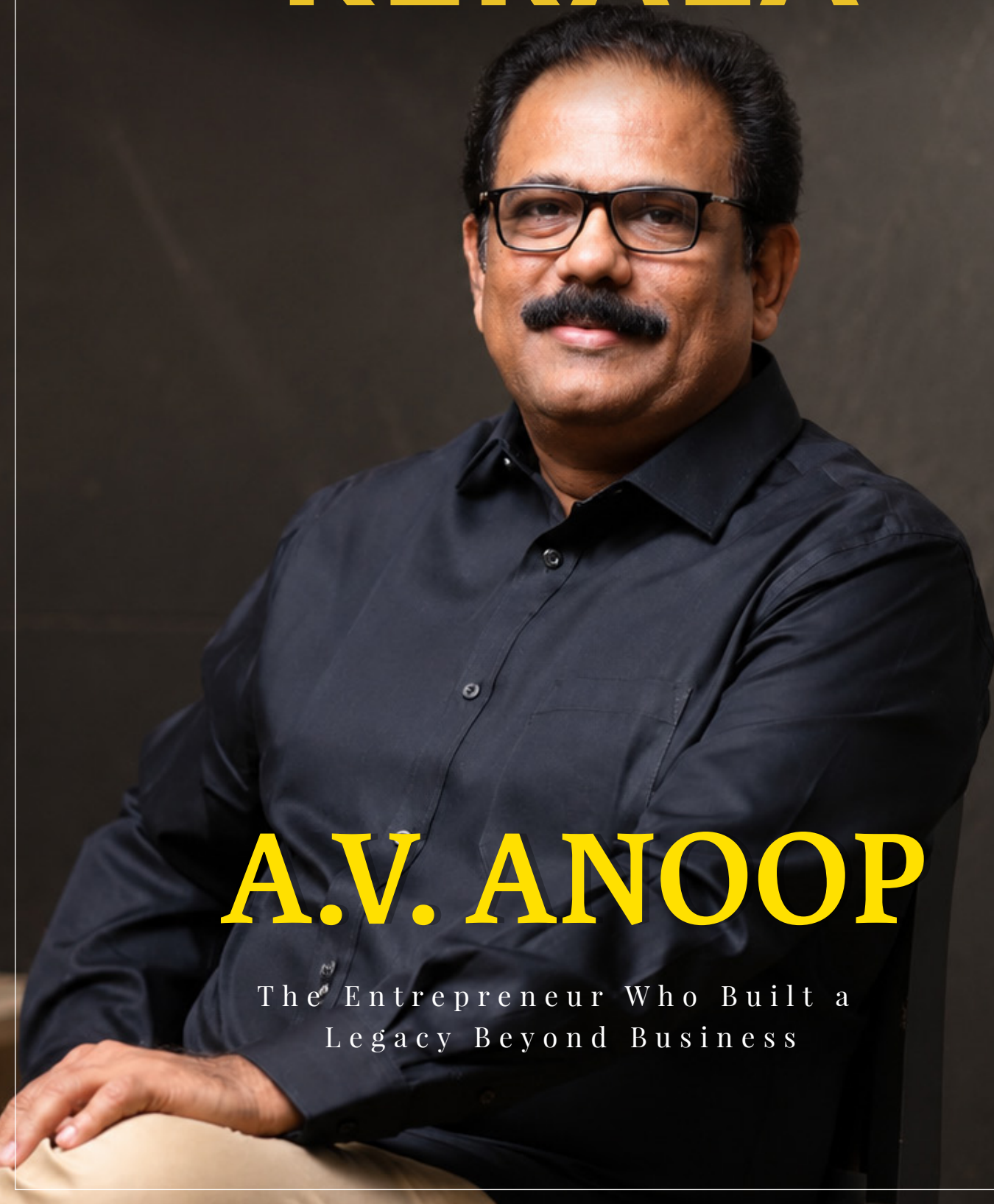


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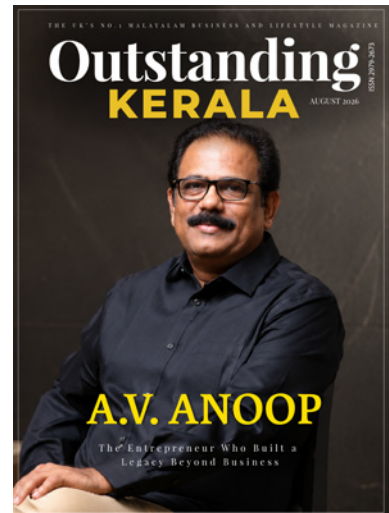
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SUMMARY

A.V. Anoop is a visionary entrepreneur who transformed Medimix into one of India's most recognised Ayurvedic personal care brands while expanding the AVA Group across healthcare, food products, cinema and publishing. Guided by values, innovation and social responsibility, he has successfully blended traditional Ayurvedic wisdom with modern business practices for more than four decades. Beyond business, his contributions as a filmmaker, author and philanthropist have made him an inspiring leader whose legacy extends far beyond corporate success.

Some entrepreneurs build companies. Others build brands that become part of people's lives. A.V. Anoop belongs to the latter. Over the last four decades, he has transformed Medimix from a trusted Ayurvedic soap into an internationally recognised personal care brand while expanding the AVA Group into a diversified business with interests in healthcare, food products, cinema and publishing.

His success, however, cannot be measured by business growth alone. Throughout his journey, he has remained committed to preserving India's Ayurvedic heritage, encouraging innovation and giving back to society. Whether as an entrepreneur, producer, actor, author or philanthropist, A.V. Anoop has consistently demonstrated that lasting success comes from creating value for people.

