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## **DR. SWATI A PIRAMAL**

### **Director, Piramal Healthcare Limited**

Dr. Swati Piramal is one of India's leading scientists and industrialists, and is involved in healthcare, focusing on public health and innovation. Her contributions in innovations in new medicines and public health services have touched thousands of lives. She is the Director of Piramal Healthcare, a leading drug discovery company which aims to bring affordable medicines to reduce the burden of disease globally.

Born on March 28th 1956, Dr. Piramal earned her medical degree, an M.B.B.S from Mumbai University in 1980. Dr. Swati Piramal is an alumnus of the Harvard School of Public Health. Since 1992 when she received her Masters Degree in Public Health, she has contributed to the public health of people around the world.

Dr. Piramal leads a team of scientists in cancer, diabetes, inflammation and infectious disease research, with a portfolio of over 200 international patents, and 14 new drugs, which are in clinical trials globally. Piramal Healthcare is a multinational, with global manufacturing operations and supplies medicines to over a 100 countries. In the last, nearly two decades, she has worked in the prevention of chronic diseases like Diabetes, Arthritis, and Heart Disease. She is a founder of the Gopikrishna Piramal Hospital in Mumbai, and has launched public health campaigns against chronic disease, osteoporosis, malaria, TB, epilepsy and polio. The Sports-medicine Centre at the Hospital was the first of its kind, and worked for the arthritis treatment of disabled children, the elderly, and sports injuries. She started Ostop India, a prevention of Osteoporosis programme, and a field detection centre for detection of Diabetes, and Epilepsy, and a nationwide campaign for the prevention of chronic disease in India. She has written several books on clinical nutrition and a book on nutrition for patients with Kidney Disease.

As Director of the Piramal Foundation which is engaged in inter-disciplinary and field based education, she helps promote health in rural India with HMRI - a mobile health service, women's empowerment projects, and supporting community education that creates young leaders. She is a Director of Sarvajal foundation for clean water. She has made an immense contribution for supporting women in leadership roles. The first woman President of India's Apex Chamber of Commerce, ASSOCHAM, in 90 years, she helped influence important public policies and governance. Her impact on public policy related to healthcare has led to major policy changes that help reduce the burden of disease. She has been nominated in the list of the 25 Most Powerful Women, eight times, and is now a part of the Hall of Fame of Most Powerful Women. She serves on the Scientific Advisory Council and of the Prime Minister, as well the Council of Trade of the Prime Minister.

She currently serves on the Dean's Advisory Board of both the Harvard School of Public Health and the Harvard Business School. She has board positions in healthcare, financial services, manufacturing and service companies. She serves on the Boards of Indian and International Academic institutions such as IIT Bombay, UPenn, and Harvard University. She has helped create the foundation for effective public policy and governance that encourages private and public institutions to work together, to solve problems in healthcare and business. She also serves on government public policy committees for trade, planning, environment, arts, women's entrepreneurship, national integration, and regional development.

Dr Piramal has been the recipient of one of France's highest honours -"Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Merite" (Knight of the Order of Merit) in 2006, for medicine and trade. She was nominated one of the 25 Most Powerful Women in India, eight times in succession, from 2003 till 2011 and nominated to the Hall of Fame of Most Powerful Women in Business in 2011. She was awarded the BMA Management Woman Achiever of the Year Award (2004-05), and is a recipient of the Lakshmi Pat Singhania-IIM, Lucknow National Leadership Award." She received an award in the field of Science and Technology, for the year 2006, from the Prime Minister of India, and was the recipient of the Chemtech Pharma Award for biotech Industries. She received the Rajiv Gandhi Award for Outstanding Woman Achiever, from the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, in 2007. On National Technology Day - she was awarded the Distinguished Scientist Oration 2008. Dr. Piramal was the President of ASSOCHAM 2009-2010, and was the first woman to be elected in 90 years of the history of ASSOCHAM. She was awarded by the Hon. President of India, for contribution to better Corporate Governance, and is the recipient of the Global Empowerment Award - UK, from Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Kent. The Distinguished Industrialist Award for outstanding contributions to the Pharmaceutical Industry, was conferred in 2010 by VIT (Vellore Institute of Technology). She was the Commencement Speaker at the Harvard School of Public Health in 1992.