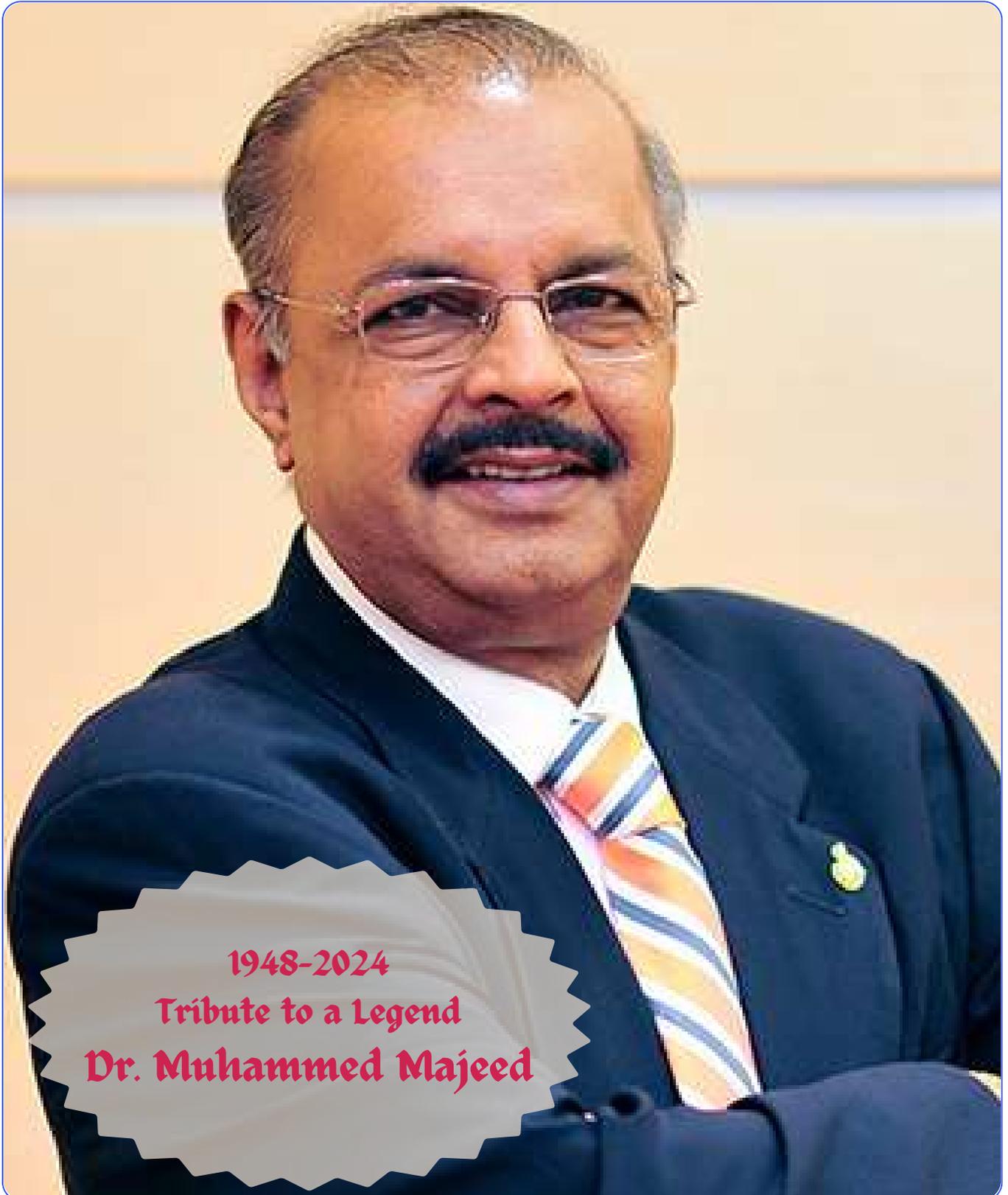




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## From the Chief Editor's Desk



**Prof. Dr. Boby Johns G**

Dear readers,

Dr. Muhammed Majeed, a renowned figure in the pharmaceutical industry, recently passed away, leaving behind a legacy of excellence and innovation. In this edition of *Pharmaline*, we pay tribute to his remarkable contributions and lasting impact on our field.

Dr. Majeed's career was marked by significant achievements and a dedication to advancing pharmaceutical and nutraceutical sciences. His work has inspired countless professionals and set a high standard for future generations. Through the pages of this special issue, we honor his memory and celebrate his life's work.

We invite you to join us in reflecting on Dr. Majeed's profound influence and drawing inspiration from his commitment to excellence. As we remember his contributions, let us also recommit ourselves to advancing healthcare and improving the well-being of communities worldwide.

Warm regards,

**Prof. Dr. Boby Johns G**

Chief Editor, *Pharmaline*



**Dr. Muhammed Majeed**

# The President Speaks



**Dr. PK Sreekumar**

Dear Members of the KPGA Community,

It is with a profound sense of respect and solemnity that we dedicate this edition of *Pharmline* to remembering an esteemed pioneer in the pharmaceutical and nutraceutical industries, Dr. Muhammed Majeed. This special issue has been compiled to commemorate his legacy following his unfortunate demise.

Dr. Majeed's professional journey from Kerala to the heights of international entrepreneurship exemplifies the boundless potential of dedication coupled with expertise. His career spanned over four decades, marked by groundbreaking achievements in research and business leadership. Many of our senior members who had the honor of being his classmates, and numerous others who worked closely with him, have shared their personal experiences and reflections on his profound influence in their lives and careers. These testimonies fill the pages of this issue, each adding a unique shade to the portrait of an extraordinary man whose work has shaped much of our understanding and application of nutraceuticals today.

