



## N. Sankar: A long innings of understated achievements ends

Chairman of the Sanmar Group passes away

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
CHENNAI

N. Sankar, 76, chairman of the home-grown chemicals-to-shipping conglomerate Sanmar Group, passed away at his residence here on Sunday after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife Chandra, son Vijay Sankar, who is the Deputy Chairman of the



N. Sankar

₹1-billion group, and daughter Madhurika, who is a venture investor and writer. The elder of industrialist K.S. Narayanan's two sons, Sankar

obtained a B.Sc. Tech in Chemical Engineering from the AC College of Technology and a Master's degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.

A third-generation entrepreneur, Sankar started his career as a 21-year-old trainee at the group's flagship chemicals company, Chemplast, in 1967, when his father was overseeing the business.

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At 26, he made his first entrepreneurial move by helming the acquisition of a major stake in Industrial Chemicals and Monomers, a carbide manufacturing company.

His stewardship of Chemplast, and the Sanmar Group as a whole, saw the group widen and enlarge its industrial and business footprint significantly. A pioneer in PVC manufacture, Sankar came up with some of the original choices for highly integrated manufacturing processes at various facilities of Chemplast.

"Sankar was a rare entrepreneur who was tall enough to see miles ahead, who steered the Sanmar Group to remain relevant with changing times, at the same time with feet very firmly on the ground, measuring every step," said R. Seshasayee, vice-chairman of the Hinduja Group. "He was forthright and clear in his views on all matters. He was a quiet benefactor of many social institutions in Chennai. I have lost a personal friend," he added.

"Sankar was one of the pioneering industrialists of

south India," reminisced Venu Srinivasan, chairman of the TVS Group. "I have known him over many decades and watched him lead the Sanmar Group with foresight. He was early to adopt modern management practices and focused on building competence in his companies. He pushed international growth and investment to make Sanmar a leading player globally," Mr. Srinivasan added.

He also oversaw a string of joint ventures with various specialist chemical compa-

nies and established the Sanmar Group as a leader in several of these product lines.

"If there was one attribute that marked him apart in his business leadership, it was his handling of the multiple foreign collaborations that the group had," observed Sushila Ravindranath, a veteran business journalist. "Even while exiting or having the venture partner buy out a business, he always maintained a great degree of cordiality with the foreign firms." Corporate governance was an article of faith

with Sankar and the group echoed this philosophy in its vision statement "Combining Integrity with Excellence". Among the pioneers to separate ownership from the management, Sankar was known to be both a hands-off the boss who would delegate and trust the professional managers identified by him and at the same time tough and demanding when it came to delivery of the work at hand.

"Tasks must be completed in the proper time frame, decisions should be based on ir-

refutable logic, information should be communicated clearly, honestly, and such communication has no hierarchy," V. Ramnarayan wrote in the Madras Musings in November 2020, in a piece titled 'N. Sankar, at 75'. "It only takes him a couple of minutes to see through bluff and inadequate preparation for meetings."

An ardent lover of both tennis and cricket, who had played both sports with great passion in his younger days, and in his later years won many a doubles tournament

in tennis at the university and club levels, Sankar became one of the biggest patrons and administrators of the two sports.

"In the early 1960s, he played league cricket for Jai Hind CC as an attacking batsman, a medium pace bowler and a 'slip' catcher," S. Prabhu wrote in a November 2020 blogpost titled 'Jolly Rovers N Sankar @ 75'.

"As a teenager, Sankar was more inclined towards tennis," and was coached by the legendary T.K. Ramanathan (Ramanathan Krishnan's

father) and would have gone on to a singles career in the sport but for being derailed by polio at the age of 17, Prabhu wrote.

### Stalin's condolences

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin condoled the death of Sankar and hailed him as one of the best industrialists in Tamil Nadu.

In a statement, he recalled Sankar's contributions as an office-bearer in the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association and the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association.

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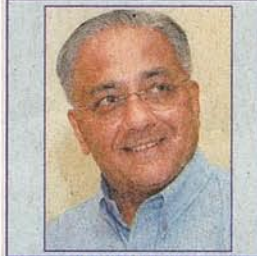
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The Madras Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) expresses its profound grief on the passing of its beloved former President (1985-86) Shri N.Sankar, who was a doyen of TN industry, a visionary leader and mentor for the Chamber. We pray for his noble soul to rest in peace.

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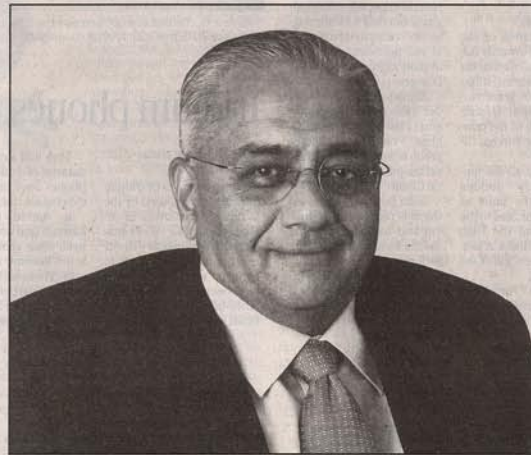
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## Sankar contributed to sports in a big way

A former TNCA president and a patron of Jolly Rovers, he made his mark in tennis administration too

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S. DINAKAR  
CHENNAI

Sanmar Group chairman N. Sankar, who passed away here on Sunday, was fond of sport and made an enormous contribution to its growth.

