

AKG NAIR

PASSION FOR SOCIAL WORK

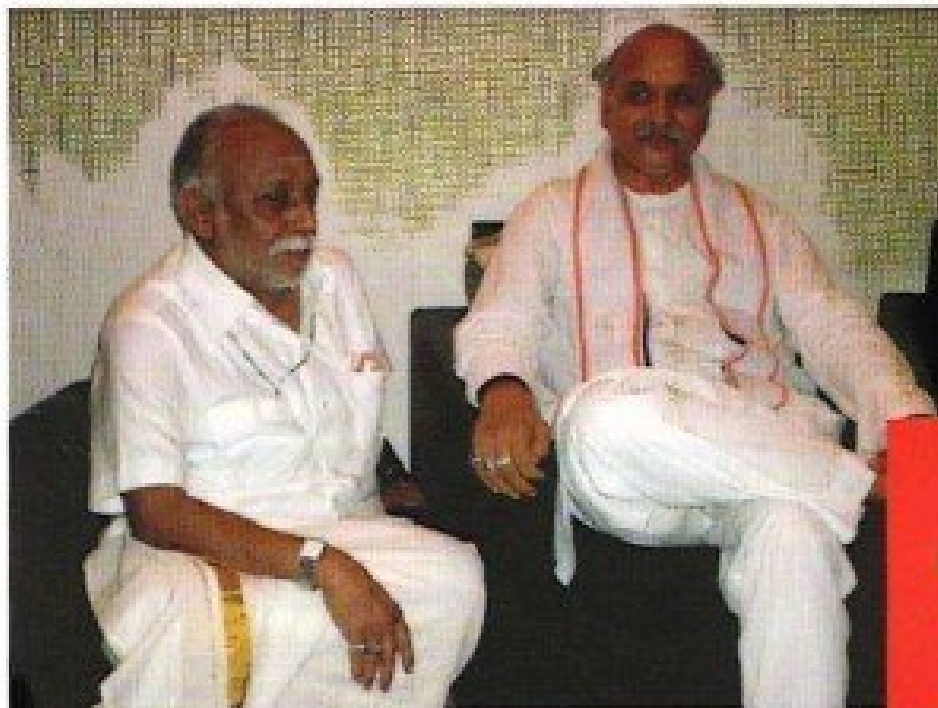
"I have promises to keep, And miles to go " may well describe AKG Nair, the distinguished Malayalee who has made Mumbai his home for the last fifty years and more.



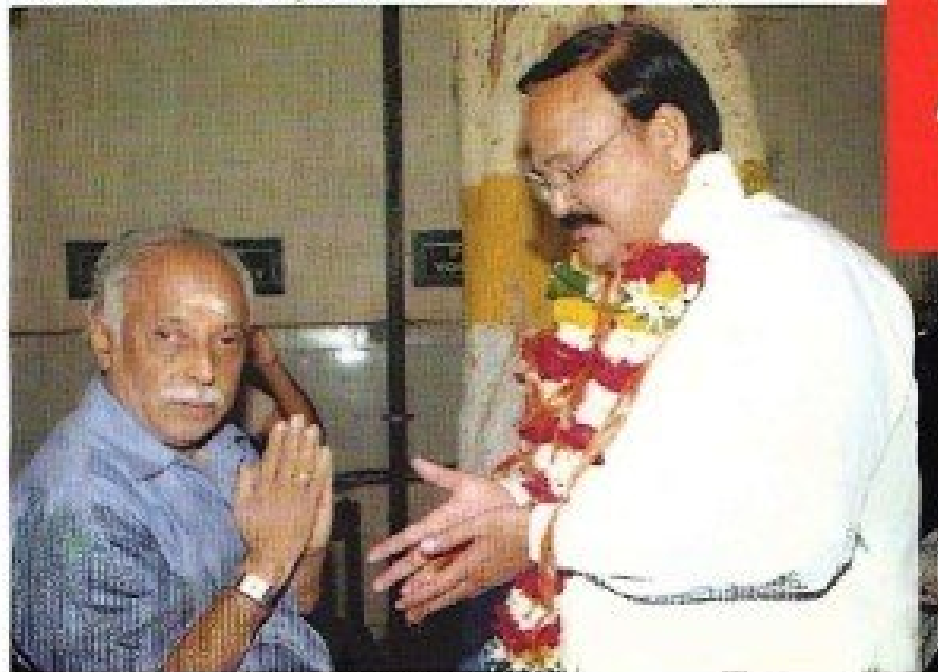
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■ Alapattu Krishnan Gopinathan Nair popularly known as AKG Nair, Retd Addl Commissioner of Income Tax, has been living

in Mumbai for more than 50 years and is a renowned social worker, always helping people in need both in Mumbai and Kerala. He began his official career in 1964 with the Income Tax Department as a lower division clerk. Simultaneously, he studied and received his B.A. (Hons.) Degree from Ruparel College and later, M.A. from the University of Pune. In the year 1991, AKG Nair successfully got selected for the Indian Revenue Service. During the four decades of excellent service in the department he successfully dealt with many high profile cases and was the Chief PRO for Mumbai Income Tax Office. He was associated with Bajaj Institute as well, as a part time faculty member for their Diploma course in Tax Management. He has guided many income Tax employees appearing for inspector's and officers' examination and taught English to the peons working there. In 1991 he was elevated to the IRS rank and retired as the Additional Commissioner of Income Tax on



