

Profile-Mr. Nitin R. Desai

Mr. Desai is a Graduate in Civil Engineering and Masters in Environmental Engineering from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA.

He is the Chairman and Managing Director of Desai Brothers Limited, Pune, a leading corporate in the diversified business of manufacturing bidis and food products, finance and investments, hospitality and renewable energy.

In the year 2003, Desai Brothers Ltd. was awarded the Certificate of Excellence for being "India's Best Employer, Sensitive to the Cause of Social Security" in the Large-Scale Category by the Employees' Provident Fund Organization.

He is also Chairman of Aquapharm Chemicals Pvt. Ltd., which is engaged in the business of specialty chemicals.

He is actively associated with the healthcare industry. He was one of the Promoter Directors of the fast expanding "Sahyadri Hospitals Pvt. Ltd". He is also actively involved with diverse social activities, mainly in the spheres of eye care, environment, support to the disabled, and education.

He is the Chairman of the Poona Blind Mens' Association and H. V. Desai Eye Hospital. In recognition of his leading role in providing comprehensive eye care, he was felicitated by the former President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

He is the President of Shri Poona Gujarati Bandhu Samaj a social organisation. He has been a Trustee of Poona Gujarati Kelvani Mandal an educational institution for the past several years. He is also a Trustee of Vanarai an institution engaged in all round rural development, founded by the Late Shri Mohan Dhariya, former Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission.

He has served as President of the prestigious Poona Club. He was also President of Poona Junior Chamber and Vice – President of Indian Jaycees.

In appreciation of Mr. Desai's multifarious achievements and noteworthy contribution in the field of business and social work, the Poona Merchants Chambers awarded Mr. Desai the "Adarsh Vayapari – Uttam Puraskar" in 2004.

Recently, considering his contribution to society and his efforts for the upliftment of underprivileged people, Pune's Punyabhushan Foundation has announced prestigious "Punyabhushan" award to him.

He has served as Independent Director of Force Motors Limited (2014-2022).