Today, his journey continues to inspire entrepreneurs across India. His story proves that with vision, determination and respect for tradition, it is possible to build a global business without losing one's roots.

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*A brand earns its
place in people's
lives through
consistency, not
through
advertising alone.*”



Early Life and Education

Born on 30 April 1962, A.V. Anoop grew up in a family where honesty, discipline and hard work were considered the foundation of success. These values shaped his personality from an early age and continue to influence the way he leads both his business and personal life.

He completed his Bachelor of Commerce from Kerala University before pursuing higher studies in Philosophy and Alternative Medicine. While commerce gave him an understanding of finance and management, philosophy taught him to think beyond numbers. His interest in alternative medicine also deepened his appreciation for traditional healing systems, particularly Ayurveda, which would later become central to his professional life.

Unlike many entrepreneurs who begin their careers with ambitious business plans, Anoop's journey evolved naturally through opportunities, challenges and a willingness to learn. Every experience helped him develop a practical approach to leadership that balanced business growth with social responsibility.

Stepping into the Family Business

A.V. Anoop joined Medimix in 1982 during one of the most challenging periods in the company's history. A prolonged labour strike had halted production, the factory had shut down, and uncertainty surrounded the future of the business. At the request of his father-in-law, Dr. K. K. Sidhan, Anoop stepped into the organisation despite having no prior plans to build a career in the Ayurvedic personal care industry.

His immediate priority was not expansion but recovery. He worked to resolve labour issues, restart production and restore employee confidence. At the same time, Medimix was still a completely hand-made soap, making it difficult to increase production while maintaining its renowned quality.

Rather than viewing these challenges as obstacles, Anoop saw them as opportunities to modernise the business without compromising its Ayurvedic heritage. His vision of preserving the brand's authenticity while improving its operations laid the foundation for Medimix's transformation into one of India's leading Ayurvedic personal care brands.



The Story of Medimix

The story of Medimix began with renowned Ayurvedic physician Dr. K. K. Sidhan, who developed a herbal skin-care oil for patients suffering from various skin conditions. When patients found the medicated oil inconvenient for daily use, he transformed the same Ayurvedic formulation into a herbal soap, creating Medimix. What began as a healthcare solution soon grew into a trusted household brand.

When A.V. Anoop joined the company in 1982, Medimix was still a small, traditionally run business. Recognising its potential, he modernised production, packaging, branding and

distribution while preserving its Ayurvedic identity. Under his leadership, daily production increased from around 5,000 soaps to nearly one million, transforming Medimix into one of India's leading Ayurvedic personal care brands.

Despite its remarkable growth, Medimix has remained committed to steady, sustainable expansion rather than aggressive marketing. Its handcrafted Ayurvedic heritage, trusted quality and strong presence in India's hospitality sector have helped introduce the brand to millions of consumers, earning lasting loyalty across generations.

Building the AVA Group

While Medimix remains the flagship brand of the AVA Group, A.V. Anoop transformed the organisation into a diversified business with interests in personal care, healthcare, food products, natural wellness, publishing and film production. Brands such as Medimix, Melam, Kaytra and Sanjeevanam Ayurveda Hospital reflect the group's commitment to quality and trust.

Under his leadership, the AVA Group has combined traditional Indian knowledge with modern business practices, creating products that meet changing consumer needs while preserving their Ayurvedic roots. The organisation has consistently focused on innovation, authenticity and customer confidence rather than short-term success.

Instead of pursuing aggressive expansion, A.V. Anoop has built the AVA Group through steady and sustainable growth. Today, it is recognised as one of South India's respected family-owned business enterprises, proving that heritage, innovation and strong values can grow together.

Leadership Beyond Business

For A.V. Anoop, leadership is about creating lasting value beyond business. Throughout his career, he has contributed to educational institutions, business organisations, cultural bodies and charitable initiatives while mentoring aspiring entrepreneurs through his experiences and insights.

He believes true leadership lies in creating opportunities, encouraging innovation and building institutions that continue to benefit society for generations. His philosophy of ethical leadership and social responsibility continues to shape every organisation he is associated with,

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Ayurveda is not merely a business opportunity; it is India's timeless gift to the world.”



Passion for Cinema and Literature

A.V. Anoop's passion for creativity extends beyond business into cinema and literature. Through AVA Productions, he has backed meaningful films addressing social, cultural and environmental themes, earning recognition at national and international film festivals. He has also acted in Malayalam, Tamil and English films, television serials and stage productions.

His memoir, *You Turn*, shares the challenges, setbacks and lessons that shaped his journey, encouraging readers to embrace obstacles as opportunities. Whether in business, cinema or writing, A.V. Anoop continues to create work that inspires and leaves a lasting impact.

Awards & Recognition

- Received several prestigious business awards for leadership, innovation and contributions to India's Ayurvedic industry.
- Led Medimix to become one of India's most recognised Ayurvedic personal care brands with a strong global presence.
- Films and documentaries produced under AVA Productions have been honoured at national and international film festivals.
- Large-scale initiatives associated with him have been recognised by the Guinness World Records, Asia Book of Records and Limca Book of Records.
- Widely respected for promoting ethical entrepreneurship, sustainable growth and social responsibility.



Legacy

A.V. Anoop's legacy extends far beyond Medimix and the AVA Group. By blending traditional Ayurvedic wisdom with modern business practices, he has built trusted brands while inspiring entrepreneurs to pursue success without compromising values or heritage.

Through his contributions to business,

cinema, literature and social service, he has shown that true leadership is about creating opportunities and making a lasting impact. More than four decades after joining Medimix in 1982, he continues to lead with the same vision, passion and commitment, leaving behind a legacy that will inspire generations to come.

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