AKG Nair with Praveen Togadia



AKG Nair with Union Minister Venkaiah Naidu

31st December 2004.

AKG Nair was born in Kalamboor near Piravam in Ernakulam District, Kerala, to the late Smt. Potteal Lakshmi Amma and the late Alapatta Govindan Krishnan Nair. He did his schooling first at Mangidappilli LPS school in Kalamboor, later at MKS School, Piravam and Government High School Namakuzhy. After completing his Pre University at CMS College Kottayam, AKG Nair came to Mumbai in 1963. Since 1964 till his retirement he was with the Income Tax Department.

Charitable Activities

AKG Nair has involved himself in

several charitable activities.

He was Secretary of Sree Ramadasa Mission Universal Society and Founder Trustee of Universal Medical Mission Trust located in Badlapur. It was due to his efforts that the Sree Ramadasa Mission could buy a land of 50 acres in Badlapur and get an Ashram built in the name of his Holiness Swami Satyananda Saraswati. He was also instrumental in bringing the present Madhathipathy Swami Krishnananda Saraswathi to the ashram. Thousands of Hindus come to this place to perform the last rites of their relatives. Moreover, the Mission helps the poor adivasis of the area in several ways.

GVSM Charities

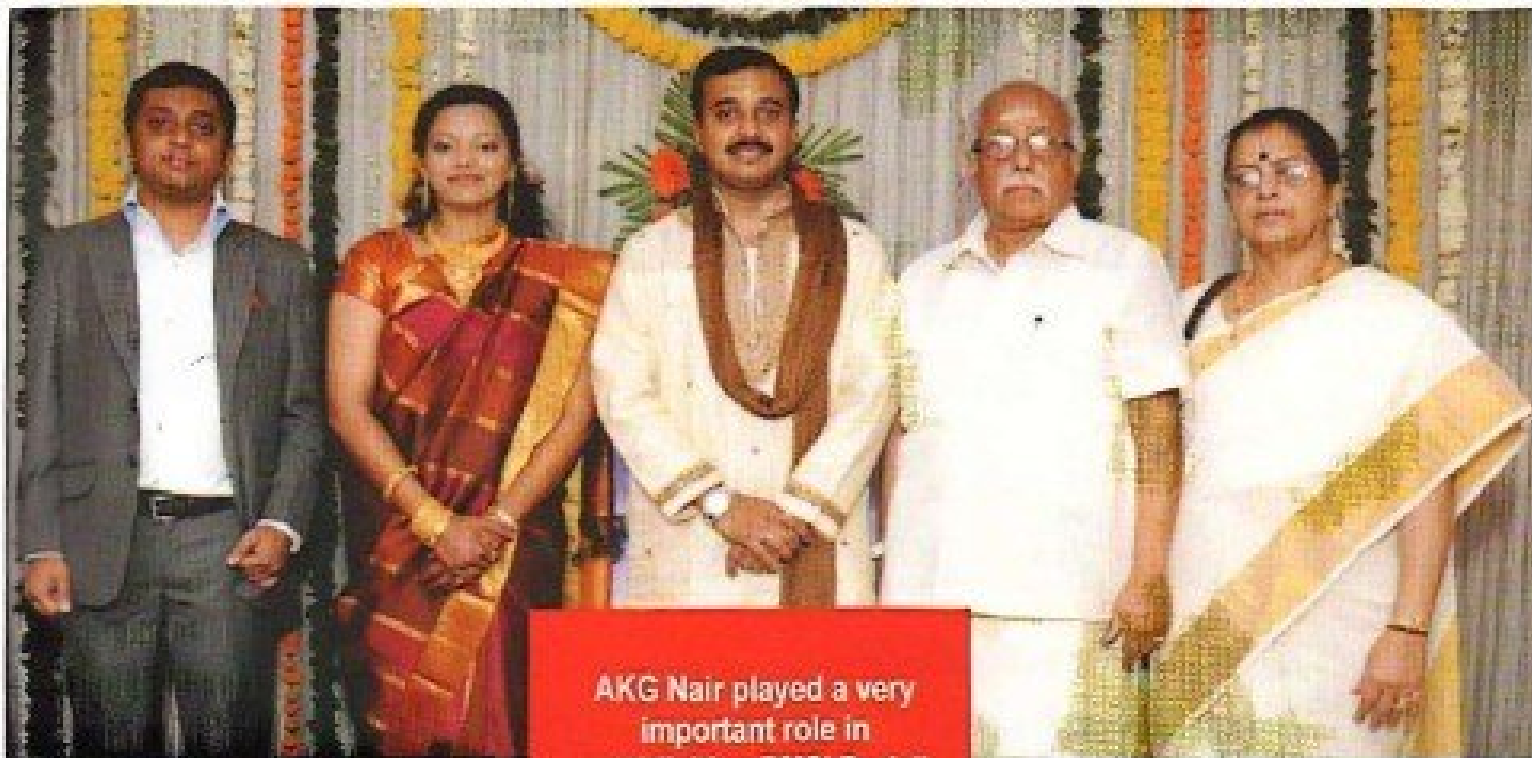
AKG Nair's brainchild, GVSM Charities, was established in 2009. It is a Public Charitable Trust engaged in Medicare and Educare for the underprivileged. The Trust registered with the Office of the Charity Commissioner, Government of Maharashtra and approved by the Income Tax Department has been rendering yeomen service to the society since its inception on February 16, 2009.