A capable tennis player, he won the inter-university doubles title partnering N. Srinivasan of India Cements.

He was also a fine cricketer.

Sankar headed the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) as its president in the early 80s. And he supported Jolly Rovers, a celebrated TNCA first division side, for a mind-boggling 56 years.

#### Eye for talent

Former India cricketer Bharat Reddy, Sankar's right-hand man in cricket, told *The Hindu*, "All Jolly Rovers matches in the league would be telecast to him live. He had made arrangements for that. He took the club forward and hired the best talent."

Reddy revealed, "He came to know that K.R. Rajagopal, one of Jolly Rovers' early stalwarts, was not keeping well. He organised a helper for him at ₹60,000 a month."

At the golden jubilee celebration of Jolly Rovers, San-



N. Sankar. •FILE PHOTO

■ Sankar headed the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) as its president in the early 80s

■ He got David Gower to deliver the first K.S. Narayanan [Sankar's illustrious father] Memorial Oration in 2016

■ Sankar also sponsored the Sanmar-TNTA league, which is now in its 29th year

kar brought together all the living members of its first champion side.

He also got Kapil Dev to release a book to mark the occasion - *Cricket for the Love of it*.

Sankar roped in former England captain David Gower to deliver the first K.S. Narayanan [Sankar's illustrious

father] Memorial Oration in 2016. Fond of left-handers, he flew Neil Harvey from Australia to inaugurate the pavilion at the IIT-Chemplast ground.

#### In safe hands

Reddy stressed that Sankar's son Vijay Sankar shared his father's love for the game and Jolly Rovers was in safe hands.

Sankar made significant contributions in tennis too. He was the president of the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA) from 1989 to 1994.

TNTA secretary Prem Kumar Karra said: "Sankar organised the Indian Bank tennis classic, the first million-rupee tournament in the city. Ramesh Krishnan won it."

The first national clay court championship, now in its 29th year, began during his tenure. Sankar also sponsored the Sanmar-TNTA league, which is now in its 29th year.

#### Astute and genial

Former TNTA official Hiten Joshi, said: "Sankar was astute and genial. All the subsequent developments such as a new stadium for Chennai and an ATP tour event were due to the seeds he had sown."

Indeed, Sankar's contribution to sports is considerable.



# CII condoles death of industrialist N. Sankar

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CHENNAI

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) condoled the death of N. Sankar, chairman, The Sanmar Group, here on Sunday.

"India has lost one of its visionary industry leaders. N. Sankar worked tirelessly for over five decades to ensure

trust in business and led by example in setting high standards for ethical business in the country," said T.V. Narendran, president, CII, in a statement.

"Sankar's far-sighted vision not only contributed to the success of his business, but also to the growth and development of major indus-

try sectors, particularly the manufacturing sector in South India," said Suchitra Ella, chairperson, CII-Southern Region.

Sankar's passing is a great loss to Indian industry, and his passion for India's progress will live on as his strong and impactful legacy in the times to come, a release from

CII said. The Kanchi Kamakoti CHILDS Trust Hospital organised a condolence meeting at its auditorium to mourn the death of Sankar, its founder trustee. The consultants, doctors and employees participated and paid their tributes. A two-minute silent prayer was observed as a mark of respect.

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# N. Sankar: a born leader who took problems head-on

He brought the same thoroughness to all areas of interest, and he had a bewildering array of them

V. SRIRAM

Everything about him spelt dynamism. He personified the industrialist that P.G. Wodehouse wrote about – the kind that thumped the table and demanded results. As though to aid in this, NS, as most people in Sanmar and his extended world spoke of him, would often have a scale or a long ruler in his hand while he conducted meetings.

He was restless in discussion – continuously doodling and shading but was in reality all attention to what was going on. Too often, he was at least five steps ahead of what the others in the group were thinking. He invariably expected his listeners to

keep pace, which is why he was staccato during discussions – a few key words and you needed to build the rest in your mind.

He was ahead in everything – be it technology (he held forth on 3D printing around a decade back at a meeting I attended), environment (his companies became zero leakage entities long before others thought of it), sport, business, and news in general. Heaven knew when he read, but read he did.

In keeping with his personality, Sankar was a speed reader and if you gave him a document that you thought he would keep for day, it came back within an hour complete with errors noticed



N. Sankar

and marked. The scrutiny and speed doubled when financial papers were being presented and discussed. And he never forgot – not a single figure ever escaped his memory. And he had a formidable eye for detail.

The same thoroughness he brought to all areas of interest, and he had a bewil-

dering array of them – sports, periodicals and art. His personal library was perfectly catalogued. And as for Sanmar, it had a digital archive of photographs right from its inauguration!

