

AZAD MOOPEN

Dr. Azad Moopen, an Indian physician, is a developer of healthcare facilities in Dubai. He has been awarded the Padma Shri by the Government of India in 2011. He belongs to the Moopen family of Kalpakancheri in malappuram district of Kerala, who owned a bulk of land in the area and who ruled Kalpakancheri, a part of Valluvanadu in Southern Malabar. His father, Ahmed Unni Moopen, was actively involved in the freedom struggle during the 1940s. Azad Moopen passed the MBBS with gold medal and MD in General Medicine from the Calicut Medical College, Kerala, and Diploma in Chest Disease from Delhi University.

He served as a Lecturer there for five years before relocating to Dubai in 1987. Starting a single doctor practice at his own clinic, he established over 20 years a chain of healthcare facilities in West Asia with 90 units - hospitals, poly clinics, pharmacies and diagnostic centres in UAE, Qatar, Oman and Saudi Arabia. His firm, DM Healthcare employs about 2,000 people in the Gulf, and serves more than 3 million patients a year. It has an annual turnover of more than Rs 700 crore under the corporate brand 'ASTER'. He has been actively involved in the development of healthcare facilities in India.

The seeds of the future were planted by Dr. Azad Moopen, a doctor turned entrepreneur, in 1987 in Dubai. DM Healthcare has since blossomed to become one of the leading healthcare conglomerates of the Middle East and India in a quarter century. By understanding the healthcare needs of the populations they serve, the Group is now able to anticipate and exceed expectations.

A continuous pursuit for technological improvements with highly skilled professionals, allow the Group to set benchmarks in the healthcare industry. Headquartered in Dubai, the DM network presently consists of 118 establishments, providing primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare with management and consultancy services. The Group is in the midst of exponential expansion in the GCC and India with the number of units set to grow to 300 by the year 2015.

The hospital, clinic, diagnostic and pharmacy verticals of the Group are being consolidated under a single brand – Aster. The MIMS Hospitals at Calicut and Kottakkal, which are Associate Hospitals of the Group under the Chairmanship of

Dr. Moopen, are the preferred tertiary referral centres in North Kerala. The iconic 'DM MedCity at Kochi' is envisioned to become a major destination for Medical Value Travel in the world. The DM-MIMS Medical College at Wayanad shall signal the entry of the Group into Medical Education.

MIMS Hospitals employ about 3,000 people directly. He participated in establishing the 600-bed tertiary care Malabar Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS) hospital at Kozhikode in Kerala in 2001 This the first multispecialty hospital in India to receive the NABH) accreditation in 2007. The second 150-bed MIMS Hospital set up at Kottakkal in Malappuram district in 2009.

His group is setting up a Medical College at Wayanad, a MIMS Curie Cancer Centre at Kozhikode, and Community Dialysis Centres, in Kerala. They have embarked on a project to establish the DM MedCity at Kochi.

Headquartered in Dubai, the journey towards excellence in Healthcare was started by Dr. Azad Moopen, a doctor turned entrepreneur, in 1987, with a small clinic in Dubai. While celebrating 25 glorious years, DM Healthcare has grown exponentially to provide quality healthcare at affordable cost to over 20,000 customers a day delivered across 5 countries, through 145 establishments, by 5500 dedicated doctors, nurses, pharmacists, paramedics and support staff. Every year, it touches the lives of over 7 million patients.