As we navigate through the stories and memories in this issue, let us draw inspiration from Dr. Majeed's unwavering commitment to excellence. His life reminds us that our work as pharmacists is not just about what we achieve individually but also about how we contribute to the broader health outcomes of communities worldwide.

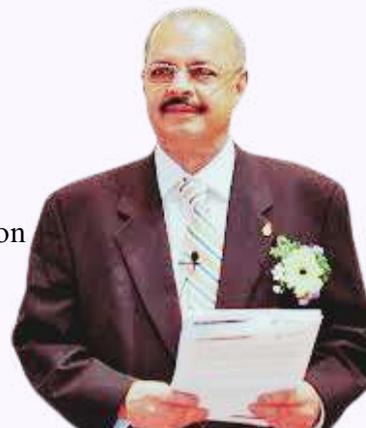
To all our fellow pharmacists, let us strive to embody the same spirit of inquiry and purpose that Dr. Majeed showcased throughout his career. In honoring his memory, we commit ourselves anew to advancing healthcare through every pill we dispense and every innovation we pursue.

We hope that the articles and memories shared in this issue not only pay fitting tribute to Dr. Majeed's monumental legacy but also inspire you in your professional journey. Let us hold dear the lessons of his life's work as we continue to forge paths toward a healthier future for all.

With deepest respect,

**Dr. PK Sreekumar**

President, Kerala Pharmacy Graduates' Association



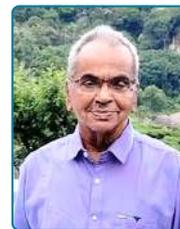
**Dr. Muhammed Majeed**



## Memory Lane

### **Prof. AK Chandrasekharan**

Professor (Retd.),  
College of Pharmaceutical Sciences,  
Govt. Medical college , Thiruvannathapuram



It was indeed a very disheartening news for me to believe that Dr.Majeed has left us forever since his sagacity and self confidence was well known to me as my student, colleague and as a doyen of Pharma.Industry especially in Neutraceuticals . Even though I knew that he underwent a major surgery, I had full confidence that he will come back to life . But he left us and my heartfelt condolences to his family members.

Dr.Majeed belonged to the First batch of B.Pharm. students of Medical college, Thiruvannathapuram. After the coaching of 1st and 2nd year of their studies at University College and Engineering College, Thiruvannathapuram for their 3rd year course they joined Medical college,Thiruvannathapuram in 1970 by which time I also started my teaching career as Tutor in Pharmaceutical Chemistry. The most important difficulty faced by the first batch was there was no authority to hear their grievances and they decided to represent this matter to the government and started an agitation under the leadership of Mr.Parameswar, Mr.N.S.Alexander etc and Dr.Majeed has started fast unto death agitation in front of the Government Secretariate. After a few days the government acceded to the demands of the students issued an order to start a separate Department of Pharmacy in Medical college, Thiruvannathapuram and Prof.I.Ramabhadran M.Pharm.,an alumni of Banaras Hindu University was appointed as the Director of Pharmacy Department. This was an occasion to trigger out the leadership quality of Dr.Majeed. A new block was allotted and new laboratories were set up in the Pathology block building exclusively for Pharmacy where it functioned till the present CPS building was inaugurated

As a student, Dr.Majeed was a chubby boy with good communication skill and always very pleasant. I felt even though irregular he was intelligent and had his own way of learning. After B.Pharm he joined the college as Tutor in Pharmacy and was concentrating on his ambition to go to United State and working there.He had a strong ambition and working very hard to achieve that and finally succeeded in that and migrated to U.S. almost empty handed. The rest is a wonderful story for all of us, especially the younger generation, an inspiration to climb up the hill of success with self determination and hard work. He had his graduation and doctoral studies there and worked in reputed pharma. companies and to top up all started his own venture of Sabinsa corporation. Later he came back to his own soil and built up Sami Labs in Bangalore which stands out as the living monument for his attachment to the field of Neutraceuticals. During his student days itself he has shown his interest in phytopharmaceuticals , perhaps initiated by the work and teaching of late Dr.S.B.Rao who was the sole owner and soul of erstwhile NavrathnaPharmaceuticals, Kochi. Dr.Rao ,an alumni of BHU was very much enthusiastic to bring up Pharma. education as well as industry in Kerala. He was a doyen of synthetic chemistry and natural products. He used to travel from Kochi to Trivandrum by flight once in a month to take classes for our B.Pharm students for many years. Once we took our First batch to his factory in Kochi and the students including Dr.Majeed was amazed in this.This has definitely initialised the thought process in Dr.Majeed to pave new path in phytopharmaceuticals . After some years of his venture of Sabinsa , once when I



**Prof. Chandrasekharan with Dr. Majeed**

asked him what business you are doing there he replied “ sir, foreigners were exploiting our natural resources for centuries now I am reversing that. I use our own natural resources to exploit them and to make some money”.

Personally I am indebted to Dr.Majeed for his timely help in conducting the first and only Indian Pharmaceutical Congress in Kerala which was conducted in College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram. As everybody knows Pharma industry was very meagre and finding resources was a big task. Dr.Majeed and Sami Labs team arranged for all the kits to the delegates and I believe that with the cooperation and help of all pharma professionals the Congress was a big success and KPGA c

Afterwards also whenever he visited Thiruvananthapuram he used to come to CPS and continued to strengthen his bond with his Alma matter. He sponsored the remodelling of our Conference hall with all modern amenities. Also he has sponsored many research projects of students of CPS Thiruvananthapuram and Kozhikode as far as i know. He was a source of strength for many of our professional bodies in India and abroad. A display board mentioning the list of donors for the Alumni Association , Medical College Thiruvananthapuram is exhibited on the entrance of the Old Auditorium there. The first name there who contributed the most is none other than Dr.Muhammed Majeed which means a lot to us and we can be proud of him . He contributed in abundance for deserving charity works.

