

# A. Vellayan

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**Arunachalam Vellayan** (born 9 January 1953, [Chennai](#)) is a member of the [Murugappa family](#) and the vice-chairman of the [Murugappa Group](#), based in Chennai, India. In February 2018, he stepped down as chairman of the group, ceding the spot to his cousin [M.M.Murugappan](#).<sup>[2]</sup> He is the Chairman of [Coromandel International](#) Limited and [EID Parry](#) (India) Ltd.<sup>[3]</sup> He is also the Chairman of the Fertiliser Association of India, and is a Director in AMM Educational Foundation and Kanoria Chemicals and Industries Ltd, Calcutta.<sup>[4][5][6]</sup>

## Education

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Vellayan was educated at [The Doon School](#) and went to [Shri Ram College of Commerce](#), [University of Delhi](#), and then [Warwick Business School](#) in the UK.<sup>[7][8]</sup>

## Career

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He holds a diploma in Industrial Administration from [Aston University](#), UK and a master's degree in Business Studies from the University of [Warwick Business School](#), UK, and has been conferred the Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) by the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore. Some of the other positions held by him in the past include:

- Vice President — Federation of Indian Export Organisation
- Member — Board of Governors, Doon School
- President — ICC, India
- President — All India Cycle Manufacturers' Association
- Director — EXIM Bank
- Director — Indian Overseas Bank

In May 2015, Indian market regulator [SEBI](#) charged him in an [Insider trading](#) case related to the acquisition of Sabero Organics by Coromandel International in 2011.<sup>[9]</sup>

On 31-Jan-2018 he has been appointed the new chairman of the Society and Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode (IIM-K).<sup>[10]</sup>