He was boundless in his generosity by way of time

### TRIBUTE

and resources towards deserving charities. The man was incapable of thinking small. Any institution he became involved with had to be strengthened and made long-lasting. And they all flourished.

Sankar joined business on a date that delighted his mathematical senses – 4/5/

67, the day Chemplast was inaugurated. He could have remained content with running that operation but early in life he decided he had to find something on his own – that was when he got into engineering – visiting the United States in the 1960s to convince companies to go into a joint venture with him, investing in a country that few knew and in a city that most Americans had never heard of. His favourite story was of how, on the verge of a tie-up, the United States partner threatened to back off – he had heard of Sheikh Mujib's assassination in Dhaka and assumed it was part of India, one large lawless country!

Under Sankar, Sanmar ex-

panded into many areas – many were hugely successful, others not so but all bore his stamp – perfect systems and the right people. He did not suffer fools and could smell them from miles away. And he loved challenges – the man was a born fighter who took problems head-on.

When I worked on the Sanmar history, I noticed it was a series of seemingly insurmountable obstacles it overcame. He was delighted with the title I suggested – Grit and Determination. It symbolised him! But we settled on another that too represented him – Integrity and Excellence.

*(The writer is a Chennai-based historian, writer and entrepreneur)*



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## Vijay and Ramesh pay tribute to Sankar

S. DINAKAR  
CHENNAI

N. Sankar was suave, possessed a wealth of knowledge, and was articulate. He cared for sports and not surprisingly earned the respect of top flight sportspersons, including tennis aces Vijay Amritraj and Ramesh Krishnan.

Hearing the news of Sankar's demise, Tamil Nadu Tennis Association president Amritraj said, "Incredibly saddened to hear of the passing of our dear friend N. Sankar."

#### Wonderful player

He added, "My relationship with him started over 50 years ago watching and then playing against Sankar and Kumar on the clay courts of Chennai. He was a wonderful player, great in business, and an amazing lover and supporter of tennis."

Amritraj said, "I always enjoyed my time with him well after my career. He was a true gift to Tamil Nadu ten-



N. Sankar with Vijay Amritraj. ■ FILE PHOTO: R. RAGU

nis before and after his stint as president of TNTA."

The entire tennis fraternity in the State would dearly miss him, he said. He added, "I will miss him. Heartfelt condolences to his entire family."

Ramesh told *The Hindu*, "Sankar has known our family for generations. In the late 50s, he used to play a lot with my grandfather, C.K. Ramanathan."

To the Krishnans, Sankar was a family friend. "He is



Ramesh Krishnan. ■ FILE PHOTO

very prominent in my father's wedding photos," revealed Ramesh.

Although Sankar was more connected to his father, the great Ramanathan Krishnan, and his grandfather, Ramesh said, "I played with him at the club level. He had a very neat style, clean game."

#### Driving force

Ramesh remembered the Rs one million clay court tournament at Chennai's Gym-

hana Club in 1993. "Sankar was the driving force behind that event. All the big players came. I defeated K.G. Ramesh in the final."

Talking about Sankar's qualities, Ramesh said, "He was sharp, very good company, and had a great sense of humour. What set him apart was that he could organise things. He was passionate about sports."

As TNTA CEO Hiten Joshi said, "Sankar was truly in love with sports."



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## Sanmar group doyen Sankar dies at 76

**V**eteran industrialist and one of the most respected names in Tamil Nadu's business circles N Sankar, chairman emeritus of Chemplast Sanmar, died



on Sunday after a brief illness. He was 76. Sankar had been instrumental in the success of the company for nearly five decades. He worked with fellow industrialists in the auto sector to help the state government evolve an industrial policy in the early 1990s. **P 12**

## Veteran industrialist N Sankar, doyen of Sanmar group, dies at 76

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Chennai:** Veteran industrialist and one of the most respected names in Tamil Nadu's business circles N Sankar, chairman of the Sanmar Group, died on Sunday after a brief illness. He was 76.



Sankar had been instrumental for the success of the company for nearly five decades. Before being appointed chairman emeritus of Chemplast Sanmar this January, he was on the board of the company and its predecessor from 1975 to 2004, and was the chairman of the company from July 1998 to July 2004.

Prior to that he was VC & MD. From 2004 till August 2020 he was chairman of the Sanmar Group corporate board, an advisory board of the Sanmar Group. Tamil Nadu CMMK Stalin said that San-

kar was one of the top industrialists in Tamil Nadu. Noting that Sankar had headed the Madras Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Assocham, the chief minister lauded his services in the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association and state's tennis association.

"He has received several awards for his contributions in his field and lifetime achievements," Stalin said. He has rendered his services in educational institutions and charitable organisations, the chief minister added. Captains of industry also expressed their condolence. TVS chairman emeritus Venu Srinivasan said Sankar was one of the pioneering industrialists of south India. "I have known him over many decades and watched him lead the Sanmar Group with foresight. He was early to adopt modern management practices and focused on building competence in his companies. He pushed inter-

national growth and investment to make Sanmar a leading player globally in its field." Agreed Suchitra Ella, chairperson, CII southern region: "One of the tallest business leaders passed away and India has lost one of the doyens of business."

