



## **Zydus Chairman Pankaj R. Patel receives Padma Bhushan award by Government of India**

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**For his exemplary contributions to the life sciences industry**

Pankaj R. Patel, the Chairman of Zydus Lifesciences, has been conferred with the Padma Bhushan (Trade & Industry) by the Government of India.

With a Masters in Pharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Technology from the L.M. College of Pharmacy and an alumni of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, he was always driven by a passion to become a pharma entrepreneur. Patel combines both research and techno-commercial expertise. He has published over 100 research papers in peer reviewed journals and is a co-inventor in more than 64 patents.

Patel is on the board of several prestigious institutions, including the Reserve Bank of India. He is also the Chairperson of the Board of Governors of IIM Ahmedabad and Chairman of IIM Udaipur and Invest India. He also officiates on the board of several Not-for-Profit & charitable institutions. Patel is the Executive Chairman of the Gujarat Cancer Society and Chairman of the Gujarat Cancer and Research Institute, a Regional Cancer Centre and one of the largest cancer centres of India, reaching out to the needy and underprivileged cancer patients.

He also officiates as the Chairman of the Deaf and Mute School, Ahmedabad. He is also the Chairman on the Board of Zydus Foundation which has set up Zydus Hospital and Medical College at Dahod. Patel supports the Group's CSR initiatives in the field of education, pharmaceutical technology and innovation, grassroot innovation, sustainable livelihoods, water conservation, skill development for women from economically disadvantaged groups, and also specially abled children and Green Gujarat initiatives for sustainability.