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## **"A TRIBUTE TO SHRI. M.G. GEORGE MUTHOOT"**

A person is remembered for his goodness that he spreads around the world, in his life time, through his thoughts and deeds for others. Every individual, irrespective of his stature, has a field to establish his personality, which in normal course leaves an impression in indelible ink. As a true Christian, an Orthodox Syrian Christian, Late Shri. M.G. George Muthoot had been an epitome of goodness to all the people with whom he had interacted, co-ordinated, worked with and led with in the course of his Personal Life, Business Life, Social Life and in the Life with the Church, which he revered ever till his last breath.

Mostly he never waited for someone to reach him to cut a conversation, many a times, it is his loving pat at your back get you to feel how much affectionate he was to you. Although, he sat on a big fortune and reputation of being "The M. G. George Muthoot", have had no qualm of showing his most courteous conversation, addressing the youngsters passionately "eda" or 'mone" and inquiring about their well-being. Of course, for many, he may seem unapproachable and beyond reach, but he was one of the best souls to reach out for solutions to many issues, be it personal, social, business or Church matters.

I have had the opportunities to interact closely with him during the early years of my business life, precisely from the time he had plans of opening the first branch of Muthoot Finance in Hyderabad, way back, early 90's, ever since then we have known each other closely for many reasons and we never missed any chance to meet each other. Our personal bonding increased manifold when we had the opportunity to work together for the Church in the "Sabha Managing Committee" when I joined him in this elite group from 2002. Our conversations in the early times were limited to business and other general subjects and thereafter a paradigm shift to Church matters. His elevation to the prestigious position of being the "Lay Trustee" of the Orthodox Church I had seen in him the very best during the years 2007 to 2017. As a true Corporate Leader, he has established a lead in every actions of the Church, which brought him closer to the heart of all the Orthodox Church Members, thus his retirement from the said position had not dented anything to his already built reputation as "the Man of the Church", which he continued to command. His acceptability amongst the Bishops, Priests and the Members of the Church was commendable. His love and commitment for the Church was worth a book, as his tall leadership established him as a true leader of the Orthodox Syrian Church in 21st Century.

Joychayan, we fondly call him so, had a magic in his behaviour to attract people to him, and thus had a vast circle of friends in every walks of life, irrespective of them being small or big. Joychayan stood tall as a true Christian and demonstrated before all the communities in and around, wherever he moved that one can be a "successful business man" without compromising the Christian values. He had a special nature of supporting and hand-holding

Promising people for their growth, which I had personally experienced through my acquaintance with him. This was one of the reasons for my joining as 'Independent Director' in one of the Companies of his Group.

His phenomenal growth in the business and Industry is a matter of public knowledge, as he had been recognised and awarded by many prestigious institutions in India and across the world. His elevation in the Industry Bodies in Kerala and New Delhi had been just a matter of natural walk in to it, which otherwise is a matter of prestige to these Bodies itself, such was the charisma he commanded in the Business Community in Kerala and rest of India. This is worth emulating not only for the Muthoot Group, but for all who know him personally.

Joychayan was a generous person and extended all kinds of help, silently, this is well known in the Society and Christian Community alike. He was a true philanthropist, contributed and supported various social causes, personally and through the CSR activities of the Group. Though primarily he was a strong Orthodox Syrian Christian, he helped all, cutting across the Christian denominations and not considering the Religion of the seeker.

He will be remembered as a humble, yet a proud human being with deep faith in God and strong commitment in Orthodox belief, which he always professed loudly, whenever he got a chance. With his demise, we dearly miss a brother in Christ, friend, guide, leader and a good human being. We pray to God to receive his soul and Rest In everlasting Peace. Our Prayers. May God bless the family.

**THOMAS JOHN**

**Chairman,**

M/s. The Professional Couriers Pvt. Ltd &  
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**Independent Director,**

M/s. Muthoot Money Ltd,

**Member,**

Sabha Managing Committee,  
Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

**Member,**

Catholicate & MD Schools Governing Board

**Member,**

**LOKA KERALA SABHA,** Govt of Kerala

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