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Onkar S Kanwar decorated with 'Order of the Rising Sun, Gold & Silver Star'

The Government of Japan, in its 2018 Autumn Imperial Decorations, conferred upon Onkar S Kanwar, Chairman, Apollo Tyres Ltd the **Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star**. He received this recognition for his contributions towards strengthening the economic relations between Japan and India, and for promoting Japanese companies' entry into the Indian market.

Order of Decoration: 'Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star'

Service: Strengthening the economic relations between Japan and India, and promoting Japanese companies' entry into the Indian market

Major Positions held:

- Chairman of India-Japan Business Cooperation Committee, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), 2005 – Present
- Chairman of FICCI, 2004-2005
- Chairman of Apollo Tyres Ltd, 2002 – Present

Commenting on receiving the honour, **Onkar S Kanwar, Chairman, Apollo Tyres Ltd** said, "I would like to thank the Government of Japan for bestowing me with this Order. I am truly honoured to receive it. I would also like to thank the Indian Government, especially, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) for giving me this opportunity to work towards boosting trade ties between India and Japan."

Onkar S Kanwar has served as the Chairman of FICCI India – Japan Business Cooperation Committee since 2005. Mr Kanwar actively participated in the discussions that led to the conclusion of the Japan-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). Through the convening of regular joint meetings on business cooperation with the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI), Mr Kanwar has tremendously contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and India, and towards Japanese private investments into India.

As Chairman of Apollo Tyres Ltd, Mr Kanwar has supported the entry of Japanese automotive industries into the Indian market, and their market expansion by supplying compatible quality tyres to Japanese manufacturers. Under his leadership, Apollo Tyres has also introduced Total Quality Management (TQM) and other Japanese philosophies within the organisation.

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About Apollo Tyres Ltd

Apollo Tyres Ltd is an international tyre manufacturer and the leading tyre brand in India. The company has multiple manufacturing units in India and a unit each in The Netherlands and Hungary. The company markets its products under its two global brands – Apollo and Vredestein, and its products are available in over 100 countries through a vast network of branded, exclusive and multi-product outlets.

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