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Rajendra S. Pawar - Biography



Rajendra S. Pawar is Chairman and Co-founder of the NIIT Group, which encompasses two businesses - NIIT Technologies Limited, the software and services arm and NIIT Limited, the leading global talent development corporation, which has touched over five million learners and operates in 40 countries worldwide.

Set up in 1981, NIIT pioneered the computer education market in India, creating a completely new industry segment. Rajendra Pawar's vision of building talent for the IT industry was the guiding force behind nurturing NIIT into Asia's largest IT education and knowledge corporation.

A distinguished alumnus of the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD), he is known for promoting industry-academia alliances and has been working closely with the country's well-known educational institutions. In recognition of his professional achievements and contributions to the development and growth of science and technology, he has been awarded the Honorary Doctorate of Science by the Rajiv Gandhi Technical University, Madhya Pradesh.

He serves on the Board of Governors of IIT Delhi; the Indian School of Business (ISB) Hyderabad, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) and The Scindia School. Rajendra Pawar is on the Board of Management of world's largest distance learning university, Indira Gandhi National Open University.

Ernst & Young conferred on Rajendra Pawar its prestigious "Master Entrepreneur of the Year Award" in 1999. He has also been named the IT man of the Year by IT industry journal, Dataquest. He was also awarded 'The Global India Splendor Award' on the occasion of 60th year of India's independence, for his work on developing human resource potential.



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