



Mr. Pramod Chaudhari

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Mr. Pramod Chaudhari is Executive Chairman, Praj Industries Limited, Chairman, Praj Group – an entrepreneurial company based out of Pune, India with technology as its foundation. His career spans over 35 years of professional and entrepreneurial endeavour. He established Praj in 1984. Since then he has built PRAJ into a global Company. Today, Praj is a global leader in renewable energies and environmental technologies. Praj has won the Forbes 200 Best Under a Billion Company in Asia, twice.

Mr. Chaudhari did his engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT). Mr. Chaudhari has attended the Advanced Management Programme at Harvard Business School in 1995. He has been profiled in a recently published book called 'Thought Leaders' by a leading Indian Author, which focuses on visionary entrepreneurs. He has co-authored a book titled 'As is what Is', a story of the journey of Praj recounting its trials, tribulations and achievements.

He has contributed to the National Biofuels Policy as a member of the Committee on Development of Biofuels - Planning Commission, Government of India, for introduction of renewable fuels to India. He is actively involved with CII and MCCIA (Pune). He is currently Co-Chairman of CII's (Confederation of Indian Industry) National Committee on Renewable Energy for 2011-12. Earlier, he spearheaded biofuels movement in India as Chairman of CII's National Committee on Biofuels, continuously for four years since 2007. He is also the Vice President of Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA), Pune for 2010-12. He is the member of Executive Council of Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE) in India and also a Member of Governing Board of SINE (Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship), IIT Bombay. In Sept 2009, Mr. Chaudhari was invited to attend and speak at UN Leadership Forum on Climate Change. He attended COP15 Conference on Climate Change at Copenhagen (Dec 2009) as one of the Business Leaders. In November 2010, he was invited at US-India Business & Entrepreneurship Summit which was addressed by Barack Obama, President, USA. Mr. Chaudhari is the Founder Trustee of Pune International Center (PIC).

Mr. Chaudhari has been voted amongst Globally Top 100 People in bio-energy space by Biofuels Digest. He has also been awarded the distinguished alumnus award from IIT Bombay. He is also the recipient of the Jagatik Marathi Chamber of Commerce 'National Level Entrepreneurship' Award in the Year 2004 and the 'Distinguished Alumnus Award' of IIT, Bombay in the Year 2005 and 'Outstanding Contribution through Innovation Award' of Chemtech Foundation for leading Praj into developing innovative technologies like Sweet Sorghum to Ethanol.

Mr. Chaudhari is a passionate supporter of green initiatives, innovation, entrepreneurship and intrapreneurship