

Mr. Rakesh Bharti Mittal is Vice-Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, one of India's leading business groups with interests in telecom, agri and food business, financial services, retail, realty, and communication & media devices.

Bharti Airtel, a group company, is among the leading global telecom service providers with operations in 20 countries across Asia and Africa and has over 328 million customers. Bharti Infratel, a subsidiary of Bharti Airtel, is a leading provider of passive telecom infrastructure in India. Bharti has joint ventures with several global leaders including AXA for financial services and Del Monte for agri and food processing business.

Rakesh is the Chairman of Bharti AXA Life Insurance, Bharti AXA General Insurance, Indus Towers and FieldFresh Foods. He is also a Non-Executive Director of Bharti Infratel and Managing Director of Board of Bharti Realty Holdings.

Rakesh is a member of the National Council of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) since 1999 and is currently the Chairman of CII Public Policy Council. Rakesh is also a member of India Pakistan Joint Business Forum (IPJBF) and Member Founders Circle, Brookings India. He is currently on the Governing Body of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and is also a member of the National Food Processing Development Council (NFPDC), MoFPI, Government of India.

Rakesh has been the Chairman of CII CSR Council, Development Initiative Council, National Council on Agriculture and also served as the Chairman of several National Committees of CII. He also served as the Chairman of its Northern Regional Council. In the past, he also served as a member of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).

A passionate advocate of right to good education, Rakesh serves on Boards of several educational institutions. He is on the Board of Indian School of Business (ISB) and is the Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Bharti Institute of Public Policy at ISB, Mohali. He is a member of the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. Rakesh is the Co-Chairman of the Advisory board of Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology & Management. He is the Chairman of the Governing Council of Sat Paul Mittal School. Rakesh is a Member of the Managing Society and Governing Board of Dayanand Medical College & Hospital.

In the past, he has served on the Advisory Council of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) - Delhi, a member of the Board of Governors of Thapar University, Punjab and the Punjab Education Development

Board. Rakesh served as a member of the 'Round Table on School Education' for Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India. He also served as a member of the International Advisory Council of Southern Methodist University (SMU), Dallas, USA and the Executive Council of YMCA University of Science and Technology. Rakesh was also a member of India – Canada CEOs Forum and Punjab Investment Advisory Council (PIAC).

Rakesh believes that a responsible corporate has a duty to give back to the community in which it operates. He is a Life Trustee and the Co-Chairman of Bharti Foundation. Bharti Foundation's education programs reach out to more than 55,000 children from socially and economically challenged backgrounds. The flagship Satya Bharti School Program offers free quality education through 254 (Primary, Elementary and Senior Secondary) Schools that provide quality education to underprivileged children. These schools provide free mid-day meals, books and uniforms to all the children.

Bharti Foundation has undertaken a new initiative – 'Satya Bharti Abhiyan' focusing on sanitation facilities in rural Ludhiana, Punjab. As part of this program, over the next three years, the Foundation will construct toilets in rural households lacking such facilities in over 900 villages across the district. In addition the 'Satya Bharti Abhiyan' will also invest in improving sanitation facilities in Government schools in rural Ludhiana by building new toilets for girls, where no such facilities exist.