



### **Mr R V Kanoria**

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Mr R V Kanoria, MBA (Honours) from IMD, Switzerland, and Advanced Management Programme from Wharton, USA, has over three decades of experience in the chemicals, textiles, and jute industries. He is currently the President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). He has headed several Joint Business Councils, including India-Australia, India-New Zealand, India-Netherlands, and India-Taiwan. Mr Kanoria is the Past President of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) India and Past Chairman of the Indian Jute Mills' Association and the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry. He also serves on the Board of several companies and has several media articles to his credit. Kanoria Chemicals and Industries Limited (KCI) [[www.kanoriachem.com](http://www.kanoriachem.com)] is a leading manufacturer of chemical intermediates in India. Established in the 1960s, KCI started with a Chlor Alkali plant in Renukoot in the state of Uttar Pradesh and added a second plant in the 1980s for manufacturing alcohol-based intermediates at Ankleshwar in the state of Gujarat. A focus on sustainable business processes of the company are reflected in the unblemished record of profitability since its inception. The determinant factors for this sustainable economic performance have been the choice of manufacturing technology, and the relentless pursuit of fine tuning this technology to achieve low cost of production through effective integration of products and processes. As a result, KCI is one of the lowest cost producers in the country for the basket of products it manufactures. KCI has strong corporate governance and social responsibility practices that have been widely recognized and have won the company several awards, including the TERI award for Corporate Excellence in Environment Management. The company's highly successful 'Waste to Wealth' programme at its Alco Chemicals division at Ankleshwar, which includes extraction of water from distillery effluent, generation of power directly from biogas, and manufacture of bio-compost is a case in point to the proactive approach of the company in waste management. The Reverse Osmosis (RO) technology for treatment of distillery effluent pioneered by the company in India has become an industry standard.