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PNC Menon

A Transformative Journey in Philanthropy



Mr. PNC Menon's philanthropic journey is a testament to the power of conviction, empathy, and responsibility. As the Founder of Sobha Group, he built a business empire from humble beginnings. However, his ultimate mission has always been larger than commercial success—it is about creating a lasting, systemic change in the lives of the underprivileged.

➔ Early Roots of Giving

PNC Menon's philanthropic journey is more than generosity—it is deeply personal. From his humble beginnings in Kerala to building a global realty empire, his commitment to giving back has always been driven by the fundamental belief that wealth carries a moral duty.

His approach is about creating systems that empower communities to thrive independently and become self-reliant.

*"We enter and leave
this world with
nothing"*



➔ A Journey of Intentional Giving

Menon's entrepreneurial instincts have shaped his philanthropy. At 35, he pledged 50% of his wealth to social causes, ensuring his giving was as rigorous as his business approach. He personally oversees projects, visits communities, and ensures every initiative meets the highest standards of quality and impact.

His work is not limited to India alone — although Kerala remains a focal point, his philanthropy extends to Oman and the UAE, the regions that shaped his professional journey. Through his interventions, he has built an ecosystem where self-reliance and dignity take center stage.

Key Principles of Strategic Philanthropy

His philanthropic framework is centered on:

- **Gender as a Nexus of Transformation:** For Menon, women's empowerment is the key to systemic change. His North Star is ensuring that women and girls are at the centre of development. He has built girls-only schools, rehabilitated widowed mothers, provided housing for resource-limited, women-led families and embedded gender as a core lens across all his initiatives.
- **Entrepreneurial Approach to Philanthropy:** Menon runs his philanthropic projects methodically — not for profit, but for maximum efficiency and long-term impact. He stays directly connected to ground realities, ensuring that interventions are relevant and adaptive.
- **Data-Driven and Measurable Impact:** This philosophy drives Menon's giving. His team conducts scientific poverty mapping, tracks every intervention, and ensures that projects deliver measurable and lasting outcomes
- **Holistic Change:** His philanthropy does not operate in silos—his initiatives are designed to reinforce one another, creating a self-sustaining ecosystem of development.

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"What you cannot measure, you cannot improve."

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➔ A Generational Legacy

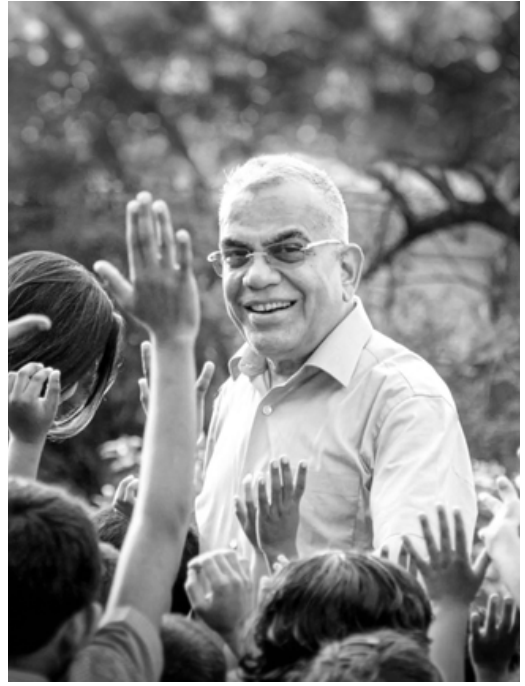
Mr. Menon's journey is not a solo endeavor. It is a shared mission with his wife, Mrs. Sobha Menon, and their children, who have been actively involved in the strategic growth of his philanthropic efforts

Together, they represent a family deeply committed to using their resources for good.

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I am very invested in overseeing the development of these projects and ensure that I visit the sites regularly to meet the people and ensure the quality of everything that we do as part of our mission.

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Ms. Bindu Menon: Carrying Forward Her Father's Vision

Mr. Menon's path in philanthropy has never been one he walked alone. His family hasn't merely accompanied him; they have stood alongside him, playing essential roles in shaping the trajectory and expanding the impact of their collective efforts. Their combined vision and dedication have created a powerful legacy of service, with each member contributing their unique strengths to drive meaningful change.

Ms. Bindu Menon, Trustee of the Sri Kurumba Educational & Charitable Trust, is passionately continuing her father PNC Menon's legacy of transforming lives through education and philanthropy. With over 15 years at the Sobha Group, she has been pivotal in leading initiatives that empower underserved communities, focusing on education, healthcare, women's empowerment, and social upliftment. Their united efforts reflect a shared commitment to creating lasting impact through thoughtful, purpose-driven giving.

