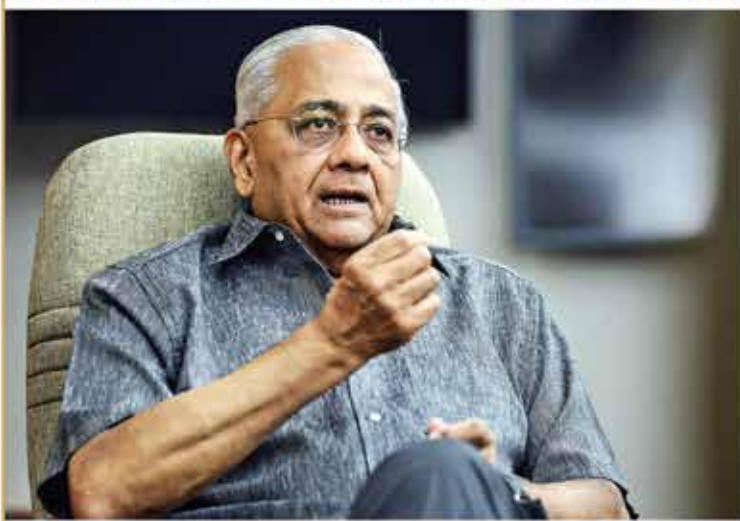


# Chemplast Sanmar Golden Jubilee

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## Press Meet



**VIJAY SANKAR**  
Deputy Chairman, The Sanmar Group

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## Chronicles of a steady rise to top

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On Thursday, the city-based Chemplast Sanmar completed its 50-year journey. N Sankar, Chairman, Sanmar Group, whose association with the company dates back to May 4, 1967, the founding day of the company recalls the trials and tribulations that shaped this Rs 3,000 cr entity.



Billionaire investor Prem Watsa (left) with N Sankar, Chairman, Sanmar Group

### Chennai:

He said, "Back then too, it was the crème de la crème (of those championing the cause of industrial development) who participated in laying the foundation of the company that was testing uncharted territories." Sankar highlighted the difficult infancy following the birth of the company on '4.5.67.' The joint venture with BF Goodrich, a major manufacturer of PVC (Poly Vinyl Chlorine used for industrial purposes), was forged after long-winding negotiations.



President and CEO, Cabot Corporation, USA, Sean D. Keohane greets Sanmar chairman N. Sankar at the golden jubilee celebrations of Chemplast-Sanmar Ltd on Thursday. — DC

## CHEMPLAST SANMAR GROUP CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE

**Chennai:** Taking long strides in the chemical industry business, and making a mark with their products and applications, the Chemplast Sanmar group on Thursday completed 50 long years in the chemical business.

Fairfax financial holdings founder, and Canadian billionaire, Prem Watsa, congratulated Chemplast Sanmar and N Sankar on the 50th year celebration, and said: "Sanmar group's

integrity is what stands out. Prime Minister Modi is doing tremendous work for the nation, with business-friendly policies," he continued.

Pictorial book depicting the 50-year-long journey was released by Vijay Sankar and the first copy was given to Prem Watsa.

TVS Sundaram-Clayton Chairman, Venu Srinivasan, on the occasion congratulated the company and its employees and lauded the company's integrity.

# Modi bringing dramatic changes in India: Prem Watsa

**BS REPORTER**

Chennai, 4 May

Despite his attempt to invest into the Bangalore International Airport Ltd — by acquiring stake from GVK through Fairfax India — is stuck due to various government approvals, Canadian billionaire Prem Watsa on Thursday said he was excited about India and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for bringing in dramatic changes in the country.

**Watsa said Modi is like former Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew**

Speaking on the 50th Anniversary of Chemplast Sanmar, a Sanmar Group Company in which Fairfax has invested

recently, he said for a long time business was not a good thing in India but that is changing.

“I am more excited about India because of the opportunities. Prime Minister Modi, in front of our eyes, is making dramatic transformative changes. Business friendly policies, opportunity for all and single-minded focus on economic growth, not for his

personal benefit but for the country,” he said.

Watsa said Modi is like former Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, who transformed a dusty old country into what it is today but not for his own benefit who still rent houses. “I call Mr Modi, the Lee Kuan Yew of India”, he said.

Modi won with majority and it will help him in transforming the country.

Fairfax has invested over \$1.5 billion after Modi came and have a total of around \$5 billion investment in India, giving jobs to 250,000 people.

