

MR AJIT GULABCHAND

Chairman & Managing Director, Hindustan
Construction Co Ltd, India

Mr Ajit Gulabchand is Chairman and Managing Director of HCC, one of India's leading construction companies, founded by industrialist Seth Walchand Hirachand in 1926. A graduate from Mumbai University, he began his career as the Chief Executive of Indian Hume Pipe Co Ltd and subsequently moved on to Ravalgaon Sugar Farm Ltd as Managing Director, steering the company towards a fast-track growth. He is a member of the CII (Confederation of Indian Industry).



National Council and the Chairman of CII's National Committee on Construction and Projects. At the helm of affairs in HCC since 1983, Mr Gulabchand has been credited with a slew of path-breaking strategic management initiatives. Today, HCC is an acknowledged leader in the engineering and construction sector in India. With Mr Gulabchand's endeavours, HCC has executed a majority of India's landmark infrastructure projects, having constructed more than 25% of India's hydel and over 50% of India's nuclear generation capacities, 2 300 lane-kms of roads and expressways and over 170 kms of complex tunneling in addition to hundreds of bridges, dams and barrages. Corporate Social Responsibility remains intrinsic to Mr Gulabchand's vision for the group encompassing HIV, education, water, and disaster management initiatives. With a view to generating AIDS awareness in the industry, he has been instrumental in launching a WPI (Work Place Intervention) programme, covering more than 21000 construction workers across HCC's project locations.