

# Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya

Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and  
Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India

- ◆ **Doctor of Philosophy degree (PhD)**, on the subject of 'Role of Gram Vidhyapiths (Rural Schools) in Community Development and Future Challenges', in the field of Political Science, from the Gujarat Institute of Development and Research, Ahmedabad, India.
- ◆ He is known for organising long padyatras for social issues:
  - ◆ In 2004, he took on the mission of **123 km "Kanya Kelavani Jyot Padyatra"** for the social cause of the promotion & awareness of Girl Child Education
  - ◆ In 2006, he again organized a **127 Km** padyatra with the goal of **"Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao, Vyasana Hatao"** to address concerns of gender discrimination, women empowerment & addiction
  - ◆ In 2019, he took a **150 km** long Padyatra coinciding with the celebrations of the **150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**
- ◆ Currently, **Member of the Rajya Sabha** (Upper House of Indian Parliament) and **Union Cabinet Minister**, holding the portfolio of **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers**. Prior to this also held **Road Transport & Highways, Ports, Shipping & Waterways** ministries as Minister of State.
- ◆ He is also **Executive Board Member for GAVI and Chairperson of the Stop TB Board Partnership**.
- ◆ Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya is credited with setting up over **9500+ Jan Aushadi Kendras** (Generic and Affordable Medicine Stores) and **scaling up the country's vaccination drive to achieve two billion doses** in the shortest period of time.
- ◆ In 2015, he was **selected to represent India at the United Nations; spoke about the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.
- ◆ Dr. Mandaviya has been part of various bilateral visits and delegations to more than **55+ countries**
- ◆ Dr. Mandaviya has represented India at various business forums including **World Economic Forum at Davos, Switzerland** in the years 2020, 2022 and 2023



## Awards & Recognition:

- ◆ Honoured by **UNICEF** for contributions to **women's menstrual hygiene** through initiating special scheme for nationwide distribution of sanitary pads
- ◆ Dr Mansukh Mandaviya was also conferred with **Economic Times Business Reformer of the Year Award 2022**
- ◆ India's renowned newspaper The Indian Express in its prestigious list of **100 Most Powerful Indians** in 2022 & 2023 placed him at number **25 & 27 respectively**