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Hi <<First Name>>, this is the FICCI monthly newsletter for May 2014

# FICCI

## Business Mission to the **UNITED KINGDOM**

### June 22-25, 2014

Dear <<First Name>>,

Narendra Modi led the NDA to a historic victory and a clear mandate in the elections this month in India.

We hope this mandate will help the leadership restore much needed investor confidence, attract higher investments and generate employment, especially in the manufacturing sector.

**FICCI's annual Business Mission to the UK** is coming to Liverpool on 22-23rd June, followed by London on 24-25th June. The delegation will be led by members of the FICCI Presidium and senior industry members.

For media interviews, please contact us at [uk@ficci.com](mailto:uk@ficci.com).

FICCI's UK Director is chairing a **panel discussion on Prospects for an Innovative India** at Asia House on 3 June at 5pm. Details for attending are [here](#).

### Why are you receiving this newsletter?

To give you the opportunity to get to know about FICCI in the UK.

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### About FICCI

A non-government, not-for-profit organisation, FICCI is the voice of India's business and industry. FICCI draws its membership from the corporate sector, both private and public, including SMEs and MNCs; FICCI enjoys an indirect membership of over 250,000 companies from various regional chambers of commerce.

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### FICCI's Voice - Secretary General's Desk: May 2014

Representing

**70 Sectors** of the Economy

Every month, FICCI's Voice produces a summary of the key activities, press releases and studies of the past month. Access it [here](#).



## [FICCI unveils a Wish List for the new Government](#)

"The Nation has very clearly voted for development. FICCI congratulates PM-Elect Sri Narendra Modi for the overwhelming mandate received from the largest elections ever held. Sri Modi has charted a dynamic vision with determination to lead from the front," said FICCI's President Sidharth Birla.

"We look forward to renewed trust, sound governance and decisive actions as enabling factors to address needs and aspirations of both our entrepreneurs and youth," he added.

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## [Global India Business Meeting. 22-23 June](#)

The Global India Business Meeting is the foremost annual gathering of Indian business leaders and their global counterparts. The meeting will gather 300 senior decision makers from business and government.

This year's GIBM is part of Liverpool's [International Festival for Business](#), a series of global business events held in Liverpool to celebrate entrepreneurship and economic growth. FICCI is one of the co-organisers.

**Please note the following for your diary, for the London leg of the visit:**

**Tues 24 June, 6pm:** *India post elections: UK-India Business Agenda* with UKIBC.

**Wed 25 June, 6pm:** *A new government, a new perspective*, with the Indian High Commission and Legatum Institute.

Further details and invitations will follow shortly.

## FICCI in the news

[Industry needs time-bound decisions: India Inc interview](#) (India Incorporated)

[EU ban on Alphonso manoges unfortunate: FICCI](#) (NDTV)

[A trail of loose ends in FDI policies awaits new government](#) (Livemint)

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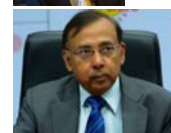
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### **India Pavilion a spectacular success: FICCI**

The India Pavilion at the 67th Cannes Film Festival organised by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has been a big draw over its three days last week.

A notable feature of this year's activities at the Cannes Film Market was exclusive networking receptions co-hosted by the Ministry and film organisations, producers and filmmakers from New Zealand, Australia and Germany.

Co-production agreements were signed with the UK, Canada, Germany, Brazil, Italy, Spain, Poland and New Zealand.

### **European Union ban on Alphonso mangoes unfortunate: FICCI**



FICCI's view is that this is an unfortunate development. The way it has happened leaves open the question if this is the only measure or some more could be expected. It is therefore surprising that the EU side has taken such a decision unilaterally.

### **Defence industry facing survival issues due to regressive FDI norms**



FICCI supports the defence industry's apprehensions on the serious implications of the Consolidated FDI Policy Circular issued by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion on the continuance of Indian conglomerates, both public and private, in the defence business.

### **India continues to be on USTR Priority Watch List**



Despite vehement and exhaustive submissions arraying the strength of the Indian IP regime, India continues to be on the Priority Watch List.

"FICCI ... had strongly asserted that India has a well-established legislative, administrative and judicial framework to safeguard IPRs which meets its obligations under TRIPS, and has withstood the test of severe international scrutiny," said FICCI's Secretary-General Dr. A Didar Singh.



**Asian Voice monthly column series:  
Mangoes, monetary policy and Cannes**

This month's column is entitled "Mangoes ban,  
monetary policy and Cannes Film Festival".