## **PROUD MOMENT FOR AIFMP** Former AIFMP President became MLA



A leading industrialist and printer, Mr A.M.S.G. Ashokan, is the winner as a Congress candidate for the Sivakasi Assembly constituency. A Commerce-graduate, Mr Ashokan has been with the Congress party since 1996. He has held top positions in the associations of fireworks manufacturers, match manufacturers and master printers.

His association with the party dates back to 1986 when he was president of Rajiva Gandhi Forum in Madras Law College. He has been with the National Students Union of India and held the post of State Vice- President and Secretary of Tamil NaduYouth Congress.

Ashokan has been into manufacturing safety matches, fireworks, aluminium powder for fireworks as well as commercial printing - 'The Jeyagraham Offset'. Ashokan's Arasan Group runs a Diploma College with various disciplines including courses in printing technology. His father was dedicated to the public activities in the area. He also was the Vice-Chairman in the Sivakasi Municipality (2006 to 2011) and Chairman, CAPEXIL (from 2003 to date). He was the President of the All India Federation of Master Printers (AIFMP) for the year 2013-14 and 2017-18. He has also represented many governments and business organization advisory committees like the Department of Labour and Employment, fireworks, national safety council, match industries, Tamil Nadu Chamber of Commerce, Tiny and Small-Scale Industries, etc. to name a few!

Ashokan has said that his efforts would be the promotion of digital initiatives in Sivakasi and to make the town cleaner. He was pitted against AIADMK's Lakshmi Ganesan.

At AIFMP, we as printers, feel rather nice to have one of us as elected as public representatives from Sivakasi!