

Dr. N.D.Desai (President:D.D.Foundation)

Dr. N. D. Desai : The President of Dharmsinh Desai University, Nadiad (Gujarat), a leading university in Gujarat, Trustee of Dharmsinh Desai Foundation, which runs free schools in the backward / tribal district of Gujarat and extends financial help to the poorer section of the society in the field of education, Vice Chairman of DDMM Heart Hospital in Nadiad (Gujarat), Chairman & Managing Trustee of Lady Northcote Hindu Orphanage, Mumbai, Trustee of Midday Meal Program which serves 9,00,000 children daily Lunch in very poor Government Schools in India.

Dr. Narendra Desai, an industrialist, philanthropist and educationist, is currently the Chairman of Apar Group of Industries, which is Rs. 6,000 Crore (US \$900 million per annum) turnover establishment. He is a Technocrat with Honours Degree (1961) (Elect. Engg.) from the University of London and Masters and Ph.D. (1964) from University of Pennsylvania, USA, including Cost and Business Management Studies of Wharton School. He was Assistant Professor at Drexel University, Philadelphia (USA) and many other universities in India.

Dr. Desai has been a prominent all-India industry leader and was the past President of ELCOMA (Electrical Lamp and Component Manufacturers Association), AMPS (Association of Manufacturers of Petroleum Specialities) and many other associations. Dr. Desai was the Chairman of DGTD (Govt. of India) Panel for Light Electrical Industry and was a member of the Managing Committee of Indian Electrical and Electronics Manufacturer's Association (IEEMA).

He had twice been the Secretary General of International Interfaith Conference, which were attended by Nobel Laureates such as Dalia Lama, Mother Theresa, etc. to promote world peace, human welfare and religious understanding. In May 2011, he was invited by Milken Institute, Los Angeles, USA, to speak in a Global Conference on "India: The Tiger Economy is Roaring".

He knows French, Italian and German languages and is fond of watching Sanskrit news on TV. He has translated a Sanskrit religious text titled Kalisantaran Upanishad into English.