While heading family-owned businesses, Sankar roped in professionals and diversified his group's interests through a cluster of joint ventures. Sanmar was very quick to spot opportunities and was an early entrant in the business of life insurance through AMP of Australia. It set up a JV with Dragoco of Germany to make fragrances and flavours. Sharp and soft spoken with strong ethical moorings, Sankar, became a leading voice of industry during his stints as the head of Madras Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Assocham through the early years of liberalisation.

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# Sankar and the jolly good days of TN cricket

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Even as he headed Sanmar Group and Chemplast, his love for sport — especially cricket and tennis — stood out. Sankar, who passed away on Sunday, was the president of the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association in the early 1990s and the vice-president of the All India Tennis Association, but that's not all.

At a time when there wasn't much money to be made out of cricket, Sankar's Sanmar family ran the famous Jolly Rovers Club — one of the prime institutions of cricket in the city. While Jolly Rovers completed 50 years a couple of years ago, Sankar was the promoter of Alwarpet CC, another important club in the Chennai circuit, as well.

Over the years, these

clubs have produced outstanding players and many of them — from S Venkataraghavan to M Vijay — have gone on to represent India. It was Sankar's father, KS Narayanan, who took over Jolly Rovers in 1966-67. The father-son duo didn't take long to change the club into a champion side.

Probably what helped Sankar was the fact that he himself played league cricket in the early 1960s for Jai Hind CC. His understanding of the sport paid immediate dividends and Jolly Rovers won the title in the very first year that Sanmar Group began promoting it. "I think the credit for our success goes to the players. The 1966-67 side had some fine players such as Najam Hussain, K R Rajagopal among others who did



C Suresh Kumar

N Sankar

well to win the title and there was no looking back," Sankar had told TOI a few years ago.

Sankar and Narayanan had brought in the concept of outstation players featuring in TNCA league teams back in 1960s before others joined in. Players from the Services — PK Dharmalingam and V Balaji Rao, Karnataka's K R Rajagopal and Mir Najam Hussain, K V R Murthy from Andhra

and many other outstation cricketers benefited from this move.

Former India pacer L Balaji, who played for Jolly Rovers from 2000 to 2009, termed his interactions with Sankar as a great experience. "Jolly Rovers gave an opportunity to me during my initial years and I am forever grateful for that. Sankar was someone who had a lot of passion for cricket and ensured all possible facilities were given to the players," Balaji told TOI.

According to former India wicketkeeper Bharath Reddy, who heads the cricket operations at the Sanmar group, Sankar backed his players during the most trying times. "When Covid was at its peak, Sankar ensured full salary was paid to the

players, scorers and other support staff. He always gave a lot of importance to the welfare of the players," Reddy mentioned.

That's not all. "Sankar also had a knack of spotting talent. He made sure that arrangements were made to stream all Jolly Rovers matches live," said Reddy.

The rivalry of Jolly Rovers with Vijay CC — the club owned by India Cements, is legendary in the Chennai cricket circles.

Many a battle have been fought both on and off the field between Sankar and the tennis doubles partner of his youth, N Srinivasan, but the two business tycoons never lost their respect for each other.

And the only gainer in the process became Tamil Nadu cricket.



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## Sanmar Chairman N Sankar Passes Away after Brief Illness

### Our Bureau

**Cheennai:** N Sankar, chairman of the Chennai-based Sanmar Group, passed away on Sunday after a brief illness. He was 76.

Sankar was a veteran of the PVC manufacturing and allied sectors and contributed significantly to its growth over five decades.

He was one of the first adopters of modern manufacturing practices in the country through joint ventures with foreign companies.

Sankar led the Sanmar Group through several joint ventures, including Cabot Sanmar, a tie-up with the US-based Cabot group, on chemicals, as well as several American corporations such as Flowserve, BS&B Safety, and Xomox.

His acumen and unique ability in forging long-standing ventures have become the guiding principles for Indian



industrialists looking abroad for partnerships.

Sankar's focus on corporate governance and employee engagement at group companies have been oft-quoted features of his leadership.

Born into an entrepreneurial family - his grandfather SNN Sankaralinga Iyer was one of the founders of cement manufacturer, India Cements - Sankar joined his father KS Narayanan at Chemplast Sanmar at the age of 26 after finishing his Master's from the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.

Five years into the business,

in 1972, he borrowed from investors to buy a majority stake in Industrial Chemicals and Monomers. Sankar's bid to incorporate technology to raise the quality of Indian manufacturing proved to be enduring for local businesses to raise their level of play.

Commenting on Sankar's leadership abilities, Venu Srinivasan, chairman emeritus at TVS Motor Co, said he "pushed international growth and investment to make Sanmar a leading player globally."

R Seshasayee, vice-chairman of the Hinduja Group, said several institutions in sport and healthcare "owe him a debt of gratitude."

Besides holding leadership positions across several public bodies such as Assocham, Sankar was also an avid sports enthusiast.

The Sanmar family supports two cricket clubs - the Jolly Rovers and the Alwarpet Cricket Club.



