CARDINALS FROM INDIA

സഭാ ഭരണത്തിൽ മാർപ്പാപ്പയെ സഹായിക്കുകയും ഉപദേശങ്ങൾ നല്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നവരാണ് കർദ്ദിനാൾമാർ.

A **cardinal** is a senior ecclesiastical official, usually an ordained bishop, and ecclesiastical prince of the Catholic Church. They are collectively known as the College of Cardinals, which as a body elects a new pope. The duties of the cardinals include attending the meetings of the College and making themselves available individually or in groups to the pope if he requests their counsel. Most cardinals have additional duties, such as leading a diocese or archdiocese or running a department of the Roman Curia. Cardinals under the age of 80 only can sit in the Conclave that elects a new pope. A cardinal will hold the title of Cardinal for the rest of his life even after his retirement or resignation from his duties.

I. Present Cardinals

SI. No.	Name of Cardinal	Archdiocese	Consecrated as Cardinal	Photo
1	His Eminence Oswald Gracias	Archbishop of Bombay (Latin Rite)	24.11.2007	
2	His Eminence George Alencherry	Syro-Malabar Rite	18.02.2012	
3	His Eminence Baselios Cardinal Cleemis	Major Archbishop of Syro- Malankara Church	25.10.2012	
4	His Eminence Filipe Neri Ferrao	Archbishop of Goa And Daman And Patriach "Ad Honorem "of The East Indies. (Latin Rite)	27.08.2022	
5	His Eminence Anthony Poola	Archbishop of Hyderabad (Latin rite)	27.08.2022	
6	His Eminence George Jacob Koovakad	Syro-Malabar Rite (S. Antonio di Padova a Circonvallazione Appia)	07.12.2024	

II. Late Cardinals

SI. No.	Name of Cardinal	Archdiocese	Consecrated as Cardinal	Photo	Died on
1	Valerian Gracias	Bombay	1953		11.09.1978
2	Joseph Parecattil	Ernakulam	1969		20.02.1987
3	Lorenze Picachi	Calcutta	1976		29.11.1992
4	Antony Padiyara	Ernakulam-Angamaly	1988		23.03.2000
5	Varkey Vithayathil	Ernakulam-Angamaly	2001		01.04.2011
6	Simon I. Pimenta	Bombay	1988		19.07.2013
7	D. Simon Lourdusamy	Pondichery - Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches-Rome.	25.05.1985		02.06.2014
8	Ivan Dias	Bombay, Residing in Rome, Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.	21.02.2001		19.06.2017
9	Telesphore P. Toppo	Archbishop of Ranchi	21.102003		04.10.2023

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