I had the good opportunity to visit his office and factory in Bangalore many a times.His hospitality and affection will always be a cherishing memory all through my life. Moreover there used to be a batch get together for the First Batch of CPS at the initiative of Sri N.S.Alexander and Dr.Muhammed Majeed. I along with my wife were permanent invitees and the nostalgic memories of such meetings will haunt me always.

My sincere tributes to Dr.Muhammed Majeed who will always be an icon for the Pharmacy Profession in Kerala and whom we can boast as one amongst us. Also we can hope and trust Sabinsa Corporation and Sami Labs will grow from strength to strength.



# REMEMBERING Dr. MAJEED....

**MAJEED** means Noble and Glory in Arabic. Here we had a person named **MAJEED** in the domain of Pharmacy. Our Majeed was by all means justifying the Arabic meaning of Majeed, i.e, he was noble and glorious. An article on Dr. Muhammed Majeed is like a drop of water in the sea only. Perhaps only an epic can cover the writing about Majeed Sir.

Let me, at the outset, thank **KPGA** for entrusting this noble task. I have known Dr. Majeed from 1972 onwards, when he was in his final year of B.Pharm, and I was in my first year of B.Pharm. We barely met. Whenever we met, I experienced the warmth of his friendship. The last time I met Dr. Majeed was in 2016, during a marriage function in Bengaluru.

I shall start the remembrance on Dr. Majeed, right from his childhood days. Dr. Majeed was born on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1948.



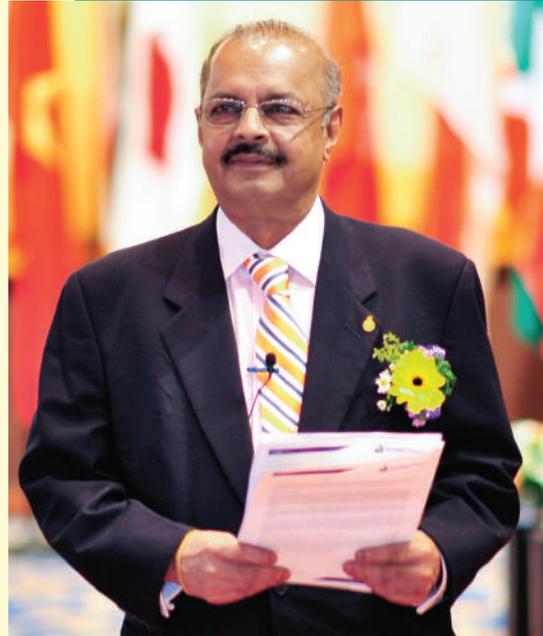
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Personally, my memory of Dr. Majeed goes back to 1972, as contemporaries in college, where he was in his final year of B. Pharm and I was in my first year of B. Pharm.

I vividly remember that he was popular and had endeared himself to the student fraternity.

Dr. Majeed used to call me “Unni”, which only my family members used to address. Thus, in a way, I grew to consider him as someone very dear to me.



### SHAPING OF A BRIGHT MIND

Born in Karunagapally on 25 September 1948, as a young lad, he had his schooling in Craven LMS High School, Kollam, and did his Pre-University Course at Fatima Mata National College, Kollam

Hailing from a middle class family in Kollam, young Majeed was one of the six children. As luck would have it, he lost his father when he was 12 years old, and it was his mother, Fatima, who instilled in him the urge and the desire to strive to acquire a good education.

“There is no substitute for hard work,” – was the guiding idea in his pursuit of acquiring education, and scaling great heights in his area of specialisation.

Majeed, as a student had the habit of listening rather than reading. His friends in college share how during the examinations, Majeed would spend time with them, paying attention to what they read, and he succeeded in the examinations!!

After completing his B.Pharm, in 1973, he did a brief stint as a teacher in the Pharmacy College. While securing a job was in the minds of most fresh graduates in Pharmacy, Dr. Majeed had thought of pursuing research on lemon grass oil to manufacture Vitamin A in collaboration with the Pharmaceutical Company, Roche. But, somehow, he could not pursue it.

While many seek jobs in the private and Government sectors, Dr. Majeed had his own plans. In 1975, with just 8 dollars in his pocket, young Majeed moved to the United States.

He continued his education and secured a Masters Degree in Industrial Pharmacy from Long Island University, NY.

He then went on to complete a Doctorate in the subject from St. John’s University, NY, in the year 1986.

### THE MAN AND HIS VISION

With his qualifications, Dr. Majeed worked in senior positions in industry and research organizations. He worked at Pfizer USA, Carter Wallace, and as Head of Research at Paco Pharmaceuticals, New Jersey. Dr. Majeed had set goals for himself and was well aware that he had to pursue his childhood vision of using the Science he loved for the well-being of humanity.

Unperturbed by the reluctance of developed countries and realizing the potential of India’s



Ayurvedic system of medicine, Dr. Majeed anticipated an untapped market opportunity to provide Ayurveda-based products to the developed world. He focused on combining the ancient knowledge of Ayurveda with modern science and developed evidence-based plant products through innovation, standardization, and value addition at every step.

As the first phase of his taking fresh strides, Dr. Majeed started the Sabinsa Corporation in New Jersey in 1988. Dr. Majeed wisely opted to manufacture and market Ayurveda ingredients backed by modern science at a time when Americans were turning towards “Natural Health Care Products”. Subsequently he pioneered a unique concept in the US called “SABINSA ON WHEELS “ to attract dietary supplement companies to the products of the company.

Production and innovation went hand-in-hand. As part of the second phase of realising his dream vision – Scientific Innovation – Dr. Majeed set up Sami Labs in Bengaluru, India, in 1991. “Sami-Sabinsa Group Limited (formerly Sami Labs Ltd) is a pioneer and global leader in health science and is a leading producer of nutraceuticals, cosmaceuticals, standardized herbal extracts, fine chemicals, specialty chemicals, probiotics and enzymes.”

