



Shri Thanedar

Shri Thanedar immigrated to the United States in 1979 to pursue his Ph.D. in polymer chemistry at the University of Akron. After earning his Ph.D. in 1982, Shri worked as a postdoctoral scholar at the University of Michigan until 1984 when he began a new position as a Polymer Synthesis Chemist and Project Leader at the Petrolite Corporation.

In 1990, Shri purchased Chemir Analytical Services which at the time had only three employees. By 2008, Shri had grown the company to over 400 employees through strong leadership, fiscal discipline and an unbridled determination to succeed.

In 2008, the recession forced the company to close. After relocating with his family back to Michigan, Shri founded Avomeen Analytical Services in 2010. Avomeen is a full-service product testing and development laboratory that provides advanced analytical testing and innovative formulation development services to entrepreneurs and business clients. Since its inception, Avomeen quickly became one of the fastest growing testing analysis companies within the United States and was recognized in 2016 as one of '50 Companies to Watch' by the Michigan Small Business Association.

For his entrepreneurial achievements, Shri was recognized by Ernst & Young as "Entrepreneur of the Year" in 1999, 2007 and in 2016, and has been featured in numerous newspaper and magazine articles.

Shri is also the author of the best-selling book "*The Blue Suitcase: Tragedy and Triumph in an Immigrant's Life*". Shri is currently writing a revised version of the book that will include the fascinating journey unfolding as he campaigns to become the next Governor of the state of Michigan in the 2018 election.

Shri and his wife Shashi currently reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan.