FICCI Presidium and Six Past Presidents to join Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in United States to support the nation's agenda

FICCI delegation to focus on Government's progressive policy moves and economic vision for the country

New Delhi, 16 June, 2015: A high-powered business delegation led by Dr Jyotsna Suri, President, FICCI will embark on a four-day visit to United States, accompanying Honourable Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Information & Broadcasting, Mr Arun Jaitley. The delegation will be a part of the official engagements of the Minister in United States.

The FICCI delegation comprising eight Past Presidents and senior business leaders will travel to New York and Washington DC along with the Finance Minister to highlight India's considerably improved investment climate and the positive economic outlook on the back of several policy initiatives taken by the government.

The seniors group of FICCI, the apex industry body of India, will join the Finance Minister in his interactions with officials of the New York Stock Exchange, foreign institutional investors, think-tanks and business schools. The Finance Minister will also ring the closing bell at New York Stock Exchange and meet members of media. FICCI and USIBC will also host a major reception with CEOs and business leaders from US industry to interact with the Indian Finance Minister.

In Washington, the delegation is scheduled to meet American industry leaders and attend a round-table discussion hosted by FICCI with investors from the Indian-American community.

Highlighting the importance of this visit, **Dr Jyotsna Suri, President, FICCI**, said, "In the last one year, Indian Government has charted a vigorous path of growth & development. There has been a strong focus on accomplishing the ambitious vision through continuous policy action domestically as well as through enhanced global engagement with strategic trade and investor partners. This visit by FICCI seniors is to support the nation's agenda and to assure international investors and the business community that Indian industry strongly stands by the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Arun Jaitley to take India to higher levels of growth and all round development."

The members joining the FICCI delegation are Mr Harshavardhan Neotia, Chairman, Ambuja Neotia Group; Mr Y K Modi, Chairman & CEO, Great Eastern Energy Corporation Ltd; Mr Onkar S Kanwar, Chairman, Apollo Tyres Ltd; Mr Saroj Kumar Poddar Chairman, Adventz Group; Mr Harsh Pati Singhania, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, J K Paper Ltd; Mr Rajan Bharti Mittal, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Bharti Enterprises Ltd; Ms Naina Lal Kidwai, Country Head - India & Director - Asia Pacific, HSBC Ltd; Mr Uday Shankar, Chief Executive Officer, Star India Pvt Ltd; Mr Atul Punj, Chairman, Punj Lloyd Group; Mr Rashesh Shah, Chairman and CEO, Edelweiss Financial Services Ltd.

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