

“Dynamic Indian of the Decade” Award

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“Dynamic Indian of the Decade” Award Function

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- Rajyogi B.K. Mruthyunjaya
- Mr. K. Swaminathan
- Mr. Krishnan Suthanthiran

on Sunday, 15th February, 2009, 4.00 pm
at GeDee Auditorium, President Hall
Avinashi Road, Coimbatore

Mr. Krishnan Suthanthiran

Mr. Krishnan Suthanthiran is the President of the Virginia (USA) based Best Medical International, Inc, a biomedical Engineering firm that specialises in medical devices to treat cancer. Mr. Krishnan Suthanthiran had his humble beginnings. Years ago, when he finished high school in India, was unable to go to college immediately. Father of one of his friends learned of this, collected a total of 300 Indian Rupees from 15 of his friends and gave a letter of introduction to the principal at a nearby college. At the age of 16 years he joined the college, and graduated at the top of a class of 300 students in spite of the fact that he joined the college three months late. He supported himself and financed all undergraduate and graduate studies in engineering with merit scholarships and research assistantships. His was a multifaith schooling in this secular country.



In gratitude for his scholastic opportunities he gave his hometown of Dindigull, a school, a medical clinic and a water purification system. He also funds 100 annual scholarships and journeys back once a year to see what else is needed.

While pursuing undergraduate engineering studies, his father died of colon cancer. He therefore decided to work in cancer research and treatment. Little did he know then that his dream would someday come true.

He began his career in 1972 with Dr. Ulrich K. Henschke, the father of modern brachytherapy and the first one to focus on brachytherapy in the early 1950's, developing many new technologies that are currently being used to help millions of patients with malignant and nonmalignant diseases. This helped him to be a part of many historical innovations.

Mr. Suthanthiran established Best Medical in 1977, with a single goal of to be the best in whatever he did. So, he named the company "Best" to reflect this goal. Today the BEST family of companies, collectively known as Team Best®, has developed a reputation for being the best and the most experienced in the business and committed to making health care affordable and accessible globally. The Team Best companies have the technology needed for cancer diagnoses and treatment, immunization and certain cardiac diseases and are proudly celebrating their 32nd anniversary.

He was part of a team involved in animal research and clinical trials using radiation to treat restenosis in coronary arteries. This was very successful and

resulted in a procedure known as vascular brachytherapy (VBT). The United States Food and Drug Administration approved this procedure in November 2000 for treatment of coronary artery in-stent restenosis. Since then the procedure and the VBT products have been marketed globally and continue to save many thousands of lives.

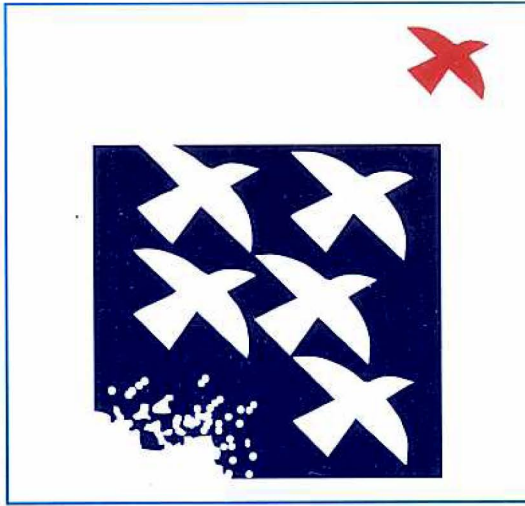
These events have made a strong impression on Mr. Krishnan Suthanthiran. His goal in life is to contribute to the eradication of contagious disease, malnutrition and poverty globally. He believes that education is the most effective way to eliminate poverty and promote global understanding and peace and that everyone deserves the best healthcare. He has committed his life to revolutionizing education and healthcare. Every dollar he earns and saves will help a child and/or an adult receive a better education and healthcare. Every day, with his financial support, thousands of students are getting the benefit of a healthy lifestyle and education.

He strongly believes that every man and woman, including the greatest men and women, were borne, nourished, nurtured and raised by women. One of his goals is to help, empower, and showcase women and their talents as well as their contributions to society through career and family as this will help women to raise their children with dignity and pride to create a more productive future generation.

Mr. Suthanthiran's career in healthcare spans over 36 years. Having seen his father suffer from cancer, he says he knew that he wanted to devote his life to healthcare and have worked in this field for almost four decades — first as an employee of a hospital and then as a manufacturer and supplier of products for healthcare delivery.

His life experience taught him many things and enabled him to distinguish the good from the bad and formed the basis of his goals and commitments. This made him focus on the importance of and need to revolutionize healthcare and education, making them affordable and accessible for everyone.

In 2005 Mr. Suthanthiran purchased the North Western BC town of Kitsault in USA, for 7 million US dollars. He has a puzzling plan to invite artists, scientists and single moms, give the moms free room and board while educating them and at the same time work on the cure for cancer. He believes that he is where he is because a lot of people helped him and it is his turn to help others. He believes in and lives a simple and comfortable life.



THE EVENT SIGNATURE...

The “Personality” is one who has risen above the ordinary people, by making an extraordinary contribution to the nation. This concept is symbolized in the singular bird in red that is ahead of its flock...leading by example.

The red bird leading ahead is shown in sharp contrast to the flock : exhibits dynamism. Blue indicates creative energy or “Kryasakthi”.

The rectangular blue block from which the leader has broken free, typifies the barriers and hurdles it has to overcome to achieve success.