Today, SAMI-SABINSA GROUP LIMITED employs over 1400 staff including 120 scientists. Research on the physiological effects of herbs and mechanisms of action of herbal drugs are studied in depth by the team and as a result, the company markets over 120 Standardised Phyto extracts to 18 countries.



## Dr. MAJEED – LEADS THE WAY IN SECURING PATENTS

Over the years, Dr. Majeed was granted more than 500 US International patents, which is an exemplary achievement by anyone in the world, and he was popularly known as the “**King of Patents**”. Even as he established himself in the industry abroad, he continued to be anchored to India and this was evident in his diversification. SAMI SPICES, a division of SAMI-SABINSA GROUP LIMITED, was set up in Kochi in 1999. In the same year Organic aromatics was launched to serve the flavor and fragrance Industry.

The next on the anvil was Sabinsa Cosmetics established in 2001.

Not one to sit back on his laurels, the businessman in Dr. Majeed entered the direct-to-consumer business in 2010 and now offers 20 products, ranging from weight management, joint health, bone strength, detox supplements, besides skincare and cosmetics.



**Dr. M I Sahadulla**  
CMD, KIMS HEALTH

I remember, in the busy corridors of Trivandrum Medical College, Dr. Majeed's presence was akin to a guiding light. From the moment he stepped into the college as a budding Pharmacist to his illustrious journey as a successful entrepreneur, his story was one of unwavering dedication and boundless generosity. My acquaintance with Dr. Majeed dates back to our post-college days when he was known for his Nutraceutical business in both India and the USA. He was recognised as an employer and exporter of pharmacy and non-pharmacy products. Despite hailing from a humble background in Kollam, his determination and diligence were tangible. Dr. Majeed was the epitome of hard work and his commitment to his profession unparalleled.

What set him apart, however, was not just his academic expertise but his compassionate spirit. Dr. Majeed's benevolence knew no bounds. Whether it was extending financial assistance to fellow students or contributing to the betterment of our alma mater, he was always at the forefront. His contributions to Trivandrum Medical College through the TMC Alumni Association and the Pharmacy department were monumental.

As we mourn the loss of a college mate, it is good to know that Dr Majeed's legacy will endure; his children, undoubtedly inspired by his humanity, are poised to continue his noble work.

## EXPANDING HORIZONS

Over the last 36 years Sami-Sabinsa Group Limited has spread its operations both in the US and India and has established its presence in Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Japan, Poland, South Africa, South Korea, UAE and Vietnam besides the satellite offices in France, Hungary, Spain, Taiwan and the UK.

“There may be Pharmacists who have been successful in business in India, but to my knowledge Dr. Majeed is the only PHARMACIST who had proved successful both in India and abroad, almost in the same period. This is a UNIQUE achievement.”

Stepping beyond giving back to his home country, the visionary Dr. Majeed directed his energy toward sustainability and livelihood. Towards attaining this, he embarked on cultivating Ayurvedic herbs in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu in 2006. This venture provided a livelihood to many farmers and ensured the sustainable supply of quality ingredients. The award-winning Kino Tree Reforestation program is a typical example of his commitment to sustainability

## ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS AND HONOURS

**SAMI- SABINSA GROUP LIMITED** won the Thomas Alva Edison Patent Award instituted by the Research and Development Council, New Jersey, three times



- ❖ National Award for Quality and Innovation by the President of India in 1995, 1997 and 2008.
- ❖ The prestigious Scientific and Industrial Research Award in 2002
- ❖ An outstanding achievement was his receiving the Ellis Island Medal of Honor given to distinguished Americans in 2004 in recognition of his leadership, commitment, and service to the American Community
- ❖ The Confederation of Indian Industry recognized Sami-Sabinsa Group with the Best Patent Portfolio Award in SME for the year 2020.
- ❖ For his efforts in developing Nutraceuticals, he was inducted into the New Hope Network Hall of Legends in 2016.
- ❖ He was chosen as the Nutra Champion at the Nutra Ingredients Award ceremony in Geneva in 2018.
- ❖ In the year 2021, the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India conferred the “Father of Indian Nutraceuticals Industry”: on Dr. Majeed
- ❖ He has been named the Legend of the Millennium in the Nutraceutical Industry in 2022.

### **Dr. MAJEED’S BONDS WITH KPGA**

Dr. Majeed was always a part and parcel of **KPGA**. Whenever we approached him, be it for Association, Medical or Pharmacy Colleges in Kerala, or for the Alumni Association, he responded very positively by returning a question “how much do you want”. He had extended financial support liberally to all the professional bodies.

We, the Pharmacists of KPGA, salute the warrior, Dr. Majeed, for his yeoman services inside and outside India.

The Pharmacists in Kerala are aghast over the sudden demise of Dr. Majeed. He has left a vacuum that cannot easily be filled. But we pin hopes in the new realm headed by Dr. Anju Majeed to carry the torch forward to achieve the goals set by Dr. Majeed.

We, the Pharmacy fraternity, are proud of Dr. Majeed, and I have no doubt he is the **Doyen of Doyens** in the profession of Pharmacy--India and abroad.

Dr. Majeed had proved how a Pharmacist could excel in his or her profession by working hard, as Dr. Majeed stated on many occasions that “Hardwork and Commitment” were the secret to his success. He made his own START UP venture even before the software technologists started it recently.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Besides the professional activities, Dr. Majeed’s philanthropy proved to be a saviour to the less fortunate, especially to those aspiring for higher education. He had liberally helped many charitable trusts, including the Solace Mission, of which I am the President.



