

## Dinesh Vasu Dash, 迪内希, தினைஷ் வாசு தாஸ்

“Coming from a modest beginning, my only interest is to give back as much as I can, to the country and people I so dearly love. I hope to be a voice for the vulnerable, and to listen to everyone with empathy, so that we can make a difference as one united Singapore.”

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Dinesh is a strong believer in serving the nation, our communities and our people.

Coming from a modest family background, Dinesh is an advocate and supporter for the vulnerable in society, particularly our seniors. He volunteered for over eight years in a charity that operated Nursing Homes and Senior Care Centres.

Prior to joining politics, Dinesh was the CEO of the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC), an agency that focusses on supporting seniors and nurturing the Community Care Sector. There, he operationalised government policies to enhance the health and wellbeing of Singaporeans, particularly our seniors. He expanded the scope and scale of senior care facilities and launched multiple media campaigns to combat ageism in Singapore. He was instrumental in the successful rollout of Healthier SG, a preventive health programme, where over 1.2 million enrolled Singaporeans benefit from today.

Before AIC, Dinesh played a pivotal role as the overall head of operations in MOH during the COVID-19 pandemic. There, he mobilised the public and private sectors to deal with the crisis. He was the chief architect of the National COVID-19 Vaccination campaign, resulting in one of the highest vaccination rates in the world, which in turn resulted in a very low death rate due to the virus.

Dinesh is also a passionate volunteer who firmly believes in giving back. He served in multiple organisations that benefited Singapore and Singaporeans including as a grassroots volunteer, Party activist, School Advisory Committee member for over fifteen years, and as a member of the Advisory Council on Community Relations in Defence (ACCORD).

He was an EXCO member of SINDA and a Board member of the Hindu Advisory Board.

Dinesh is married to Dr Rathiga Velaithan and they have three children. Besides trying hard to keep fit and listening to rock music, he also plays terrible golf.

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- Dinesh is a strong believer in serving the nation, our communities and our people.

- An advocate and supporter for the vulnerable in society, particularly our seniors. He volunteered for over eight years as a Trustee and member of the Board of Directors for the Sree Narayana Mission, a charity that operates Nursing Homes and Senior Care Centres.
- He was also the former CEO of the Agency for Integrated Care, an agency that focusses on supporting our seniors and nurturing the Community Care Sector. There, he operationalised government policies to enhance the health and wellbeing of all Singaporeans, particularly our seniors.
- As a passionate volunteer who firmly believes in giving back, he served in multiple organisations that benefited Singapore and Singaporeans. He served as member and subsequently Vice-Chairman of the Citizens' Consultative Committee in the Cashew Division since 2021 and was a Party activist at Chong Pang Division since 2023. He was also a member of the Northbrooks Secondary School's Advisory Committee (SAC) since 2019, having previously served Zhenghua Primary School, in a similar capacity, for ten years. He was a member of the Advisory Council on Community Relations in Defence (ACCORD).
- Firmly believes in equal opportunities for all, regardless of race, language or religion. He was an EXCO member of SINDA and a Board member of the Hindu Advisory Board.
- He played a pivotal role during the COVID-19 pandemic, as the overall head of operations in MOH, where he mobilised the public and private sectors and dealt with the crisis. He was also the chief architect of the National COVID-19 Vaccination campaign, resulting in one of the highest vaccination rates in the world, which in turn resulted in a very low mortality rate due to the virus.
- Prior to the pandemic, he had been an officer in the Singapore Armed Forces.

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