

Dr. Arigapudi Vijay Kumar – an eloquent patron of arts and culture.

Dr. Arigapudi Vijay Kumar's philanthropy extends not only to the upliftment of the poor and downtrodden but also to the field of art and culture. He has extended support to various socio-cultural organisations to help them in succeeding in their endeavours to protect and promote the Indian Art-and Culture. He is the chief Patron for several such organisations too.

"Art is the stored honey of the human soul."

– Theodore Dreiser

After completing B.Sc. degree in Computer Science (PG Diploma) in Bombay, he humbly rejected an employment opportunity from America to start a career as a contractor. Around this time, he started contributing to the cultural and artistic sphere.

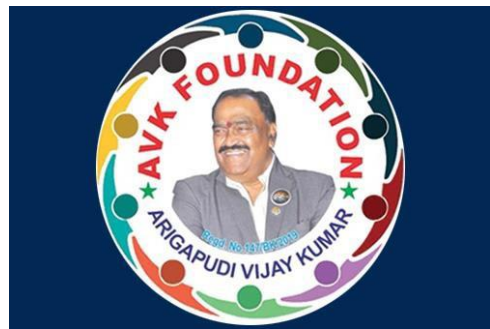
He would often cite that the tradition of arts and culture among other spheres has been passed down through generations. This philosophy has remained his life's motto.

The "Arigapudi Vijay Kumar Foundation – for the promotion of Arts and Culture":

Dr. Arigapudi Vijay Kumar has offered extensive support to performers, literary personalities, and many artists over his lifetime. His social work has spanned many fields in many directions. While his work has been openly recognized and commended by the beneficiaries, government, and private entities alike, the need for a brand seemed imminent.

Considering this, Dr. AVK's close associates convinced him to establish a Foundation which would give him the necessary umbrella under which his work could continue.

Since 2019, the AVK Foundation has supported, mentored, and provided a platform for promoting art and culture across South India. Through the AVK Foundation, Dr. Vijay Kumar's generous support of the arts now has an iconic brand voice. In the coming days, it promises to be a mascot to which artists and cultural champions would rally.



The "Arigapudi Vijay Kumar Foundation – for the promotion of Arts and Culture", the AVK Foundation for short was established on 29 December 2019 at Telugu Lalitha Kala Thoranam, Nampally, Hyderabad.

The Inaugural event was marked by Musical, Folk, and Dance performances by artists. The event was graced by noted names from art and cultural domains as well as politicians, social workers, philanthropists, and Padmashri awardees in various fields.

Dr. AVK's accolades received in art and cultural service:

In view of his unstinting efforts in the field of Social Service and promotion of Art and Culture, Lion Dr. A. Vijay Kumar was felicitated by Vamsee Art Theaters and was conferred the title of “Seva Saarvabhauma” and “Vadaanya Varennya”. On the eve of the New Year, he was also conferred the title of “Man of the Year -2017, “Visistha Sevaratna” and “Life Time Achievement Award” by Telugu Velugu Cultural Association at Vishakapatnam and Hyderabad, “Kala Samrat” and “Pride of India” Award by Srutilaya Arts Academy, “Kala Seva Prapoorna” by Srujana Arts, Hyderabad, “Kala Seva Ratna” by Seven Hills Cultural and Social Organisation, “Uttama Pourudu” by Visakha Samacharam Daily and “Samskrutika Yasho Bhooshana” by Tejaswini Cultural Association.

He was also felicitated by reputed cultural organisations across two Telugu States like Sri Krishna Swara Raaga Sravanthi, RR Creations, Madhura Veena Musicals, Suja Ramana Cultural Academy, Sarada Lakshmi Cultural Academy, Sri Sai Lalitha Music Academy, Raga Virajita Cultural Association, Fusion Four Group to name a few.

Other recognitions in arts include - 'Lifetime Achievement Award' in recognition for Services rendered to Society by Ketha Ankulu Memorial Trust; the 'Tirupati Ponnarao Seva Puraskaram' in 2017 for Social Service; and the Recognition for Services rendered to Society by 'Nefja' and Pinakini Youth Welfare Association'.

With the inception of the AVK Foundation, his journey continues into arts and cultural patronage.



Dr. AVK at the Suchitra Cultural Foundation event



Dr. AVK's patronage of arts and art events