Who is Kumar Mangalam Birla?

Kumar Mangalam Birla is Chairman of the US$ 28 billion Aditya Birla Group and India’s first truly multinational corporation. He is among the richest persons in India and the eighth youngest billionaire outside India according to the Fortune magazine.

Journey to the Top

Born on June 14, 1967, Birla is a chartered accountant and has also done his MBA from the London Business School, where he is also an Honorary Fellow. He took over the leadership of the Aditya Birla group after his father’s death in 1995. Since then, the company has touched a market capitalisation of Rs 30,000 crore.

Awards

Birla was awarded “The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year-India”, was named “Young Super Performer in the CEO Category” by Business Today, was chosen by the World Economic Forum (Davos) as one of the Young Global Leaders. Business World ranked him among the top 10 of India’s most admired and respected CEOs and the top CEO of the coming millennium.

Beyond Business

For the development of technology and for his involvement in bringing the country at par with other countries in the field of industries, the SRM University in Tamil Nadu conferred the Degree of Doctor of Literature. He authored the nation’s first report on corporate governance. Birla is the Chancellor of the Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS), Pilani. He is also Honorary Fellow of the London Business School (LBS), a title conferred upon him by the governing board of the LBS.