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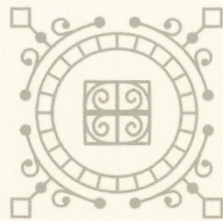




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Dr. Sanjay B. Chordiya was born on June 27, 1961, in Pune's Nanapeth area, a bustling wholesale trading hub where his family dealt in sugar, oil and essential commodities. Growing up amidst fluctuating markets and business uncertainties taught him resilience early. "Situations train you in ways no classroom can," he reflects. Supporting the family business alongside studies quietly built his work ethic and capacity to adapt.

His schooling began at Nutan Marathi Vidyalaya, followed by science at SP College, where he topped chemistry. Admission to the College of Engineering Pune, then the only engineering college with a steep merit cut-off, exposed him to academic rigour and exceptional mentors. "We had professors whose teaching still guides me today," he says. He later pursued an MBA in Industrial Management from Symbiosis and topped Materials Management at IMDR, earning global recognition. "I truly believe I received the best education available at that time," he adds.

Industry came next. Dr. Chordiya joined Bajaj Tempo (now Force Motors), beginning as a management trainee and eventually rising to General Manager, reporting directly to the promoter family. Over two decades, he gained rare, end-to-end exposure, right from manufacturing processes and vendor development to procurement, R&D, zero-waste casting



Founder President and Chairman of Suryadatta Group of Institutes Dr. Sanjay Chordia receiving the Lokmat Maharashtra Ratna Award at the hands of Amruta Fadnavis, Suniel Shetty, in presence of Madhusudan Agrawal and Rajendra Darda.

and capital equipment planning. "From nut bolts to complete systems, I had to understand everything," he recalls. Equally formative was his involvement in CSR initiatives, disaster rehabilitation projects and social institutions, which broadened his perspective beyond profit and production.

By the late 1990s, as computerisation and Y2K reshaped industries, a new thought took root. "I realised that instead of manufacturing one product, education allows you to shape thousands of futures," he says. In 1999, he launched a computer education institute while continuing his corporate role – juggling both for over five years. "Workload never scared me. It forces you to organise yourself better," he explains.

That philosophy became the foundation of Suryadatta Group of Institutions. Each year brought new disciplines ranging from computer studies, interior design, hotel

management, to management education, which were introduced only after deep study of industry needs and infrastructure requirements. "Learning first, implementation next," he insists. Knowledge sharing became central. Conferences, global exposure, faculty development and student engagement were treated not as add-ons, but essentials.

During the pandemic, this belief translated into action. Through initiatives like Suryadatta Vidyarthi's village drives, students were reached in their hometowns, doubts addressed, achievements recognised. "Education doesn't stop at campus gates," he says. "You must go where the students are."

Dr. Chordiya defines success simply. "There is no substitute for hard work and sacrifice," he states. For him, success is not net worth but personal satisfaction – the quiet confidence of having worked



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sincerely, learned continuously and contributed meaningfully. Failure, too, shaped him. “It taught me to take calculated risks and grow steadily,” he admits.

His greatest mentor, he believes, has been experience itself. “Every person, every event teaches something – if you observe,” he says. That curiosity still drives him. Even today, he sees himself first as a student, committed to adapting education to an uncertain, fast-changing world.

If his journey carries one enduring message, it is simple and unwavering, “Never give up. There is no shortcut to hard work.”



Building institutions, nurturing minds

Born in Pune and shaped by early responsibility, Dr. Sanjay B. Chordiya’s journey moves seamlessly from industry leadership to education. With deep exposure to engineering, management and social initiatives, he transformed experience into purpose – building institutions that emphasise learning, adaptability and holistic development.



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