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## Sanmar chairman N Sankar passes away

**CHENNAI:** Sanmar Group's N Sankar died on Sunday following a brief illness. He was 77. He is survived by wife, a son and daughter.

Son Vijay Sankar is the deputy chairman while N Kumar, brother of Sankar, is the vice-chairman. N Sankar, an icon of Indian Industry was at the forefront of the Indian PVC Industry for over five decades. Sankar was Chairman of the billion dollar global diversified conglomerate Sanmar Group, with presence in India, the US, Mexico and Egypt. A role model for entrepreneurs and institution builders alike characterised by an unusual combination of business acumen and ethical conviction, upright, farsighted and innovative and open to new technologies.

Sankar headed many industry organisations, including Assocham, Indo-US Joint Business Council, MCCI and MMA. He also served as the Honorary Consul General of Denmark in South from 1989 to 2017. A pioneer in PVC manufacture, he came up with some of the original choices for highly integrated

manufacturing processes at various manufacturing facilities of Chemplast, the Group's flagship company for almost 55 years now. Corporate governance was an article of faith with Sankar and his business Group echoed this philosophy in its vision statement "Combining Integrity with Excellence." Sankar was among the pioneers to separate ownership from the management and he empowered the management with a pool of talented professionals. A third generation entrepreneur, Sankar carved a niche for himself as an out of the box entrepreneur. A Chemical Engineering grad from AC Tech College of technology and a masters from Illinois Institute of technology, Chicago, the people-centric leader also had hands-on experience at plant level.

Sankar joined Chemplast in 1967 as a trainee, when his father KS Narayanan was the promoter and director. He was 26 when he started his entrepreneurial career by acquiring a major stake in

Industrial Chemicals and Monomers. Sankar had been a patron of sports – Cricket and tennis. The Sanmar family runs two cricket clubs – the Jolly Rovers, for over 50 years and the Alwarpet Cricket Club. He was the president of Tamil Nadu Cricket and Tennis Associations and also President of the Madras Cricket Club. He was also on the board of the IIM Kozhikode.



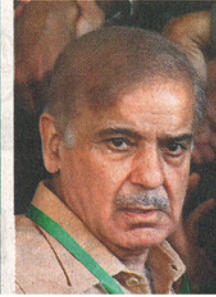
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TVS Group chairman emeritus Venu Srinivasan said, "Sankar was one of the pioneering industrialists of the south. I have known him over many decades and watched him lead the Sanmar group with foresight. He was early to adopt modern management practices and focused on building competence in his companies. He pushed international growth and investment to make Sanmar a leading player globally." Suchitra Ella, Chairperson, CII-SR said, "One of the tallest business leaders and the architect of Sanmar Group has passed away from our midst and India has lost one of the doyens of business."



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## Sanmar Group chairman N Sankar passes away at 77



Chennai: Sanmar Group chairman Narayan Sankar passed away on Sunday due to an illness. He was 77. A pioneer in PVC production, he came up with original choices for integrated manufacturing processes | P4, 11

## Sports bodies condole death of Sanmar Group chief N Sankar

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N SANKAR, a well-known industrialist, chairman of Sanmar Group and a great patron of sports, particularly cricket and tennis, passed away on Sunday. He was 76 and is survived by his wife Chandra, son Vijay and daughter Madhurika. Sankar was the former president of the TNCA and owned two teams in the TNCA league. Jolly Rovers and Alwarpet CC are the two teams that were close to him and he has helped scores of cricketers from all over the country take part in the league as professionals.



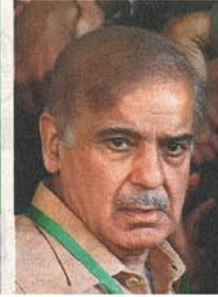
"The Tamil Nadu Cricket Association deeply condoles the sad demise of N Sankar, former President of TNCA and chairman of Sanmar Group. The TNCA recalls his exemplary service to the game of Cricket in Tamil Nadu. He was an astute administrator and a visionary. His demise is a huge loss to Indian cricket, especially Tamil Nadu. His immense contribution to the development of cricket and cricketers will be long remembered. The TNCA sends its deepest sympathies to the bereaved family members," said RS Ramasaamy, secretary of the TNCA. The tennis fraternity in the city also mourned the loss of Sankar, whose vision paved the way for the conduct of the Chennai inter-club league.





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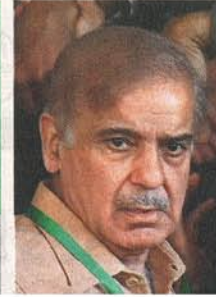


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### GOVERNOR'S CONDOLENCES

TN Governor RN Ravi has expressed his heartfelt condolences to the families of victims who died during the Chithirai festival in Madurai. The Governor also prayed for the speedy recovery of those injured

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## Sanmar Group chief N Sankar passes away

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SANMAR Group chairman Narayan Sankar passed away here on Sunday following a brief illness. He was 77.

