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Hi Reader, this is the July 2014 FICCI UK newsletter



Dear Reader,

With India doing well at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and India's cricketers in the middle of a 5-Test match series against England, it is an Indian Summer.

FICCI are honoured to be working with MIDAS, the Manchester investment agency, UKIBC, UKTI, Deloitte and others to organise a special 2-day business event on 6-7 August to connect some of India and the UK's business leaders to new business opportunities, whilst enjoying the India vs England Test match.

We'll let you know how we got along in our next Newsletter.

Why are you receiving this newsletter?

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: July 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](#).

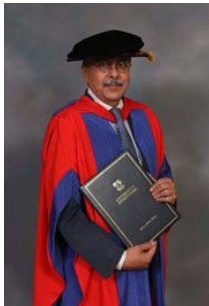


[Building UK regional links with India](#)

FICCI Secretary-General Dr Didar Singh and the Consulate General in Birmingham hosted an excellent meeting with several business chambers and business leaders from across the Midlands.

We were involved in [Horasis 2014](#) in Liverpool, hosted the first large Indian post-elections business delegation to the UK in June; were at the Commonwealth Games Business Conference last week in Glasgow; and in Manchester next week.

In other words, we've been busy. Please do get in touch if you would like FICCI's assistance at uk@ficci.com.



[FICCI Secretary-General receives Honorary Doctorate from University of Birmingham](#)

Upon receiving it on 17 July, Dr Alwyn Didar Singh said: "To me this honour is very special. I already have a doctorate degree from my own country – in fact it happens to be the first ever PhD in E-commerce in India.

"But, this is ever more special as it is recognition and honour from a University overseas and that too from the UK."

[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. Further details in our next newsletter. Details of the UKIBC delegation [here](#).

[Family business opportunities between Gujarat and the UK](#)

We hosted a group of executive MBA students from Gujarat to discuss opportunities for Indian family businesses in the UK, kindly hosted by the UKIBC.

[FICCI comments on Cabinet approval for increase in FDI in insurance](#)

FICCI welcomes the cabinet approval for the increase in FDI in insurance from its current 26% to 49%. The insurance industry has faced many difficulties in raising capital and this has affected their productivity.

Amitabh Chaudhry, Chairman, FICCI's Insurance and

FICCI UK delegation in the news

[Alwyn Didar Singh receives honorary doctorate in the UK](#) (Economic Times)

[Protect national priorities, seal win-win outcome: FICCI on WTO](#) (Economic Times)

[Draft a new Land Acquisition Act](#) (Financial Express)

[Small banks may play bigger role](#) (Sunday Guardian)

[Govt developing flexible model to boost infrastructure](#) (Business Standard)

[Companies Act requires solution to two-three problem areas: FICCI](#) (CNBC TV18)

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Pensions Committee and Managing Director & CEO, HDFC Life Insurance Co. Ltd. stated, "It's a welcome move, long awaited."



Dr A Didar Singh,
Secretary General



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Director General



Ambika Sharma,
Deputy Secretary
General; Head,
International



Several upcoming FICCI delegations to India from the UK

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



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.

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

Upcoming FICCI delegations from India to the UK



FICCI Indian Delegation to Soccerex Global Forum: 6-10 September, Manchester. We are expecting senior Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports officials, AIFF and Sports Authority of India to attend.