

Indian Accounting Association (Kerala Branch) Honours New National President,

Prof. (Dr.) Gabriel Simon Thattil

The Indian Accounting Association (IAA), Kerala Branch, hosted a prestigious felicitation ceremony to honour Prof. **(Dr.) Gabriel Simon Thattil** on his esteemed appointment as the National President of the Indian Accounting Association. The event was held at 3:00 PM at Thiruvananthapuram and was attended by distinguished academicians, industry professionals, and members of the association.

Event proceedings:

The programme commenced with a prayer, setting a reverent tone for the ceremony. **Prof. (Dr.) Biju T**, Secretary of the IAA Kerala Branch, delivered the welcome address. He extended a warm welcome to all the dignitaries, guests, and members, highlighting the collective pride of the Kerala branch in Prof. Thattil's achievement.

The presidential address was delivered by **Prof. (Dr.) K. Sasikumar**, Former President of the Indian Accounting Association. He spoke on the illustrious history of the IAA and the significance of Prof. Thattil's leadership at the national level, praising his long-standing commitment to the field of accounting.

S. N. Raghuchandran Nair, President of the Trivandrum Chamber of Commerce, delivered the inaugural address. He formally inaugurated the ceremony and spoke on Prof. Thattil's multifaceted contributions as a renowned academician, former Dean and Head of the Department of Commerce at the University of Kerala.

The centerpiece of the event was the presentation of the memento. **Prof. Satyajit Dhar**, Treasurer of the Indian Accounting Association, presented a token of honour and respect to Prof. Thattil on behalf of the entire association.



S. N. Raghuchandran Nair, President, Trivandrum Chamber of Commerce, delivering the inaugural address at the felicitation ceremony.



Prof. (Dr.) Gabriel Simon Thattil (right) being presented with a memento by Prof. Satyajit Dhar, Treasurer of the Indian Accounting Association.



Prof. (Dr.) Gabriel Simon Thattil being felicitated with a ponnada by S. N. Raghuchandran Nair, President of the Trivandrum Chamber of Commerce.

Following this, in a significant gesture of honour, representatives from the **IAA Alappuzha Branch** presented Prof. Thattil with a **Ponnada**. A separate honour was also bestowed by **CMA Lekshmi V** (Professional Management Accountant and Company Secretary), who presented Prof. Thattil with another **Ponnada** in her own capacity.

Following this, several other eminent personalities offered their congratulatory addresses. **Prof. Nimidev R** (Chief Editor, Indian Journal of Accounting), **Dr. Ebby Joseph Idicula** (National Executive Member, IAA), **CMA Lekshmi V** (Professional Management Accountant and Company Secretary), **Prof. (Dr.) Resia Beegam (Retired)**. The speakers uniformly praised Prof. Thattil's long and dedicated service to the IAA, his academic contributions, and his suitability for the new national role.

In his "Reply to the toast," Prof. (Dr.) Gabriel Simon Thattil addressed the gathering. He expressed his profound gratitude to the IAA Kerala Branch for the honour. He reminisced about his long journey with the association, which began at its inception, and shared his vision for strengthening the IAA across the country during his tenure as President.



Prof. (Dr.) Gabriel Simon Thattil, new National President of the IAA, delivering his reply address to the gathering.

The ceremony concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by **Dr. Baiju Ramachandran FCS**, National Executive Member of the IAA. He extended his gratitude to all the dignitaries on the dais, the special invitees, and the attendees for making the event a memorable success.

The felicitation ceremony was a fitting tribute to Prof. Thattil's decades of service and a celebration of his new role, reinforcing the strong academic and professional bonds within the Indian Accounting Association.