A pioneer in PVC manufacturing, Sankar came up with original choices for integrated processes of manufacturing at various facilities of Chemplast. He was among the people who separated ownership from the management, and he empowered the management with a pool of talented professionals.

Before serving as chairman of Sanmar Group, Sankar was the president of Assocham (1991-92), chairman of the Indo-US Joint Business Council (1998-99), chairman of the Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry (1986-87), and president of the Madras Management Association (1981-87). He was also on the Board of NOCIL, Mumbai, and the India Advisory Board of FLSmidth, Denmark.

Sankar was involved with the management of a number of educational and charitable organisations. He was also a board member of the CHILDS Trust,



### CM condoles death

In his condolence message, CM MK Stalin lauded the dedicated service of the departed industrialist as chief of various associations such as ASSOCHAM and Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry

and had earlier served as chairman of The Chennai Willingdon Corporate Foundation and Chennai Heritage, and member of the Board of Governors of IIM-Kozhikode. He also headed the State's tennis and cricket associations.

Sankar also served as the Honorary Consul General for Denmark in South India from 1989 to 2017, and was awarded the 'Knight of the Order of the Dannebrog, First Class' by the Danish government.

Venu Srinivasan, chairman emeritus of TVS Group, said, "Sankar was one of the pioneering industrialists of South India. I watched him lead the Sanmar Group with foresight. He was early to adopt modern management practices. He pushed international growth and investment to make Sanmar a leading player globally."

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## Industrialist N Sankar passes away in city

DC CORRESPONDENT  
CHENNAI, APRIL 17

Industrialist N Sankar, an icon of Indian Industry, who had been at the forefront of the Indian PVC industry for over five decades, passed away in Chennai on Sunday afternoon. He was chairman of the Sanmar Group, a billion dollar global conglomerate and diversified multinational with major presence in India, the USA, Mexico and Egypt.

Sankar was a role model for entrepreneurs and institution builders alike characterised by an unusual combination of business acumen and ethical conviction, upright, farsighted and innovative and open to new technologies.

Sankar who headed a number of industry organisations at national and international levels was President of Assocham (1981-82), Chairman, Indo-US Joint Business Council (1996-99), Chairman, Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry (1986-87) and President, Madras Management Association (1981-87), President, Indo Danish Business Council, etc. He served as the Honorary Consul General of Denmark in South India from 1989 to 2017.

Like his father K.S. Narayanan, he was a sportsman and keen tennis player who went on to head the TNCA as well as the TNCA during stints in sports administration in the 80s and 90s. He was a patron of cricket and tennis and was President of the Madras Cricket Club as well.

The Sanmar family runs two cricket clubs - the Jolly Rovers, for over 50 years and the Alwarpet CC which produces outstanding players with a



N Sankar

large number of them representing India. Himself a university champion in tennis, he promoted the game by sponsoring tennis talent for over the last 40 years.

Corporate Governance was an article of faith with Sankar and his business Group echoed this philosophy in its vision statement "Combining Integrity with Excellence". He was among the pioneers to separate ownership from the management and he empowered the management with a pool of talented professionals.

A third generation entrepreneur, Sankar carved a niche for himself as an out of the box entrepreneur. With his technical educational background in Chemical Engineering from AC Tech College of technology and a masters from Illinois Institute of technology, Chicago, he had also handson experience at plant level.

He was known as a "people centric leader", spending lot of time and money to recruit talented people and train and develop them. Sankar joined Chemplast on 4/5/67 as a trainee, when his father was the promoter and director. He was 28 years when he started his entre-

preneurial career by acquiring a major stake in Industrial Chemicals and Monomers, a carbide manufacturing company.

Sankar had concern for the environment. He was a pioneer in establishing the Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) facility at all the Group manufacturing chemical plants, when the technology was not known in the Indian industry.

Sankar had great concern for the public causes and he supported well known healthcare institutions including the Cancer Institute, Sankars Nethralaya, Childs Trust Hospital, Voluntary Health Services (VHS) and several others. He was also involved in the management of a number of educational and charitable organisations including Sri Sankara Schools, Chennai Willingdon Corporate Foundation and Chennai Heritage and was a member on the Board of Governors of IIM-Kozhikode.

"Sankar was one of the pioneering industrialists of South India. I have known him over many decades and watched him lead the Sanmar group with foresight. He was early to adopt modern management practices and focused on building competence in his companies. He pushed International growth and investment to make Sanmar a leading player globally," said Mr Venu Srinivasan Chairman TVS Group.

Ms. Suchitra Ella, Chairperson, CH Southern Region said, "One of the tallest business leaders and the architect of Sanmar Group has passed away from our midst and India has lost one of the doyens of business. The passing away of Mr Sankar will be a great loss to the Indian Industry."

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### Tributes pour in for Sankar

DC CORRESPONDENT  
CHENNAI, APRIL 17

Tamil Nadu Cricket Association and Tamil Nadu Tennis Association condoled the death of their former president N. Sankar on Sunday.

"The TNCA recalls his exemplary service to the game in Tamil Nadu. He was an astute administrator and a visionary. His demise is a huge loss to Indian cricket, especially Tamil Nadu. His immense contribution to the development of cricketers will be long remembered. The TNCA sends its deepest sympathies to the bereaved family members," said R.S. Ramasaamy in a release.

