

Dr. Raghunath A. Mashelkar



Dr. Raghunath A. Mashelkar is the President, Pune International Centre and formerly, the National Research Professor. He has served as the Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) for over 11 years. He was also the President of Indian National Science Academy and President of the Institution of Chemical Engineers (UK). He is on the Board of Directors of several reputed companies such as Reliance Industries Ltd., Tata Motors Ltd., Hindustan Unilever Ltd., GeneMedix Life Sciences Ltd., Indigene Pharmaceuticals Ltd., ICICI Knowledge Park, Thermax Ltd., Piramal Life Sciences Ltd., and KPIT Cummins Infosystems Ltd. He is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of Microsoft. In 1998, Dr Mashelkar was awarded the JRD Tata Corporate Leadership Award, the first scientist to receive this honour. Thirty universities have honoured him with honorary doctorates, which include Universities of London, Salford, Pretoria, Wisconsin and Delhi. The President of India honoured Dr Mashelkar with Padmashri (1991), Padma Bhushan (2000) and Padma Vibhushan (2014). In the post-liberalized India, Dr Mashelkar has played a critical role in shaping India's Science and Technology (S&T) policies. He was a member of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister and also of the Scientific Advisory Committee to the Cabinet set up by successive governments.