**Dr. John Panicker**  
MD, Swanthana Hospital

I have known Dr. Majeed since 1970 when I joined MBBS at Trivandrum Medical College while he was in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of B.Pharm. We were in the same hostel and we had a few common friends, including my senior and now Endocrinologist, Dr. Sasikumar. He hails from a middle class family in Kollam. As far as I knew he was quite hardworking. I am sure he is one of the most brilliant and successful entrepreneurs TMC has ever produced. I am sure his hard work, commitment, and sincerity in the profession were unparalleled.

He was always very liberal in extending financial assistance to both Medical College and Pharmacy department. Whenever we asked for any help, especially financial support, he never said NO. Rather, he used to say "John, how much do you need?" He must have contributed more than Rs 1 crore to his alma mater at various times, in addition to a similar contribution to the Pharmacy department.

Some of his contributions include the total furniture for the New Ladies Hostel around 40 L, just over a phone call from the Principal, and for the renovation of Physiology lecture hall (20 L), Auditorium (10L), Library (15 L) etc.

Considering his contribution to the alma mater, he was awarded the "Most Distinguished Alumnus of the Trivandrum Medical College." The honour was conferred on him by Hon'ble Chief Minister **Sri Pinarayi Vijayan**.

Besides these, I knew he has been quite helpful to many needy children for their education and has spent huge amounts on their education without the knowledge of anyone else.

No doubt, he will be remembered for ever by all who knew him and Trivandrum Medical College. His alma mater has lost a very good benefactor with his demise. I am sure his children are also thinking in his pathway and continue Dr Majeed's good work and support for his alma mater and also for the poor.

We at TMC have a plan to set up a befitting memorial to Dr. Majeed inside the Medical College.

## AFTERMATH

On the demise of Dr. Majeed, Dr. Anju Majeed is elevated as Group Executive Chairperson and Mr Shaheen Majeed as the new Global Managing Director and CEO.

We are sure Dr. Anju Majeed and Mr Shaheen Majeed are capable of carrying the company forward to achieve the visions envisaged by Dr. Majeed.

## AN ADIEU TO Dr. MAJEED

We the Pharmacy Community had never thought that we had to say an adieu to Dr. Majeed, the doyen of doyens in Pharmacy, so early. It is a coincidence that Dr. Majeed was born on 25 Sept,



which is observed as World Pharmacist's Day from 1912. It can be seen as an indication of what lies in store. The deep connect between the child and Pharmacy. knowingly or unknowingly, his mother encouraged her son to pursue a higher education in Pharmacy. And, the rest, as they say, is history. In a way, Dr. Majeed will be remembered by the pharmacy community of the world as long as the Universe exists.

We, the pharmacy graduates of Kerala, deeply mourn the demise of our great pharmacist, philanthropist and benefactor Dr. Majeed. We take this occasion to bid ADIEU to our beloved **Dr. MUHAMMED MAJEED.**

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*I extend our thanks to Dr. Sahadullah MI, Dr. John Panicker, and Dr. Sasi Kumar, for sharing their memoirs of Dr. Majeed.*

*Also, I thank Prof AK Chandrasrkharan, Mr LS Shenoi, Prof CR Sudhakaran Sir, Dr. P K Sreekumar and Sri Abdul Nazeer President & General Secretary respectively, other office bearers, and all members of KPGA for giving me the opportunity to write about **Dr. MUHAMMED MAJEED.***

**UNNIKRISHNA PANIKKAR M K**



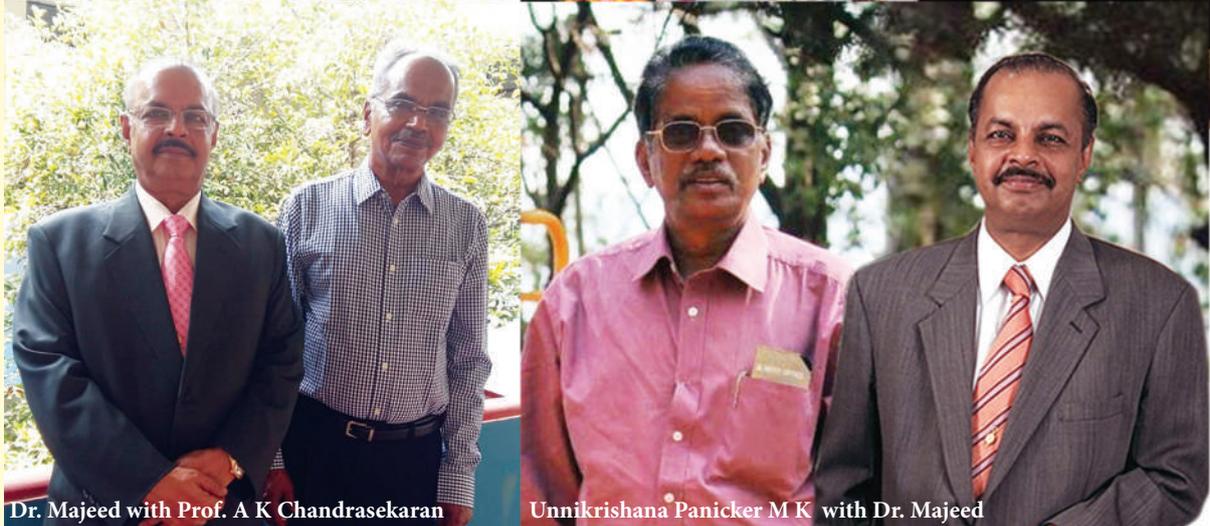
**Dr. Sasi Kumar**  
Endocrinologist

Dr. Majeed was my friend for the last many years, right from our Pre-Degree days until he breathed his last. Coming from a very ordinary background, he went on to create a business empire spreading over eighteen countries, including India. Right from his teens, I was overawed by his intelligence and perseverance. Once decided, nothing can stop him. He created a vast empire of nutraceuticals all over the world. This field is essentially dominated, even now, by quacks. He changed it. His work was very innovative based on hard core scientific data produced by his own scientific team. His team has won a large number of international patents. Many books were published by compiling his own research. He is considered an international authority on curcumin. All these achievements made him more and more committed to social service. He spent huge money for the poor. I recall with gratitude that he donated insulin pumps costing lakhs for poor diabetic children under my treatment.

