



# Dr Rishi Palpu

## A champion for progress. A leader with a heart.

Rishi Palpu was born into a family of entrepreneurs but he did not inherit success. He built it. From industry to activism, he understood early that leadership is not about positions. It is about making things better. For years, he has fought for economic empowerment, social justice, and industrial growth. Not from the sidelines but in the thick of it. As National Vice President of the World Human Rights Protection Commission and State President of the National Employers Federation, he pushes for policies that uplift businesses, workers, and communities alike. But Rishi is not just a man of boardrooms and policy meetings. He is where change happens.

On the ground. In the streets. With the people. Listening. Engaging. Acting. His political career began with the BJP where he rose quickly, chairing the State OBC department and the BJP Industrial SME Sector. But when the ideology conflicted with his principles, he did not hesitate. He walked away. Because true leadership is not about staying comfortable. It is about standing for what is right. He did not switch parties. He started over. Joining the Indian National Congress, he did not demand a title. He earned respect. He worked from the ground up, standing alongside those who needed a voice.

His philanthropy is not a side project. It is a way of life. Through his family foundation, he has transformed lives, especially among marginalized communities. Not with promises but with action. Rishi is more than a politician. He is a connector. Between power and people. Between policy and progress. Between influence and impact. He works with opinion leaders, religious heads, media, and entrepreneurs, bringing together the voices that shape society. He is not about power. He is not about fame. He is about leading with his heart and changing lives. And that is exactly what Rishi Palpu does.



## A Life Rooted in Service

Rishi Palpu does not believe in charity for the sake of it. He believes in impact. Through the Dr. Palpu Foundation, named after Dr. Palpu a social reformer and one of the founders of SNDP Yogam, he has transformed lives where it matters most. Education for those who cannot afford it. Healthcare for those who have none. Support for those left behind.

When the world shifted online, he made sure underprivileged children were not left in the dark, providing mobile devices for their education. When crises struck, he ensured families had food on their tables. His philanthropy is not about grand gestures. It is about real solutions.

But his vision goes beyond aid. He fights for Kerala's traditional industries, from handloom weavers to small-scale manufacturers, ensuring they do not just survive but flourish. He sees heritage not as a relic but as a foundation for progress. Growth should not erase identity. It should strengthen it.

## The political visionary

Rishi Palpu does not just believe in politics. He believes in people. A committed worker in the Indian National Congress, he operates where real change begins—at the grassroots. His vision is clear. Development should include everyone, not just those at the top.

His leadership is not confined to party offices. As Managing Trustee of the Dr. Palpu Foundation and President of the Kerala State Ornament Workers Union (INTUC), he fights for industries, workers, and communities that form the backbone of Kerala. His mission is simple. A Kerala that works for all. Impact that speaks for itself

- Revitalized the Balaramapuram Handloom Weavers Collective, keeping Kerala's weaving heritage alive.
- Championed policy reforms for earthen tile manufacturers, safeguarding jobs in women-led sectors.
- Played a key role in industrial development at Cochin Port Trust.
- Collaborated with CII, ASSOCHAM, UPASI, and FICCI to align industry policies with Kerala's economic future.
- Brought together the Ayurveda Medicine Manufacturers Organisation of India (AMMOI), ensuring traditional healthcare thrives in a modern world.

## Current Positions

- **Director** : Hare Krishna Agro Plantations Pvt. Ltd, Pollachi
- **National Vice President** : World Human Rights Protection Commission
- **State President** : National Employers Federation  
(Apex Body of PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry)
- **State President** : Kerala State Ornament Workers Union (INTUC)
- **State President** : Pravasi World Malayalee Council (PWMC)
- **President** : Poovathur Sree Narayana Dharma Paripalana Yogam (Reg No: 2/1963)
- **Managing Trustee** : Dr Palpu Foundation
- **Working President** : MSMEA (Micro Small Medium Entrepreneurs Association)

## Past Responsibilities

- **Ex-Trustee** : Cochin Port Trust (2016 – 2018)
- **State Co-Convener** : Trade & Industry Cell (BJP) (2011 – 2013)
- **State Convener** : Micro & Small Industry Cell (BJP) (2013 – 2015)
- **National Executive Member** : Micro & Small Industry Cell (BJP)
- **State Vice President** : OBC Morcha Kerala

## Awards and Achievements

Rishi Palpu has received several prestigious awards for his contributions to society and leadership:

- Honorary Doctorate from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- Kerala Kaumudi Daily Excellence Award
- Bharath General Consumers Association Karma Shrestha Award
- Pravasi Bharathiya Diwas Noted Philanthropist Award
- Vismayam Books Manavaseva Award

# Charitable Activities (2020-2024)

Under the Palpu Foundation, Rishi Palpu has undertaken several impactful charitable initiatives:

- Distributed mobile phones, tablets, and laptops to 737 economically backward children during the Covid period.
- Implemented the P.R. Palpu Memorial Drinking Water Scheme in Vadakkanchery, benefiting numerous families for the past four years.
- Provides 5 kg of rice monthly to 100 families under the Akshaya Patram scheme.
- Delivered food kits to 6000 families in need during the Covid pandemic.
- Offered medical assistance, including wheelchairs and oxygen concentrators, to financially struggling patients.
- Provided houses to two economically backward families, ensuring them a safe shelter.

## Social Activities

- Advocates for SMEs and MSMEs in Kerala by providing a platform for grievance redressal.
- Promotes traditional industries like Handlooms through initiatives like the Balaramapuram Handloom Weavers Collective, reviving age-old crafts.
- Engages with earthen tile manufacturers for policy advocacy, safeguarding women-dominated employment sectors.
- Played a strategic role in planning and implementing initiatives at Cochin Port Trust.
- Collaborates with organisations like CII, ASSOCHAM, UPASI, and FICCI to synchronise industry cell activities with state-level industrial requirements.
- Works with the Ayurveda Medicine Manufacturers Organisation of India (AMMOI), uniting traditional Ayurveda practitioners to address industry challenges.

## A Legacy in the Making

His vision is not a distant dream. It is unfolding every day in the lives he touches, the industries he revives, and the policies he helps shape. His leadership is not measured by speeches but by impact. A handloom weaver who finds new markets. A small business owner who gets the support to grow. A worker who stands protected because someone fought for their rights.

Rishi Palpu does not wait for change. He drives it. In boardrooms and factory floors, in community halls and policy meetings, his presence is felt where it matters. Not with promises, but with action. Not with noise, but with results. Progress is not just about the future. It is about making today better than yesterday. And for Rishi Palpu, that work never stops.

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