

# PMJF LION SUSHAMA NANDAKUMAR

DISTRICT GOVERNOR, DISTRICT 318D

Lion Sushama Nandakumar is the daughter of Vazhoor Sankaranarayanan master and Padmavathy teacher. She had her bachelor's degrees in Science and Education from the Calicut University. She began her career as a school teacher in 1981 and taught in Government Higher Secondary Schools in the coastal belt of the Thrissur District. After 30 years of service as a teacher, she retired in 2011 when she was the Headmistress of the Government Fisheries Higher Secondary School, Nattika.

In 1992, she became a co-promoter of Manappuram Finance Ltd. along with her husband, Lion. V.P. Nandakumar. Today, Manappuram Finance Ltd. is one of India's leading NBFCs, dominant in gold loans and microfinance. After retirement, she entered the world of business full time, becoming the managing director of Manappuram Jewellers Limited. The company runs a chain of jewellery stores under the brand name of "Riti Jewelry" in Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

Lion Sushama Nandakumar also serves on the Board of Directors of other companies of the Manappuram Group. She takes special interest in the charitable activities of the Manappuram group undertaken through the Manappuram Foundation. In recent years, under her direction, the Manappuram Foundation has partnered extensively with Lions Clubs International to give shape to a range of service projects implemented by various Lions Clubs in Kerala and other states of India.

**THE LION LEADER:** Lion Sushama Nandakumar began her Lionistic career in 2008 when she joined the Lions Club of Triprayar. Over the years, she has held important positions such as President of the Lions Club of Triprayar, Area Chairperson, Zone Chairperson, and President of the District Lioness Forum. She was widely hailed for her performance as the District Coordinator for Leadership during 2019-20. She worked energetically to organize a series of programs and projects to develop leadership qualities among members.

Lion Sushama Nandakumar, a Lion leader with a record of exceptional achievements and unshakeable commitment to the cause was Coronated as District Governor of District 318D on first July 2022.

The Successful completion of her term as District Governor 318-D, has placed her in the Prestigious position of Multiple Council Chairperson of Lions District 318-D for 2023-2024

**THE HOMEMAKER:** Lion Sushama Nandakumar's family is always a pillar of support for her. Her husband, Lion V.P. Nandakumar is the Chairman of the Manappuram Group of companies and the MD & CEO of its flagship, Manappuram Finance Ltd. He is currently the Past International Director of the Lions Clubs International. Remarkably, both husband and wife are Second Century Ambassadors, the only such couple from India!

They have three children, a daughter and two sons. The eldest is Dr. Sumitha renowned Gynecologist in Kochi presently working as the Executive Director of Manappuram Finance Limited. The middle son, Sooraj, is now in the UK running his own business while the youngest

son, Suhas, is an Assistant Vice President in Manappuram Finance Ltd. With five grandchildren ranging from Five to Sixteen years of age, she looks forward to family reunions.