

## About Ram Madhav

Ram Madhav is an Indian politician, social leader, author and thinker. Dr Madhav is the President of India Foundation (IF), a New Delhi-based Think tank and the Chancellor of Aurora University. In over a decade of India Foundation's existence, Dr Madhav has been the curator of major annual global and national multilateral initiatives like the Indian Ocean Conference, the Dharma-Dhamma Conference, ASEAN-India Youth Summit and Counter Terrorism Conference involving heads of nations and leaders of governments besides academics, scholars and public spirited individuals. Most recently, Dr Madhav has been instrumental in ideating the Religion-20 Forum (R20) as part of India's presidency of the G20.

Previously, Dr Madhav has served as the National General Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) during 2014-20 responsible for handling the political affairs of Jammu & Kashmir, Assam and other North-Eastern states of India.

A renowned author and thinker, Dr Madhav has authored several books in English and Telugu that include "The Hindutva Paradigm – Integral Humanism and the Quest for a Non-Western Worldview" ; "Because India Comes First: Reflections on Nationalism, Identity and Culture" and "Uneasy Neighbours: India and China after 50 years of the war". His most recent book "Partitioned Freedom" explores the untold history of India's partition in 1947 and the birth of Pakistan. He is a regular contributor to platforms like The Indian Express, The Hindustan Times and OPEN Magazine amongst others. He had been the editor of Bharatiya Pragna, a monthly magazine in English published by Pragna Bharati, and associate editor of Jagriti, a Telugu weekly.

Widely regarded for his contributions in the field of strategic thinking, political philosophy and India's foreign policy, Dr Madhav has travelled widely and addressed forums like the Valdai Discussion Club in Russia, R20 Forum in Indonesia, Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, Halifax Security Forum in Canada, Sochi Eurasian Integration Forum in Russia, BRICS Political Forum in China, and the World Peace Conference in Thailand.