He was suffering from a medical condition that required a lung transplant, a procedure carrying a very high risk at his age. We sought opinions from many experts all over the world. Many of us discouraged him from undergoing surgery. But he was very determined. We could not change him. He went ahead with his decision. First time he erred. And finally.



Dr. Majeed with KPGA members



Dr. Majeed with Prof. A K Chandrasekaran

Unnikrishana Panicker M K with Dr. Majeed



*Two Days with Dr. Muhammed  
Majeed:  
Insights from Bahrain*



**Mr. Abdul Nazeer PU**  
Gen.Secretary, KPGA

Dr. Muhammed Majeed is a prominent figure in the pharmaceutical industry, known for his entrepreneurial spirit and scientific innovations. He is the founder of Sabinsa Corporation, a leading manufacturer and supplier of herbal extracts, cosmeceuticals, minerals, and specialty fine chemicals for the nutritional, pharmaceutical, and food industries. He has authored numerous patents and scientific publications, establishing himself as a respected authority in the field.

Under his leadership, Sabinsa has pioneered the development of novel ingredients such as Curcumin C3 Complex®, BioPerine®, and ForsLean®, which have gained global recognition for their efficacy and safety. These products have been extensively researched and clinically validated, contributing to the company's reputation for quality and innovation.

Dr. Muhammed Majeed visited Kingdom of Bahrain in 2016 on the invitation of Kerala Pharmacist Forum Bahrain. From the moment we met, Dr. Majeed's warmth and humility immediately put us at ease. Despite his remarkable achievements, he remained approachable and eager to share his knowledge and insights.

Kerala Pharmacists Bahrain forum had given him a warm welcome and arranged a special program on the auspicious occasion of World Pharmacist Day. During his speech, Dr. Muhammed Majeed demonstrated a profound understanding of the industry, discussing the latest trends and advancements with clarity and enthusiasm. His ability to simplify complex concepts made our conversations engaging and educational. He shared stories of Sabinsa's initiatives aimed at empowering local communities and promoting sustainable agriculture, highlighting the promoting



Abdul Nazeer with Dr. Majeed





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sustainable agriculture, highlighting the importance of giving back to society.

He emphasized the importance of continuous learning and innovation in driving positive change. His entrepreneurial spirit and relentless pursuit of excellence served as a source of motivation for the entire Malayali pharmacist community in Bahrain. His vision, integrity, and generosity left a lasting impression on the pharmacist community.

Dr. Majeed's participation was a centerpiece of the event. He delivered a keynote speech that addressed the critical role of innovation in pharmaceuticals and the importance of integrating traditional knowledge with modern science. Throughout the event, Dr. Majeed engaged actively with participants. His approachability and willingness was well appreciated by the Kerala Pharmacists in Bahrain. Many of the participants were eager to interact with Majeed Sir and to know about his life experience.

Dr. Majeed's participation in this event was especially significant given his roots in Kerala, and his pioneering role in the global pharmaceutical industry. His presence inspired all the participants. Following his address, Dr. Majeed engaged in a lively Q&A session where he answered questions ranging from the specifics of starting a pharmaceutical business to the best practices in product development and ethical marketing. His advice was practical and grounded in his extensive experience, providing valuable insights into navigating the challenges of the pharmaceutical industry. Around 150 pharmacists from different spears of the profession participated in the program; Majeed Sir's Son Mr. Shaheen also accompanied him.

Overall, spending two days with Dr. Muhammed Majeed was an enlightening, enriching and inspiring experience. His immediate acceptance of the invitation to engage with community pharmacists in Bahrain underscores his dedication to grassroots healthcare, his support for frontline pharmacy professionals, and his commitment to advancing public health initiatives at the local level.



## An Accolade to the Father of Nutraceuticals



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### **Introduction**

Dr. Majeed, a renowned scientist and entrepreneur, has dedicated his career to advancing the field of nutraceuticals through research, innovation, and education. His pioneering work in the development of nutraceutical ingredients and formulations has revolutionized the way we approach health and wellness. One of Dr. Majeed's most notable contributions is his role in popularizing the concept of nutraceuticals, which are products derived from food sources with extra health benefits in addition to the basic nutritional value found in foods. His research has focused on identifying and isolating bioactive compounds from natural sources, such as herbs, fruits, and vegetables, and studying their potential health benefits. Dr. Majeed's work has also been instrumental in promoting the use of evidence-based research to support the efficacy and safety of nutraceutical products. Through his leadership and advocacy, he has helped establish rigorous scientific standards for the development and evaluation of nutraceuticals, ensuring that consumers have access to high-quality, effective products.

In addition to his scientific contributions, Dr. Majeed has been a driving force in promoting public awareness and understanding of nutraceuticals. He has been a vocal advocate for the importance of incorporating nutraceuticals into a healthy lifestyle and has worked tirelessly to dispel myths and misinformation surrounding these products. Furthermore, Dr. Majeed's entrepreneurial spirit has led to the successful commercialization of numerous nutraceutical ingredients and formulations, making these products more accessible to consumers around the world. His commitment to quality, innovation, and ethical business practices has set a standard for the nutraceutical industry.



## History

Dr. Muhammed Majeed was born and upraised in Kerala, India. He obtained professional experience in pharmaceutical, biotechnology, molecular biology, nutritional and cosmetic industries. He familiarised to the Americans “Ayurveda”, the traditional Indian medicine that has for ages been believed to act as a complete curative to their various ailments. After tenacious struggles by Dr. Majeed they started recognizing the potential of Ayurveda and termed it the Evidence Based Medicine. By 2000 it became popular as the Complementary medicine and now it is called as the Integrated medicine.

