

R. Madhav Chandran

Designation: Founder & Director of Cyberland, LinkNet & Tertiary Care group of companies

Professional Background:

Born in the aristocratic family of Koikal Meda at Chettikulangara, Madhav had his schooling at Mavelikara. An Engineering graduate in Computer Science & Technology and specialised in Business Management and with over 3 decades of Industry experience, he worked with HCL Ltd. Mumbai & then with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Mumbai for 8 years. Madhav was the Product Manager for TCS' highly acclaimed software package E.X. and went on to become the Marketing Manager at TCS for software products before resigning in 1998 to become an entrepreneur to start Cyberland group of companies in Cochin. This IT startup was initiated when the startup word itself was not in vogue!

Cyberland launched the first ever Internet Cafe of Kerala, and only the second of its kind in the country, when it started functioning way back in 1998 before shifting its focus to turn-key Networking projects. His companies, have won several awards including 'Best Value Added Reseller Award' at the national level instituted by CRN Magazine for 3 consecutive years and also included among the best run 100 IT companies in India by Channel World magazine in 2013, 2015 and 2016. Today Cyberland & Linknet are leading IT hardware service providers for corporate houses and institutions. He is also an angel investor in many startup companies and is the Chairman of Tertiary Care Pvt Ltd an IT startup providing telemedicine platforms. Madhav is known for mentoring and developing young leaders all along, and he has now handed over the management of all his companies to his trusted colleagues who have worked with him for years, thus providing him with enough time for his philanthropic & social works.

He was the President of Kerala Management Association (KMA) during the years 2020-22 and lead the organization to win the All India Management Association – AIMA's Best Management Association Award for 2 consecutive years. He is one of the Founders and the current Honorary Secretary of Cancure Foundation – one of the most respected NGOs in cancer, renal and palliative care domains. He is also an active member of Regional Sports Centre, Kerala Fine Arts Society, Cochin Gymkhana Club and also a Free Mason.

When he was selected to become the District Governor for the year 2019-20 for the Rotary District 3201, that became the first time in the history of the District that a Governor was elected without an opponent candidate in the fray. As the Governor of District 3201 comprising of revenue districts of Kerala & Tamil Nadu, he bagged the No.1 position in Zone 5 & No. 20 in the world for TRF contributions, by collecting \$1.28 million during his term. He also initiated a record 47 Global Grant projects during the year, with a cumulative worth of over Rs. 30 Crores. During his term he is credited to have conceived the first ever human milk bank in Kerala as a Rotary project at Ernakulam & Trichur and a chain of dialysis centres in Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Among the many prestigious positions he held include Secretary of Zonal Institute 2022 – Mahabs, Chairman of multi-District RI Presidential Visit Kochi, aide to RI President etc. He is currently the Endowments & Major Gifts Advisors (E/MGA) of The Rotary Foundation for years 2022-25 & Chair of Rotary International Committee for 2024 Singapore Convention Promotion, for Rotary Zone 5, India. Most coveted of his assignments are being selected as the RI Learning Facilitator (Training Leader) for 2 consecutive years at the International Assembly 2023 & 2024 being held at Florida, USA & also as the Lead Facilitator at the 2024 Global Philanthropy Seminar being held at Evanston where Regional Leaders are trained. As a testimony of his acceptance as a world leader, Madhav is now chosen by the RI Board of Directors & TRF Trustees to be a Member of the Joint Committee of Learning for RI & TRF for the years 2024-27. A benefactor, Paul Harris Society

Member and Major Donor of the Rotary Foundation, he is the recipient of ‘Service above Self’ Award – the highest honour bestowed on a Rotarian by the RI Board of Directors in 2023.

Family:

Wife – Sujata Madhav Chandran hailing from Kolkata and a gold medalist in Economics & Management, is also a senior IT professional with over 31 years of corporate experience and has worked with IT Majors like Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Oracle India Ltd. Currently she is Global Head – Competency Development, Data Services of the Analytics & Insights Unit of TCS and is based at its Cochin office. A Past President of Rotary Club, she was also the Learning Facilitator (Training Leader) at the International Assembly 2023 & 2024.

Sons - Rishi (25 years) & Mihir (22 years) both students of College of Engineering, Trivandrum – Rishi after his MBA at Symbiosis, Pune is with Accenture & Mihir is working at Deloitte.

A much sought after organizer, speaker, trainer, mentor and leader, Madhav has addressed many events across the country & abroad.