Current TNTA president Vijay Amritraj said: "My relationship with Sanmar started over 50 years ago. I have watched and also played against him. He was a wonderful player, great in business and an amazing supporter of tennis. I always enjoyed my time with him well after my career. He was a true gift to Tamil Nadu tennis before and after his stint as the president of TNTA. The entire tennis fraternity will miss him."

Sankar was the president



N. Sankar

● Sankar was the president of TNTA between 1989 and 1994. During his term, he set TNTA on a new path with his broad vision of growth.

of TNTA between 1989 and 1994. During his term, he set TNTA on a new path with his broad vision of growth. The national clay court tennis championship, now in its 29th year, began during his tenure.

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வாழ்நாள் சாதனையாளர் விருது பெற்றவர்

## தொழிலதிபர் சங்கர் மறைவு முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் இரங்கல்

சென்னை, ஏப். 18: வாழ்நாள் சாதனையாளர் விருது பெற்ற தொழிலதிபர் சங்கர் மறைவுக்கு முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் இரங்கல் தெரிவித்துள்ளார்.



அமைப்புகளின் தலைவராகவும் சங்கர் திறம்படப் பணியாற்றியுள்ளார்.

தனது துறையில் ஆற்றிய பங்களிப்புகளுக்காகவும்

இதுகுறித்து முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் வெளியிட்ட அறிக்கையில் கூறியுள்ளதாவது:

தமிழ்நாட்டின் தலைசிறந்த தொழிலதிபர்களுள் ஒருவரும் கெம்பிளாஸ்ட் சன்மார் குழுமத்தின் தலைமைத் தலைவருமான என்.சங்கர் மறைந்தார் என்று அறிந்து மிகவும் வேதனையடைந்தேன். அசோசேம், சென்னை தொழில் - வர்த்தக சபை உள்ளிட்ட பல்வேறு உயர் அமைப்புகளின் தலைவராக இருந்த சங்கர். விளையாட்டுத் துறையிலும் பெரும் ஆர்வம் கொண்டிருந்தவர் ஆவார். தமிழ்நாடு கிரிக்கெட் சங்கம், தமிழ்நாடு டென்னிஸ் சங்கம் ஆகிய

காகவும் சாதனைகளுக்காகவும் வாழ்நாள் சாதனையாளர் விருது உள்ளிட்ட பல்வேறு விருதுகளை சங்கர் பெற்றுள்ளார். கல்வி நிறுவனங்களிலும், அறக்கட்டளைகளிலும் பணியாற்றி அத்துறைகளிலும் சேவை புரிந்துள்ளார். தென்னிந்தியாவுக்கான டென்மார்க் நாட்டின் துணைத்தூதராகவும் அவர் இருந்தார் என்பது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது. சங்கர் மறைவால் துயரில் ஆழ்ந்துள்ள அவரது குடும்பத்தினர், நிறுவனத்தினர் மற்றும் நண்பர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் எனது ஆழ்ந்த இரங்கலையும் ஆறுதலையும் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்.

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களை கிரிக்கெட் உலகிற்கு தந்துள்ளார்.  
சென்னை அணிகளுக்கிடையே லீக் போட்டி  
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# இந்து தமிழ் திசை

தமிழால் இணைவோம்

சென்னை / காஞ்சிபுரம் பதிப்பு ● திங்கள், ஏப்ரல் 18, 2022



## தொழிலதிபர் என்.சங்கர் மறைவுக்கு முதல்வர் இரங்கல்

■ சென்னை

தமிழக முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் வெளியிட்ட இரங்கல் செய்தி:

தமிழகத்தின் தலைசிறந்த தொழிலதிபர்களில் ஒருவரும், கெம்பிளாஸ்ட் சன்மார் குழுமத்தின் தலைமைத் தலைவருமான என்.சங்கர் மறைந்தார் என்று அறிந்துமிகவும் வேதனையடைந்தேன். பல்வேறு உயர் அமைப்புகளின் தலைவராக இருந்த சங்கர், தமிழ்நாடு கிரிக்கெட் சங்கம், டென்னிஸ் சங்கத்தின் தலைவராகவும் திறம்படப் பணியாற்றியுள்ளார். பல்வேறு விருதுகளைப் பெற்றுள்ளார். கல்வி நிறுவனங்களிலும், அறக்கட்டளைகளிலும் பணியாற்றி சேவை புரிந்துள்ளார். தென்னிந்தியாவுக்கான டென்மார்க் நாட்டின் துணைத் தூதராகவும் பணியாற்றிய சங்கரின் மறைவால் துயரத்தில் ஆழ்ந்துள்ள அவரது குடும்பத்தினர், நிறுவனத்தினர் மற்றும் நண்பர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் எனது ஆழ்ந்த இரங்கலையும் ஆறுதலையும் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்.



