, the Pope had installed Mar George Alancherry of the Syro Malabar Catholic Church Cardinal. With Mar Cleemis' ascent to the College of Cardinals, Kerala has the rare distinction of being home to two Cardinals.