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Hi Reader, this is the August 2014 FICCI UK newsletter



Dear Reader,

*"Good days are coming. Britain is ready and able to help build that. India is our biggest G20 investor and UK has the expertise and investment capacity that can create the best jobs for India's young population."*

These were Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg's words at UK-India: Business is Great conference organised by UKTI and FICCI in Delhi this week.

We have had a busy few weeks - we have a Luxury and Lifestyle sector delegation visiting, and the football Indian Super League is to be revealed with FICCI at Soccerex in Manchester.

Please contact us for more information on these.

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To give you the opportunity to get to know about FICCI in the UK.

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## About FICCI

A non-government, not-for-profit organisation, FICCI is the voice of India's business and industry. FICCI draws its membership from the corporate sector, both private and public, including SMEs and MNCs; FICCI enjoys an indirect membership of over 250,000 companies from various regional chambers of commerce.

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## FICCI's Voice - Secretary General's Desk: August 2014

Representing  
**70 Sectors** of the Economy

Every month, FICCI's Voice produces a summary of the key activities, press releases and studies of the past month. Access it [here](#).

**State of the economy**



## State of the Economy - FICCI View

The definitive FICCI view on the state of the Indian economy, published quarterly. Covers, growth, trade, inflation, industrial output, forex, fiscal position and key announcements. It also outlines which of FICCI's suggestions were addressed in the Union Budget 2014-15.



### Manchester attracts over 40 Indian businesses as part of internationalisation strategy

MIDAS, the Manchester inward investment agency, UKIBC, UKTI, FICCI and others hosted a 2-day event focused around the Old Trafford England-India test match showcasing the city's strengths in life sciences, creative digital & media, financial & professional services and ICT. Over 150 businesses attended.

### Indian Super League to be revealed at the Soccerex Global Convention

FICCI are helping to bring a high-level football delegation to Soccerex in Manchester from 8 September. Plans for the eagerly anticipated Indian Super League (ISL) and the 2017 U17 FIFA World Cup will be officially presented to the global football industry.

Kushal Das, General Secretary of the All India Football Federation, will deliver a standalone keynote speech. A panel discussion on the business opportunities in Indian football will culminate in the release of the combined FICCI-AIFF-Libero Sports knowledge report.

### Great Britain-India Business Convention: CONNECT'14

FICCI is a partner for CONNECT '14, which will bring together British and Indian business leaders and policy-makers in Delhi on 8-19 October 2014.

It is open to any company in the UK with an interest in developing the Indian market. Delegate registrations are restricted to British Business Group Members only. Details of the UKIBC delegation [here](#).

A special afternoon session with FICCI is also taking place in Delhi on 10 October.

### FICCI's Lifestyle Forum delegation visit to London in September

FICCI's Lifestyle Forum promotes the development of the Lifestyle and Luxury Industry in India with a specific interest of encouraging Indian Lifestyle Brands to emerge.

Senior industry members are coming to London in mid-September for key meetings to develop the sector in India. If you would like to find out more, [email us](#).

### FICCI comments on PM's Independence Day speech

"FICCI has long advocated the need to welcome capital. The Prime Minister gave clear signals to investors – both domestic and global - to make India a global manufacturing and export hub," said Mr. Sidharth Birla, President, FICCI.

Furthermore, he said: "We further hope that the new structure that replaces Planning Commission will provide a concrete direction towards broad-based development and its monitoring."

### **Several upcoming FICCI conferences**

## **FICCI in the news**

[Provision for exist makes projects more competitive: A Didar Singh](#) (Business Standard)

[Britain will help build India's good days: British Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg](#) (Economic Times)

['Need to incentivize entry, growth and exit from MSME sector'](#) (SME Times)

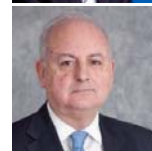
[Govt all set to interlink 31 rivers in next 10 years: Uma](#) (Hindu Business Line)

[Make in India: Substitute imports, aim for export leadership](#) (Indian Express)

## **FICCI UK team**



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If you would like to join the UK delegations to the following flagship events, please let us know. The below events are in Delhi or Mumbai.



**FICCI HEAL "Innovation Enabling Access"**: 1-2 September.

**Global Skills Summit**: 4-5 September - Details of UKIBC delegation to Summit [here](#).



**India Infrastructure Summit**: 23 September.

**Annual Capital Markets Conference**: 8 October.



**Higher Education Summit**: 13-14 November. UK is the Partner Country this year.



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