

## **Shri Anand Gopal Mahindra**



Shri Anand Mahindra is the Chairman of the Mahindra Group and Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. His tenure has seen the Group expand domestically and internationally into a range of major industrial sectors from automobiles and agriculture to IT and aerospace. The Group has also grown inorganically through acquisitions such as Swaraj Tractors, Reva Electric Car Company, Satyam Computer Services, Peugeot Motorcycles, Aerostaff Australia, Holiday Club Resorts, and Pininfarina S.p.A.

He has served on several influential bodies, national and international. These include the UN Global Compact Board, Global Board of Advisors of the Council on Foreign Relations, World Bank Group's Advisory Board for Doing Business and the International Advisory Council of Singapore's Economic Development Board. He has been the President of The Confederation of Indian Industry and served on the boards of the National Stock Exchange of India and the National Council of Applied Economic Research. He is currently on the board of Invest India, the National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency.

Shri Mahindra has been conferred with the Padma Bhushan Award (2020), India's third highest civilian honour for his contribution to the nation in the field of 'Trade and Industry'. He has been named in Barron's List of Top 30 CEOs worldwide (2016) and Fortune Magazine's list of the World's 50 Greatest Leaders (2014). He was a recipient of the Best Transformational Leader Award by the Asian Centre for Corporate Governance & Sustainability (2012). He was appointed 'Knight in the National Order of the Legion of Honour' by the President of the French Republic (2016) and conferred the 'Grand Officer of the Order of the Star of Italy', by the President of Italy (2013).

Shri Mahindra is an incisive business commentator and humanitarian with over 8.5 million followers on Twitter. Among his many social change initiatives is the Nanhi Kali

programme, which, for the last two decades, has provided over 330,000 under-privileged girls access to high quality education. Shri Mahindra is the Chairman of the Board of Naandi Foundation, India's leading NGO focused on educating girls, skilling youth and providing sustainable livelihoods to small farmers through biodynamic agriculture. Shri Mahindra also serves on the Founders Board of The Rise Fund, a \$2 billion impact fund.

He is a strong votary of arts and culture. Mahindra Blues, Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards and Mahindra Sanatkada celebrate and nurture music, theatre culture, art and history in India. Shri Mahindra is the member of the Global Advisory Council of the Lincoln Center, New York and has previously served on the Board of Trustees of the Natural History Museum of London.

In 2014, Shri Mahindra founded the Pro Kabaddi League to popularize the ancient and popular Indian game of kabaddi. The league, televised through the STAR television network, is aimed at creating a new popular fan following for Kabbadi as an antithesis to cricket.

Shri Mahindra graduated from Harvard College (1977) and secured an MBA from Harvard Business School (1981).