# 'India will become a growth engine under Modi'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

PREM Watsa, chairman and chief executive of Canadian investment group Fairfax declared on Thursday that India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi would be a growth engine going forward, primarily due to the focus on economic reform and the war against corruption. He was speaking at the 50th anniversary celebrations of Chennai-based chemical products firm, Chemplast Sanmar Ltd.

"They have weeded out corruption in the top levels and this will happen at the lower levels

too. India will be a growth engine under Modi," he said.

Sanmar's chemical businesses have received \$300 million in funding from Fairfax, with the Canadian firm having an invest-



N Shankar, chairman, Sanmar Group

ment commitment of around \$1.5 billion in the country. Watsa also stated that Fairfax does not plan to invest in any new age firms, including those in the ecommerce and digital space. "We require a track record before we commit funds in a company. But there are many promising firms that have and are coming up," he said. "Chemplast has faced several hurdles from inception but we have always believed in integrity," added N Sankar, chairman, Sanmar Group.

The track record of Chemplast and the integrity displayed

throughout its history was one of the primary reasons for Fairfax's backing, Watsa said. Other prominent industrialists, like TVS Motors' chief Venu Srinivasan, also stressed on Chemplast's track record during the event. "Chemplast also has one of the best leadership development processes in Chennai and even the entire engineering industry," he said.

The event was also attended by chairman of the Sanmar Group N Sankar, deputy chairman Vijay Sankar, vice-chairman N Kumar and IIT-Madras director Bhaskar Ramamurthi.

# 'Integrity is key to long-term corporate success'

At Chemplast Sanmar's Golden Jubilee, Fairfax's Watsa lauds company's fairness

OUR BUREAU  
Chennai, May 4

The Sanmar Group's credo "reputation is more important than progress" had hugely influenced Fairfax Financial's decision to invest in the Group, asserted Prem Watsa, Chairman and CEO of the Canadian financial services company that has invested over \$5 billion in India.

Felicitating the Group on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of its flagship company Chemplast Sanmar, Watsa emphasised that enterprises can sustain over a long term only with integrity and fairness.

Fairfax, which prides itself on its ethical and long term approach to business saw these features in Sanmar.

On its commitment to India, Watsa said for long business was not a good thing in

India but it is now changed.

"Business can be a calling as it provides jobs, gives people opportunity to grow. These are the reasons Fairfax is "excited about India," he said, addressing a gathering of leading industrialists at a function to mark the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of the ₹3,000-crore Chennai-based PVC resin and chemicals manufacturer.

N Sankar, Chairman, Sanmar Group, who has been associated with Chemplast Sanmar since the day it was launched 50 years ago on May 4, 1967, said the PVC resin making company has had a roller coaster ride in the business.

But it has sustained its growth while being true to its culture of a fair deal for all, innovation and excellence in



(From left) Prem Watsa, Chairman and CEO, Fairfax Financial Holdings; N Sankar, Chairman, Sanmar Group; Venu Srinivasan, Chairman, TVS Motor Company; Vijay Sankar, Deputy Chairman, Sanmar Group, and Sean Keohane, President and CEO, Cabot Corporation, at the Golden Jubilee celebration of Chemplast Sanmar, in Chennai on Thursday. BJOY GHOSH

implementation. If its first year of operation was among the toughest, the company's 50<sup>th</sup> year performance is the best in its history with record production and sales.

The company which started

with an annual capacity of 6,000 tonnes of PVC now has an aggregate capacity of 3.66 lakh tonnes.

Venu Srinivasan, Chairman, TVS Motors, said strong "values and people" form the

foundation of a great enterprise.

What makes Chemplast stand out is the way it deals with its partners and its people which it nurtures and provides opportunity to grow.

# New effluent treatment lab at IIT Madras

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Chennai:** A laboratory to develop technologies that can provide industry specific solutions for effluent discharge was launched at the Environment Engineering department of Indian Institute of Technology, Madras campus on Tuesday.

The Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) laboratory was set up at a cost of ₹1 crore by Chemplast Sanmar, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Students and faculty members can collaborate with industries and can carry out research on zero liquid discharge.

Zero liquid discharge is a process of recycling wastewater and reusing it, leaving no effluent or discharge, saving money and the environment. The laboratory will provide necessary test bed facilities for evaluating various new and modified technologies related to ZLD development for industries.

