

Dr. Swati A. Piramal, Non-Executive Director



Dr. Swati A. Piramal joined the Board of Directors of Nestlé India Limited as a Non-Executive Independent Director on 2nd August, 2010.

Dr. Swati Piramal is one of India's leading scientists and industrialists, and is involved in healthcare, focusing on public health and innovation. 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. She is the Director of Piramal Healthcare, a multinational with global manufacturing operations and supplies medicines to over a 100 countries. 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. 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. 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. 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 served as the first woman President of India's Apex Chamber of Commerce, ASSOCHAM, in 90 years, she helped influence important public policies and governance. 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.

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.