

## **MS DR VALJAYANTI A PANDIT**

Ph.D. in Management Studies

Strategic and Management expertise including building linkages and partnerships with Government and industry for business development.

Currently Independent Director Auto, Energy and Textile sector companies.

Former Senior Director, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) from 2006-2012. FICCI is India's leading apex industry body with domestic and overseas offices. Sectoral expertise in Gems and Jewellery, Wellness, Technical Textiles, Nutraceuticals, Design, and Maharashtra state issues. Role involved Influencing policy change, researching trends, tracking new sectors, liaising with central and state governments for projects, building up conferences and buyer- seller meets, mounting business delegations abroad, corporate communications and media relations.

1999-2006 Secretary, Indian Merchants' Chamber, handled Trade Fairs and Business Promotion, International Trade Missions and Policy issues having a direct impact on Business and Industry. Travelled to over 40 countries, organized Trade Fairs in Japan, Australia and New Zealand. 1982-99 built up a vibrant organization of women entrepreneurs, managers, professionals that has grown exponentially as the largest in India.

### **Educational Background:**

- Ph.D in Management Studies from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, University of Mumbai. Diploma in Yoga 2008, Mumbai University
- Diploma Journalism and Mass Communications with silver medals in Writing and Reporting, Mumbai University
- Master of Arts in Political Science with specialization in International Relations, University of Pune (1975)
- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, topped the University of Pune (1973)
- Core Competency: Acknowledged as one of the Gender studies and Women Entrepreneurship development expert globally.
- Authored "Business@Home" published by Vikas Publishing House in 2002, "Everyday Yoga" by Silver Leaf an imprint of Himalaya Publishing House in 2011, Life Blooms@70" published by BFC Publications in 2023.

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