

Press Release

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Rajiv Gandhi appointed as Chairman FICCI Gujarat State Council

Rajiv Gandhi, Founder, CEO & Managing Director of Hester Biosciences has been appointed as Chairman FICCI Gujarat State Council.

To quote him, 'It is both, an honor as well as a responsibility to serve and strengthen FICCI in Gujarat. This is a time of great global curiosity towards India. Gujarat being an economic powerhouse, will play a big role in further accelerating India's growth. My endeavor will be to support wealth creators especially young entrepreneurs. My endeavor is to also continue to work on the path set by the immediate past FICCI Gujarat State Council Chairperson Ms. Geeta Goradia as well as work under the leadership of FICCI President Mr. Subhrakant Panda towards the objectives of FICCI.'

Rajiv Gandhi, born 11 July 1962, is a first generation entrepreneur.

A B.com graduate from Bombay University, he started a proprietary trading company in 1985 in Mumbai for distributing animal health products with no experience or knowledge in animal health business.

He then transformed that proprietary business into Asia's largest single location animal vaccine and health products manufacturing company based in Ahmedabad under the name of Hester Biosciences. Hester is now a 500 people strong organisation which recorded a turnover of INR 219.35 crores in the financial year 2021-22, earning a net profit of INR 39.52 crores.

Hester subsequently expanded its animal vaccine manufacturing activities by setting up plants in Nepal and in Tanzania respectively.

In 2016, Rajiv was awarded the 'Outstanding Entrepreneur of the Year' by the Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA).

Rajiv is a member of:

1. The governing council for Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA)
2. Chimambhai Patel Institute, Ahmedabad
3. Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar
4. Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat
5. National Advisory Committee for Animal Husbandry and Dairying Sector, constituted by The Government of India

Rajiv is a strong proponent of Indian culture. He enjoys discussions on history and politics. He believes that a role of a leader is not to create more followers, but to create more leaders.

About FICCI www.ficci.com

- Established in 1927, FICCI is the largest and oldest apex business organisation in India. Its history is closely interwoven with India's struggle for independence, its industrialization, and its emergence as one of the most rapidly growing global economies.
- A non-government, not-for-profit organisation, FICCI is the voice of India's business and industry. From influencing policy to encouraging debate, engaging with policy makers and civil society, FICCI articulates the views and concerns of industry. It serves its members from the Indian private and public corporate sectors and multinational companies, drawing its strength from diverse regional chambers of commerce and industry across states, reaching out to over 2,50,000 companies.
- FICCI provides a platform for networking and consensus building within and across sectors and is the first port of call for Indian industry, policy makers and the international business community.