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It has been organising regular medical camps and distributing medicines to the needy and under privileged people in Maharashtra and Kerala during epidemics in the past. When Chikungunya struck the villages of Kerala, the Trust arranged free medicines for the victims. It also sponsors education for the underprivileged children in Maharashtra, gives money, clothes and other necessities to inmates of ashrams, orphanages, schools and those in need.

Proposed Medical Centre

Lack of basic medical facilities has prompted the Trustees of GVSM Charities to set up a Medical Centre in Kalamboor. Kalamboor village in Piravam Panchayat, Kerala is surrounded by water on all the three sides. It is a grossly underdeveloped village and the population consists of mainly agricultural labourers belonging to the backward community. It does not have good roads and transport facilities. There is no hospital or any other medical service available for the sick and needy people.



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AKG Nair with his family

People have to travel for 40 minutes to reach Piravam, the nearest town for any emergency medical treatment. There were many instances when people succumbed to death due to lack of timely medical attention. There are many cases of children suffering from malnutrition and worm infection.

The proposed Medical Centre will be constructed on a plot of land taken on long lease at Kalamboor village. The ancestral property of the Trustees will be initially used for the proposed facility. Medical camps will be organized in the village to create awareness about the health problems of the people with the help of qualified medical practitioners. Tie-up arrangements will be made with major hospitals in Piravam and other neighbouring towns so that the patients could be referred to for emergency medical service. A Clinic will be started at the proposed Medical Centre and service of qualified doctors and para-medical practitioners will be provided enabling the people to avail of the facilities for a nominal consultation fee. Free consultation service also will be considered for poor patients and the Clinic will function from 8.30 a.m. till 5.30 p.m. every day.

The cost of setting up the Clinic has been worked out and is expected to be Rs. 45 lakhs including the cost of the Building (Rs. 20 lakhs), Furniture and Fixings, Electrical and Medical Equipments, Generator, Computer,

Vehicle and other miscellaneous items. A K G Nair IRS, Smt. Vijayalakshmi G Nair, Sumesh G Nair and Mithun G Nair are the trustees of GYSM Charities.

Association with BMS

AKG Nair has contributed significantly to the development of Borivli Malayali Samajam (BMS) where he has been the Vice President for several terms and as President from 1987 to 2012.

He played a very important role in establishing its Borivli Diagnostic Centre, to provide medical aid to needy people. The centre is now functioning with 12 eminent allopathic doctors, in addition to ayurvedic dispensary and free treatments. His suggestion that the interest on the fund collected at the time of film actor Mohanlal's Programme organized by the Samajam, be utilised for providing medical aid to seriously ill patients, has benefited many families of