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We believe that the values of giving should transcend generations

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Philanthropy in Action

Philanthropic Initiatives

Making an **Impact**

- 1,000 homes pledged for underprivileged, women-headed families in Kerala
- 230 homes already handed
- 697 No Dowry Social Weddings conducted,
- 90 girls admitted annually to The SOBHA Academy for free
- INR 160 million+ disbursed in scholarships for higher education
- 4,500+ families receiving free primary healthcare services
- 75% of all Trust employees are women, empowering female leadership

True empowerment goes beyond financial aid—it requires systemic, long-term solutions that uplift entire communities. Rooted in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Menon family's philanthropic initiatives address education, healthcare, employment, and social empowerment, ensuring that beneficiary families are not just supported but equipped to thrive independently.

Each program is designed to create lasting impact, focusing on vulnerable groups—women, children, the elderly, and underserved communities—while integrating sustainability into every effort. By addressing key human development verticals, Menon's trust fosters self-reliance, dignity, and resilience, laying the foundation for generational transformation. Key areas of focus:

- **Women's Empowerment**
- **Education for girls**
- **Healthcare and Wellbeing**
- **Eldercare**
- **Housing Initiatives**
- **Green Initiatives**

➔ Deep Dive into Menon's Initiatives

1. Women's Empowerment

- **Young Mother Rehabilitation Program:** Safe housing, employment at The Sobha Academy, free education for children, and remarriage support for widowed mothers.
- **Rural Women Empowerment Program:** Financial and educational support for widowed mothers and their children.
- **Employment for Women:** Women prioritized for staff roles across all programs.
- **No Dowry Social Wedding:** Culturally sensitive weddings to ease family burdens and promote equality.

3. Healthcare and Well-being

- **SOBHA Health Care:** Free preventive and primary healthcare services, including dental, ophthalmology, physiotherapy, and home care.
- **Community Medical Support:** Annual health screenings, medicine distribution, and COVID-19 emergency relief.
- **Mental Health & Substance Abuse Programs:** Awareness and counselling initiatives.

5. Housing Initiatives

- **SOBHA Community Home Project:** Large-scale housing for women-led families.
- **Disaster Rehabilitation:** Homes rebuilt for flood and landslide-affected families.
- **Devi Home:** Safe housing for elderly women and orphaned girls.

2. Education for Girls

- **The SOBHA Academy:** Free CBSE education with holistic support including meals, transportation, healthcare, and hostel facilities.
- **SOBHA ICON:** Leadership and academic preparation in Science & Commerce streams for senior girls.
- **University Scholarships:** Financial aid for higher education at premier Indian universities.

4. ElderCare

- **SOBHA Hermitage:** Model senior citizen residence with medical and social support.
- **Intergenerational Living:** Students and seniors co-housed to foster empathy and connection.
- **SOBHA Feed A Stomach Today Program:** Provides meals to vulnerable seniors and students.

6. Green Initiatives

- **Sustainable Infrastructure:** Low land footprint, green construction, and eco-friendly practices.
- **Water Conservation:** Rainwater harvesting and community water reservoirs.
- **Renewable Energy:** Solar energy and plastic-free zones.
- **Organic Farming:** On-campus paddy and vegetable cultivation.

Case Study Highlights



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Mr. Menon's journey exemplifies how one individual's commitment can create ripples of change across communities. What began as a personal mission has evolved into a family legacy that continues to grow. His philanthropy is not confined to donations—it is about creating ecosystems of hope, dignity, and opportunity.

Mr. Menon's journey demonstrates how a commitment to holistic, sustainable development can transform communities across borders. He creates models that empower individuals to build better lives and long-term progress, focusing on self-reliance and dignity. Balancing his multinational business with hands-on philanthropy, Menon engages his family to share responsibilities. They visit project sites, meet communities, and make adjustments based on feedback from the ground. This hands-on approach is what sets their philanthropy apart, and allows their integrated approach to create a ripple effect of sustainable change.

Reflecting on his experience, Mr. Menon advises other philanthropists to get started on their giving journey. He emphasizes that the power of philanthropy is not limited to grand gestures or immense wealth. For him, the best advice is to build trust and transparency between the communities and the donors.

“There are a lot of people out there who want to get involved, but may not have the monetary resources, but a little goes a long way”

“Mr. Menon's legacy is built on a simple but powerful belief: giving is not an obligation but a privilege. His vision, dedication, and empathy will continue to inspire others to view wealth as a means of creating enduring change.”

Building dignity,
nurturing futures,
transforming lives.



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Sculpt a movement. Propel Indian philanthropy forward

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