"ZLD is mandatory in many industries. Industries like textiles have ZLD technology, but they have many issues in this. We will look in to those problems and come up with solutions," said civil engineering professor Ligy Philip.

# The IIT-Chemplast ground has a new name

Venue will be re-laid with working starting in June

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
CHENNAI

In a pleasant function, here on Tuesday, the IIT-Chemplast ground was re-named K.S. Narayanan Centre for Cricketing Excellence.

N. Sankar, Chairman, Sanmar Group, was greeted by players of Chemplast-Sanmar's two TNCA first division teams, Jolly Rovers and Alwarpet, as he and IIT Madras Director, Professor Bhaskar Ramamurthi, inaugurated the newly renamed ground. The ground will be re-laid, with working starting in

June. Bharat Reddy, President Corporate Affairs, Chemplast-Sanmar, said, "The ground has been extensively used in the last 18 years and the lack of water too has taken a heavy toll on the outfield. It has been decided to resurrect the ground to its old charm and beauty."

He added, "IITM, on its side, has assured constant supply of recycled water to maintain the ground."

The ground and its facilities, including the lovely pavilion and the varied practice pitches, had helped many

cricketers such as R. Ashwin, M. Vijay, Piyush Chawla, Jayant Yadav, K. Vignesh and T. Natarajan evolve, Bharat Reddy said.

He highlighted the role of the support staff K. Ram Mohan Rao, G. Jayakumar, N. Ajay Kudua, Shyamsundar, Vasanthraj and Danasekar in guiding the cricketers.

He said, "Most player have benefited from Jayakumar's one-on-one sessions, M. Vijay is a huge beneficiary of the same. Jayakumar is regarded one of the best batting coaches."

The relationship with

IITM had grown over the years, he said.

"They have always come forward to help with our requests."

Reddy said, "Chemplast firmly believes that the best of facilities should be provided to budding cricketers to express their game and to bring excellence on the field."

He added, "All this is possible only because of the passion displayed towards cricket and sports by the late K.S. Narayanan, and subsequently N. Sankar, N. Kumar and Vijay Shankar."



**Re-christened arena:** N. Sankar, centre, along with Bhaskar Ramamurthi, left, and Vijay Sankar survey the K.S. Narayanan Centre for Cricketing Excellence. • R. RAGU





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Zero Liquid Discharge lab inaugurated at IITM

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## Chemplast SANMAR's Golden Jubilee Gesture

Mr. N. Sankar, Chairman, The Sanmar Group, declared open the "Chemplast Sanmar ZLD Research Laboratory" in IIT-Madras today. Coinciding with its 50 year celebrations, Chemplast Sanmar, the flagship company of the Sanmar Group, has set up a state of the art Research Laboratory at an outlay of Rs.1 crore, in the Department of Environment Engineering, to carry out research on Zero Liquid Discharge(ZLD), in close collaboration with user industries. The Laboratory will provide necessary test bed facilities for evaluating various new / modified technologies related to ZLD development for target industries.

On the occasion, Mr. Sankar remarked that he was happy that Chemplast Sanmar with the support and guidance of IIT-Madras, has set up the Laboratory, a facility that has been needed for quite some time for carrying out R&D in this field. Zero Liquid Discharge as a concept was formulated by him almost 10 years ago and all the chemical businesses of the Sanmar Group follow the principle of ZLD in letter and spirit. ZLD has now become a precondition that is being followed by all the Pollution Control Boards and is considered as an important environment control methodology.

"Chemplast Sanmar is a pioneer in adopting ZLD and which has now become an industry standard. We adopted ZLD in our plants at Cuddalore and Mettur in Tamil Nadu and Karaikal in Puducherry, thereby ensuring no treated effluent from the plant operations was discharged onto the land or sea. These plants completely recycle and reuse liquid effluents," said N Sankar at the inauguration.

Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi, Director IIT-Madras observed that Chemplast Sanmar ZLD Research Laboratory will work with IIT's Centre for Urbanization, Building and Environment (CUBE) to undertake pilot scale trials of the innovative technologies at industrial sites also. He further said that it is expected that several faculty members from different departments of IIT such as, Civil Engineering, Chemicals, Electrical, Materials and Biotechnology will collaborate with the Environment Engineering group for pursuing the R&D in the Chemplast Sanmar ZLD Research Laboratory.