After taking B.Pharm from College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Medical College, Trivandrum Dr.Majeed went to the US in 1975 to obtain MS in Pharmacy and Ph.D. in Industrial Pharmacy. He functioned with certain key pharmaceutical companies like Pfizer which earned him valuable experience in the latest technology in healthcare products formulations.

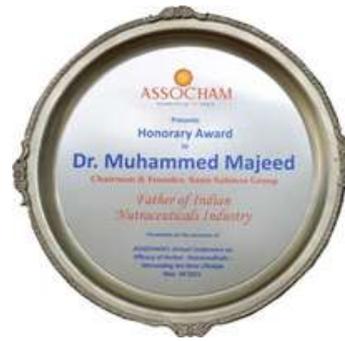
From there, he chose to establish himself as an entrepreneur by integrating technology with Ayurveda. It was the beginning of a new success story. He came out with new healthcare products with their actives taken from herbs and also researched into the medicinal values of some plants which are not mentioned in the Ayurvedic texts.

The history of Dr. Majeed and Sami Labs is rooted in the development and utilization of innovative pharmaceutical products. Sami Labs, based in Bengaluru, has been involved in the production of medical treatments such as a 2% THC gel for oral leukoplakia (Chhapparwal et al., 2018). This gel has been the subject of a pilot study, demonstrating its efficacy and safety in treating oral leukoplakia. The study involved subjects applying the gel to affected areas five times daily for 12 weeks, showcasing the commitment of Sami Labs to producing practical and effective medical solutions. Furthermore, Sami Labs has contributed to the field of medicine through its involvement in research related to chronic rheumatic mitral stenosis (CRHD with MS) (Bhowmik et al., 2022). The company has been associated with the development of tools for early prediction of the severity of CRHD with MS, emphasizing the proactive approach taken by Sami Labs in preventing complications and promoting proactive measures in healthcare. In addition to these contributions, Sami Labs has also been involved in research related to diabetic retinopathy (Al-Mutairi et al., 2021).

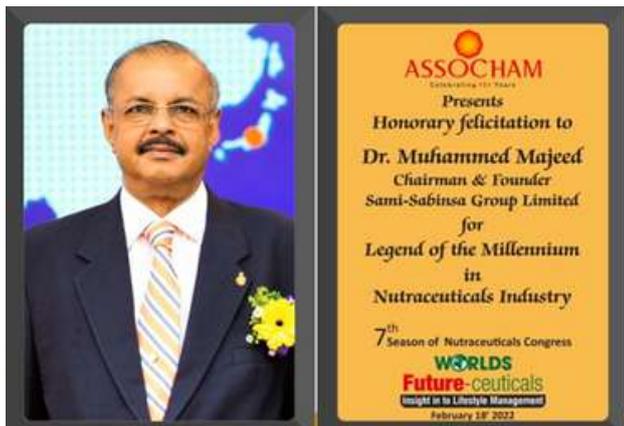
This demonstrates the company's diverse engagement in addressing prevalent medical conditions and their associated complications. It is evident that Sami Labs has been actively involved in the development and research of various medical treatments and tools, showcasing a commitment to advancing healthcare and addressing prevalent medical conditions. The company's involvement in diverse areas of medicine highlights its dedication to contributing to the well-being of individuals through the development of innovative pharmaceutical products and medical research.

## Honours

Dr. Muhammed Majeed, Chairman and Founder, Sami-Sabinsa Group has been felicitated with Life Time Achievement Award at the 1st Kerala Pharmaceutical Congress (KPC 2023) organised by Kerala Pharmacy Graduates' Association. The award is in recognition of Dr. Majeed's innumerable



contributions toward shaping the Indian Nutraceuticals industry and promoting preventive healthcare. In recognition of outstanding commitment and leadership in integrating technology with Ayurveda, Dr. Muhammed Majeed, was named the "Legend of the Millennium in Nutraceutical Industry" in a virtual summit organized by ASSOCHAM. Dr. Majeed's unwavering commitment to the nutraceutical industry has paved the way for Sami-Sabinsa to introduce a line of products in the therapeutic, skincare, & haircare segments.



Indian Association For The Study of Traditional Asian Medicine (IASTAM) honored Dr. Majeed with the Zandu International Oration award for 'Excellence in the field of biology and research on Ayurvedic products' on December 13, 2020. The award is a recognition of the important role Dr. Majeed has played over three decades in globalizing Ayurveda, particularly in the nutraceutical sector, to promote preventive healthcare.

Dr. Majeed received the 'Legend of Natural Cosmeceuticals' award from Mr. Sandeep Marwah Chancellor, AAFT University of Media & Art and Her Excellency Ms. Jennifer Graham, Spouse of His Excellency Mr. Nadir Patel, Canadian High Commission of India.

Dr. Muhammed Majeed, received an award from Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on the occasion of 65th Annual Celebration of Alumni Association of Trivandrum Medical College on March 1st, 2017.

Dr. Muhammed Majeed bagged "My Home India" Award from Shri Amit Shah, Rajya Sabha MP from Gujarat and current President of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), at Karmayogi Awards 2015 by MY Home India NGO in 2015.

Dr. Majeed receiving the Daniel B. Stateman Award for Distinguished Alumni from Dr. David Taft at Long Island University's 121st Graduation ceremony in Brooklyn, New York in 2010.