# இந்து தமிழ் திசை

தமிழால் இணைவோம்

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## சன்மார் குழும தலைவர்

### சங்கர் காலமானார்



#### ■ சென்னை

சன்மார் குழுமத் தலைவர் என். சங்கர் நேற்று உடல்நலக் குறைவால் காலமானார். அவருக்கு வயது 76.

சென்னையை தலைமையிடமாகக் கொண்ட சன்மார் குழுமம், இரசாயனம், கப்பல் சரக்கு, பொறியியல், உலோகம் உள்ளிட்ட பிரிவுகளில் வணிகம் செய்து வருகிறது. இக்குழுமத்தின் தற்போதைய மதிப்பு ரூ.12,500 கோடி ஆகும். சன்மார் குழுமத்தின் கெம்பளாஸ்ட் சன்மார் நிறுவனத்தின் இயக்குநர் குழுவில், 1975 முதல் 2004 வரையில் சங்கர் இருந்தார். 1998 முதல் 2004 வரையில் அந்நிறுவனத்தின் தலைவராக பொறுப்பு வகித்தார். அதன் பிறகு 2004 முதல் சன்மார் குழுமத்தின் தலைவர் பொறுப்பு வகித்தார்.

தீவிர விளையாட்டு ரசிகரான சங்கர், அகில இந்திய டென்னிஸ் கழகத்தின் துணைத் தலைவராகவும், தமிழ்நாடு கிரிக்கெட் மற்றும் டென்னிஸ் கழகத்தின் தலைவராகவும் பொறுப்பில் இருந்துள்ளார்.

சங்கரின் மறைவு குறித்து டிவிஎஸ் குழுமத்தின் தலைவர் வேணு சீனிவாசன் கூறுகையில் 'தென் இந்திய தொழில் துறையின் முன்னோடி நபர்களில் ஒருவர் சங்கர். சன்மாறை உலக அளவில் முன்னணி நிறுவனமாக மாற்ற பங்காற்றினார்' என்றார்.



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# மக்கள் குரல்

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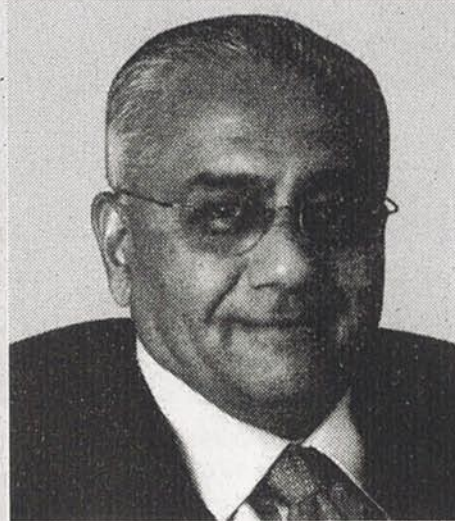
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## கெம்பிளாஸ்ட் சன்மார் குழும தலைவர் என்.சங்கர் மறைவு: முதல்வர் ஸ்டாலின் இரங்கல்

சென்னை, ஏப்.18  
தொழிலதிபர் என்.சங்கர்  
மறைவுக்கு முதலமைச்சர்  
மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் இரங்கல்  
தெரிவித்துள்ளார்.

இது குறித்து அவர் வெளியிட்டுள்ள செய்தியில் கூறியிருப்பதாவது:

தமிழ்நாட்டின் தலைசிறந்த தொழிலதிபர்களுள் ஒருவரும் கெம்பிளாஸ்ட் சன்மார் குழுமத்தின் தலைவருமான என்.சங்கர் மறைந்தார் என்று அறிந்து மிகவும் வேதனையடைந்தேன். அசோசேம், சென்னை தொழில்-வர்த்தக சபை உள்ளிட்ட பல்வேறு உயர் அமைப்புகளின் தலைவராக இருந்த சங்கர் விளையாட்டு துறையிலும் பெரும் ஆர்வம் கொண்டிருந்தவர். தமிழ்நாடு கிரிக்கெட்



சங்கம், தமிழ்நாடு டென்னிஸ் சங்கம் ஆகிய அமைப்புகளின்

தலைவராகவும் சங்கர் திறம்பட பணியாற்றியுள்ளார். தனது துறையில் ஆற்றிய பங்களிப்புகளுக்காகவும், சாதனைகளுக்காகவும் வாழ்நாள் சாதனையாளர் விருது உள்ளிட்ட பல்வேறு விருதுகளை பெற்றுள்ளார்.

கல்வி நிறுவனங்களிலும், அறக்கட்டளைகளிலும் பணியாற்றி அத்துறைகளிலும் சங்கர் சேவை புரிந்துள்ளார். தென்னிந்தியாவுக்கான டென்மர்க் நாட்டின் துணைத்தராகவும் அவர் இருந்தார் என்பது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது. சங்கரின் மறைவால் துயரில் ஆழ்ந்துள்ள அவரது குடும்பத்தினர், நிறுவனத்தினர் மற்றும் நண்பர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் எனது ஆழ்ந்த இரங்கலையும், ஆறுதலையும் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறேன்.

இவ்வாறு அதில் கூறப்பட்டுள்ளது.