

## Obituary

### Shri Ratan Tata



**28 December 1937 – 9 October 2024)**

Shri Ratan Tata, FNAE born on 28 December 1937 passed away on 9 October 2024. He was elected to INAE Fellowship in the year 1992 and affiliated to Engineering Section X (Interdisciplinary and Special Engineering Fields and Leadership in Academia, R&D and Industry).

Shri Ratan Tata, Chairman Emeritus, Tata Industries Ltd, Mumbai; former Chairman, Tata Sons was a doyen of Indian Industry who took the reins of the Tata Group in 1991 and over his two-decade-long leadership, he oversaw the diversification and expansion of the group into sectors such as IT, steel, automobiles, and hospitality. Mr Tata had served as the chairman of major Tata companies, including Tata Motors, Tata Steel, Tata Consultancy Services, Tata Power, Tata Global Beverages, Tata Chemicals, Indian Hotels and Tata Teleservices and took them to greater heights of excellence. The introduction of the Tata Nano in 2008, aimed at providing affordable cars for the masses, stands out as one of his important accomplishments. Under his guidance, the Tata Group also made key global acquisitions, including Tetley, Jaguar Land Rover, and Corus. Tata also championed startups and entrepreneurship, investing in young innovators and fostering a spirit of innovation in India through ventures like Tata Capital and Tata Start-up Hub.

Shri Tata was conferred the INAE Life Time Contribution Award in Engineering in the year 2008 for his outstanding contributions to the growth of the Indian Industry and for being a visionary business leader, par excellence. He was also inducted as a Member of the National Academy of Engineering, USA in recognition of his outstanding contributions to industrial development in India and across the world. He was honored with the Padma Bhushan in 2000 and the Padma Vibhushan in 2004 by the Hon'ble President of India for his contributions to Indian industry.

Shri Tata was recognized not only for his outstanding contributions to Indian Industry, corporate sector and engineering community but for his grace, eminence and philanthropy. He leaves behind a profound legacy of business leadership, global expansion, and a deep commitment to societal betterment, having donated generously to charitable causes. He was a supporter of education, medicine and rural development and recognized for his deep commitment as a philanthropist. In his demise, the country and the engineering fraternity have lost one of the greatest icons and inspiration for excellence.

May God bless his soul to rest in peace