**Dr. Majeed receiving Award from the Chief Minister of Kerala, Mr. Pinarayi Vijayan**



**Dr. Majeed receiving Award from Shri Amit Shah**

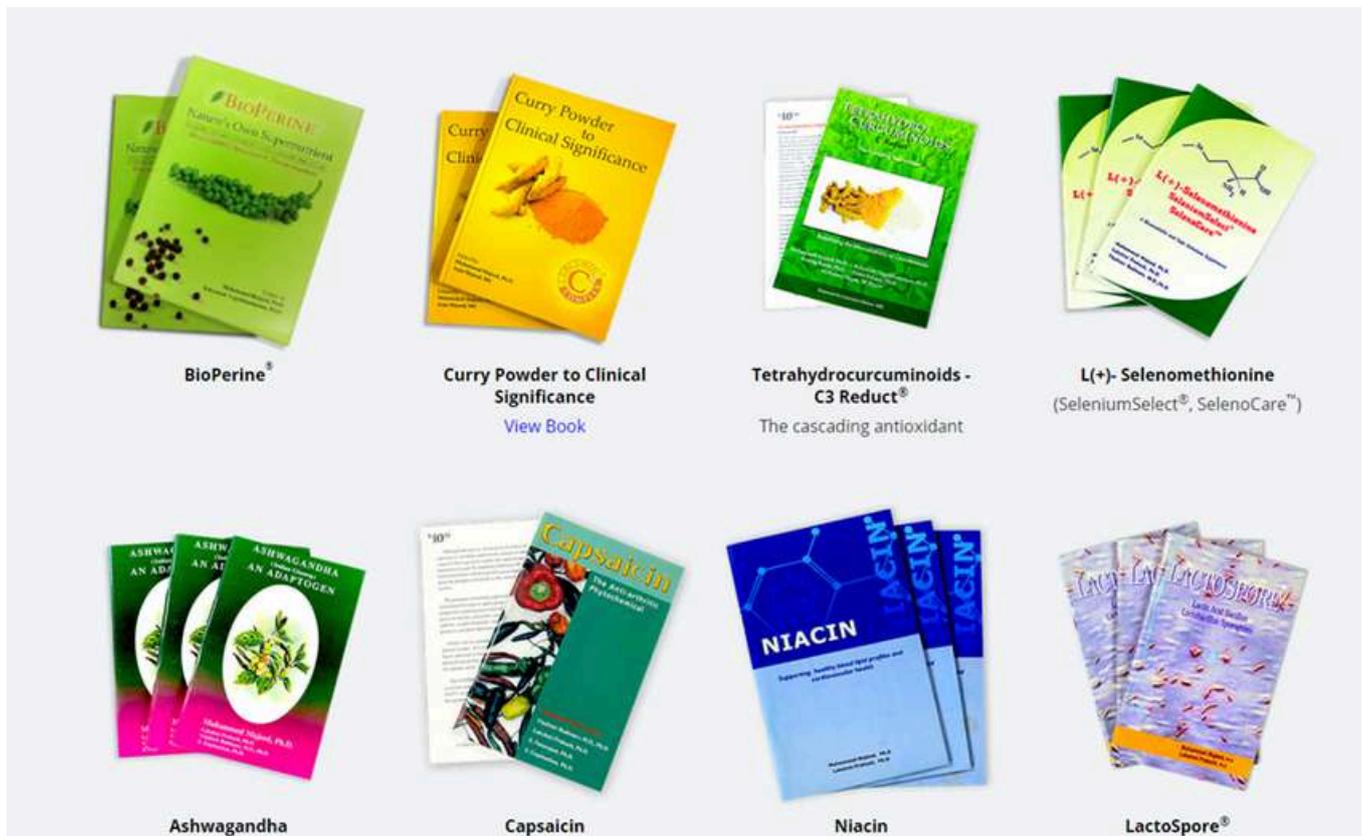


**Dr. Majeed receiving Distinguished Alumni from Dr. David Taft**

Dr. Majeed also received an Award from (Late) Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, President of India, awarded by Spice Board for developing Export Markets for Garcinia cambogia, a Standardized Garcinia extract for weight management. (1997)



## Books by Dr. Majeed



### Role model

Dr. Majeed's contributions to the field of nutraceuticals have been monumental and have paved the way for countless advancement in the industry. His pioneering work in identifying the health benefits of nutraceuticals and bringing them to the attention of the scientific community has established him as a role model for aspiring researchers and professionals in the field.

Dr. Majeed's commitment to rigorous scientific research and his dedication to promoting the use of natural, plant-based ingredients in nutraceutical formulations have been instrumental in shaping the industry. His advocacy for the use of nutraceuticals as a means of supporting overall health and wellness has not only influenced the scientific community but has also resonated with consumers worldwide.

As a role model, Dr. Majeed exemplifies the values of innovation, integrity, and a commitment to improving public health through the development of nutraceutical products. His leadership in this space serves as an inspiration for future generations of researchers and industry professionals, motivating them to continue pushing the boundaries of what is possible in the field of nutraceuticals.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, Dr. Majeed's pioneering work and unwavering dedication have earned him the title of the father of nutraceuticals. His contributions have not only advanced the field of nutraceuticals but have also had a positive impact on the health and well-being of countless individuals. His tireless efforts in researching and promoting the use of natural ingredients for health benefits have revolutionized the way we approach nutrition and well-being.



Dr. Majeed's dedication to scientific research and innovation has led to the development of numerous high-quality nutraceutical products that have improved the lives of countless individuals around the world.

His commitment to quality, safety, and efficacy has set a standard for the nutraceutical industry, earning him respect and admiration from peers and consumers alike.

Dr. Majeed's vision and leadership have not only advanced the understanding of nutraceuticals but have also inspired a new generation of researchers and entrepreneurs to continue his legacy.

In honoring Dr. Majeed as the father of nutraceuticals, we recognize his immense contributions to human health and his enduring impact on the way we approach holistic well-being. His legacy will continue to inspire and guide future advancements not only in the field of nutraceuticals but also in pharmaceutical field, ensuring that his influence will be felt for future generations of researchers, entrepreneurs, and health advocates to come.



**Dr. Muhammed Majeed**

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