



MR. ARUN FIRODIA  
Chairman- Kinetic  
Group

Mr. Arun Firodia, known as “Mr. R & D” has given revolutionary products like Luna which gave mobility to common man and Kinetic Honda which gave mobility to women. Now he is busy developing electric vehicles to eliminate pollution from our cities. He has been instrumental in designing a 90 seater aircraft, an ‘Earthquake Warning System’ and an instrument to enable visually challenged persons to “listen” to books or newspapers.

A brilliant engineer and a social activist, Mr. Arun Firodia got his B.Tech with distinction in Electrical Engineering from IIT, Mumbai. He went to US for his post graduation and did his MS in Electrical Engineering from MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology.) with flying colours. He also did his MS in Management from ‘Sloan School of Management’.

The President of India honoured Mr. Arun Firodia with Padmashri (2012), which is one of the highest civilian honour in recognition of his contribution to nation building.

He inherits the rich tradition of his illustrious father late Shri H K Firodia, the Doyen of Indian Automobile Industry.

Mr. Arun Firodia established “H K Firodia Memorial Foundation” in 1996 in the memory and honour of his father Late Shri H K Firodia. The Foundation has instituted “H K Firodia Awards For Excellence in Science & Technology”. These are given to outstanding Indian Scientists for their original and world class contributions to any branch of science. The awards are meant to inspire young people to

take to science, develop a scientific temper and a spirit of innovation. Late Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam, Former President of India is the 1<sup>st</sup> recipient of this award. Other distinguished scientists like Prof. CNR Rao, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Dr. R. Chidambaram, , Dr. R A Mashelkar, Dr. P N Tandon, Dr. M. Annadurai are also some of the distinguished award winners.

Mr. Arun Firodia has been :

- a) Chairman, National Innovation Council – Industry Sector
- b) Member of CSIR - High Powered Committee for 'National Civil Aircraft Development' Project.
- c) Chairman of the Research Council of Central Scientific Instruments Organisation, Chandigarh.
- d) Member of CSIR Labs under Physical Sciences
- e) President of 'Pune Citizens' Police Foundation' (PCPF) which runs a school specially for Policemen's Children .
- f) President of Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture. (2000 -2002)
- g) Member of the Executive Committee of Janawani – A public forum to voice the aspirations of Pune Citizens.
- h) Chief Patron of SEDT (Socio Economic Development Trust ) an NGO working for education, health care and economic development of rural poor, women and children
- i) Vice Chairman of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Pune Kendra.
- j) Advisory Committee Member of Symbiosis Institute of International Business (SIIB).

Mr. Arun Firodia has authored the following books :

- 1) Innovation on Two Wheels
- 2) Green Growth
- 3) Smart Cities

**Honours & Awards :**

Mr. Arun Firodia is recipient of several Honours and Awards as below :

- A. Lifetime Achievement Award by Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers for his pioneering efforts to provide affordable mobility to common man.
- B. MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology – USA ) Distinguished Alumnus Award.
- C. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mumbai – Distinguished Alumnus Award
- D. Helen Keller Award for rehabilitation of Leprosy affected people who had become social outcasts.
- E. FICCI Award for Employment of Physically Challenged people.
- F. TERI Award - in Appreciation for good corporate citizenship
- G. Besides above he has also bagged -  
' Best Couple of the Millenium' award with Dr (Mrs) Jayashree Firodia.