

## Rajiv Gandhi takes charge as Chairman FICCI Gujarat State Council

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Rajiv Gandhi, Founder, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director of Hester Biosciences has been appointed as Chairman, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) Gujarat State Council.

A first-generation entrepreneur, Gandhi 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 Rs 219.35 crore in the financial year 2021-22, earning a net profit of Rs 39.52 crore.

Hester subsequently expanded its animal vaccine manufacturing activities by setting up plants in Nepal and in Tanzania respectively. In 2016, Gandhi was awarded the 'Outstanding Entrepreneur of the Year' by the Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA).

He is a member of the governing council for Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA); Chimanbhai Patel Institute, Ahmedabad; Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar; Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat; and National

Advisory Committee for Animal Husbandry and Dairying Sector, constituted by The Government of India