



DR. RAGHUNATH MASHELKAR, FRS
Chief Guest at Jamnalal Bajaj Awards 2022 Ceremony
Born: January 1, 1943

Raghunath Anant Mashelkar is known for his own world class scientific research, his transformative leadership of research institutions, his pioneering game changing Indian movements - from traditional knowledge protection to creation of strong yet balanced IPR systems, to inclusive innovation movement based on the concept of Gandhian Engineering. He has been an influential thought leader in shaping Science, Technology & Innovation policies in post liberalized India.

He became the longest serving head of three major organizations when he held the positions of Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Chairman of National Innovation Foundation and President of Global Research Alliance. Dr. Mashelkar has been the President of Indian National Science Academy.

He served as a member of the Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister for over three decades in successive Governments. He has chaired 16 high powered Mashelkar Committees dealing with complex issues in education, health, environment, institutional transformation, etc.

Dr. Mashelkar's 60 plus national & international honours include many firsts. He was the first Indian to win most prestigious TWAS-Lenovo Science Prize, first Asian Scientist to win the Business Week (USA) award of 'Stars of Asia' at the hands of George Bush (Sr.), and the first and only scientist to win JRD Tata Corporate Leadership Award so far.

Dr. R. A. Mashelkar has been an ardent champion of inclusive innovation. He pioneered the concept of Gandhian Engineering, namely getting 'more from less for more'. He created 'Anjani Mashelkar Inclusive Award', which honours breakthrough high technology which works for the poor and creates access equality despite income inequality. Dr. Mashelkar's book 'Timeless Inspirator: Reliving Gandhi' shows how Gandhi is even more important in 21st century than he was in the 20th century.

He has received 45 honorary doctorates from universities around the world. The President of India honored Dr. Mashelkar with three of the highest civilian awards, namely Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan.

