Chennai's Sanmar Group Chairman Vijay Sankar named FICCI President-Elect for 2026–27

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News

On 29 Oct 2026 the National Executive Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) named Vijay Sankar, Chairman of the Chennai-based Sanmar Group, as 'President-Elect' for 2026–27. Currently FICCI Senior Vice President, he will take over from President Anant Goenka after FICCI's Annual General Meeting and Annual Convention on 18–19 Nov in New Delhi.

Key facts

Position	FICCI President-Elect 2026–27; now Senior Vice President
Decision	FICCI National Executive Committee – 29 Oct 2026
Takes over	After AGM & Convention (18–19 Nov 2026, New Delhi) – succeeds Anant Goenka
Sanmar Group	Chennai – chemicals, specialty chemicals, engineering, steel foundries, shipping
Other role	Chairman, Chemplast Sanmar Ltd
FICCI	Founded 1927; HQ New Delhi (Federation House); centenary in 2027

Background

- History: FICCI was set up in 1927; Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas and G.D. Birla were among its founders. Both Thakurdas and Birla signed the 1944 'Bombay Plan'.
- Economy: India's main industry chambers – FICCI (1927), ASSOCHAM (1920, set up by chambers from across India) and CII (Confederation of Indian Industry). They are non-government, not-for-profit bodies that voice industry views in policy-making.
- Science: in the chlor-alkali industry, electrolysis of brine gives caustic soda (NaOH), chlorine and hydrogen. Vinyl chloride monomer (VCM), made from ethylene and chlorine, is polymerised into PVC (polyvinyl chloride) – used in pipes and cable sheathing.

Tamil Nadu link: the Sanmar Group is headquartered in Chennai. Its company Chemplast Sanmar has chemical and PVC plants at Mettur (Salem district) on the Cauvery and at Cuddalore. Mettur Dam (Stanley Reservoir) was completed in 1934.

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