

INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF NEW OFFICE BEARERS AND A TALK ON INDUSTRIAL SCENARIO IN KERALA - CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES BY MR. P.H. KURIAN, IAS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY (REVENUE DEPT.)

P.H. Kurian, IAS, Principal secretary (revenue dept.) was the chief guest of the function. He spoke on the Industrial scenario in Kerala - challenges & opportunities. Programme held on Wednesday, the 26th October 2016 At Hotel Aida, Kottayam.

Induction of new office bearers for the year 2016-17 also was held. This year's activities were formally inaugurated by past presidents of TRAMA together.

Shri. P.H. Kurian is an Indian Administrative Service Officer presently serving as Principal Secretary, Revenue Department, Government of Kerala. He started his career with the Government of Orissa and has held field level posts in the district of Kalahandi. He was a consultant in UNICEF and was heading the Orissa Household Food Security Project. In 1993 he joined the Kerala cadre. As District Collector of Kottayam he pioneered NIRMAL 2000, a total sanitation project of Kottayam district, a feat the district achieved in 2002. From 2002 onwards he held various posts under the Department of Industries and Commerce, viz Director Industries and Commerce, Managing Director KSIDC, Managing Director Travancore Titanium Products Ltd., Secretary to Government and Principal Secretary, Industries and IT.

In 2009, Mr. Kurian joined Government of India as the Controller General of Patents, Designs, Trademarks, and Geographical Indications under the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotions - the first IAS person to hold this post.

The administrative reforms and IT initiatives introduced by him in the intellectual property administration during this period, has been hailed globally. The Global IP magazine 'MANAGING IP' selected Mr. Kurian as one of the 'Fifty Most Influential Global Personalities in the field of Intellectual Property' for two consecutive years, in 2009 and 2010.

He urged Keralites to develop a change in attitude towards industry. Other than infrastructural limitations one most important trait Kerala to develop is to identify the real strengths of Kerala and work on it.