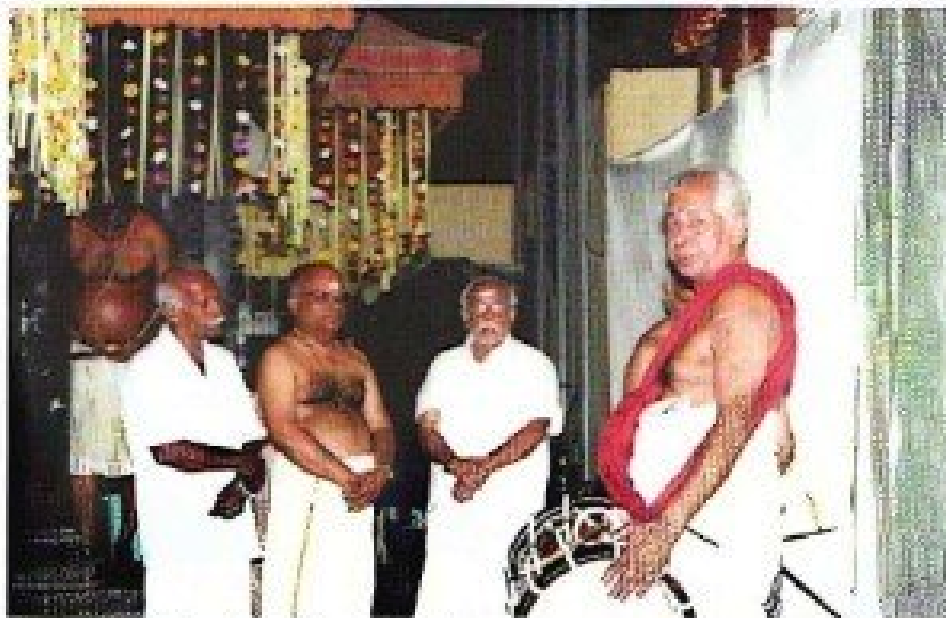
the Samajam and others.

Another milestone in his vision and initiative is the school project undertaken by the Samajam towards V K Krishna Menon Academy in Borivli. The idea was conceived by him in the year 1993 and was ably pursued. They were able to acquire 6725 Sq. Mtrs of land from the BMC on lease, where the school is presently situated. In view of the excellent services, a special general body meeting of the Borivli Malayalee Samajam has passed a resolution to name the hall in the name of AKG Nair. This year the first batch of students from this school appeared for SSC Board examination and the school has received 100% pass result.

Other Activities

He is the founder president of Shree Ayyappa Seva Sangam Sathaba Nagar, Borivli. It is opined that AKG was instrumental in establishing the 'Vishnu Ayyappan temple' in Ram Nagar. All the pujas are performed according to Kerala traditions. AKG is also associated with the Bombay Leprosy Society. AKG has been leading a group of around 40 people to Sabarimala every year for the last 36 years. He is the founder of ZEAL Society, where he stays at present.

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AKG Nair with Temple Tantri and office bearers

Chinmaya Mission conducted a yagna in Borivali where Swami Tejomeyananda was the speaker and which was inaugurated by noted film personality Jaya Bachchan.

AKG Nair was the President of the Yagna Committee. He was involved with the Punya Gholwalkar Guraji Janmashtabdi Varsh held in the year 2006 as a RSS activist. He was the chairman of Keraleeya Hindu Bhakta Sanghamam in 2008.

Awards and Recognitions

He was awarded the Best Malayali Social Worker of Mumbai by Ragsudha in 2002 along with the Late Capt. C.P. Krishnan Nair of Leela Hotels Malayalam Poet Krishnan Parappally, Late P K Ravindranath - well known Journalist and Late Dr K G Nair - eminent cardiologist.

He was also awarded the Mannath Acharya Puraskaram for the year 2007 in 2008 for his four decades of

exemplary contributions to community welfare, spiritualism, education, humanitarian and social services by Thane Nair welfare association.

He was awarded the 'Jwala Mumbai Karmashreshtha Award' in 2011 for his selfless service to the public at large.

Activities in Kerala

AKG Nair is a Trustee of Sree

Saraswathy Educational, Cultural and Spiritual Charitable Trust which runs a CBSE School, Saraswati Vidya Mandir and under graduate college in Kerala.

Family Bonds

The woman behind AKG is his dutiful and devoted wife, Vijayalakshmi. Vijayalakshmi was employed with Corporation Bank for the last 39 years. They have two sons. The elder one is Captain Sumesh, a pilot. The second son is Mithun, engaged in business dealing with properties. Captain Sumesh is married to Rashmi employed as a senior Credit Analyst with Nomura Bank.

AKG Nair looks back at the time when he came to Mumbai. "At that time there were more Malayalee Samajams in Mumbai than Kerala temples. The Samajams were keen on staging plays in Malayalam, celebrating Onam and Vishu with cultural programmes and gradually they progressed to opening Ayurvedic dispensaries and clinics. Today several Ayyappa Seva Sanghams and their connected temples have come up in various suburbs."

"I have a lot more to accomplish in life. My goal in life is to be of service to mankind," he says modestly. ■

GVSM Charities is a Charitable Trust registered under Section 12AA of the Income Tax Act, 1961. The Trust is also approved under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Donations are exempted from 80G of the Income Tax Act. The Trust's Medical Centre project in Kerala will be executed from Kalamboor village, Piravom Panchayat, Emakulam District, Kerala 686 664. Donations may be sent to:

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