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**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT  
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*Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, F.R.S.*

(President, Global Research Alliance)

**For outstanding contributions in innovation, science and society**

**T**HE life and work of Dr. Raghunath Anant Mashelkar is an inspiration to all. A chemical engineer with PhD, he is only the third Indian engineer to have been elected as Fellow of Royal Society (FRS) London in the twentieth century, besides membership to many other renowned international bodies.

Dr. Mashelkar transformed the CSIR into a user focused, performance driven accountable organization - heralded as one of the ten most significant achievements of Indian Science and Technology in the twentieth century. He spearheaded successful challenges to the US patent on the use of turmeric for wound healing and the patent on Basmati rice. These landmark cases set up new paradigms in the protection of India's traditional knowledge base and initiated a change in International Patent Classification System to give traditional knowledge its rightful place.

Donning a critical role in shaping India's S&T policies, he was a member of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister and Scientific Advisory Committee to the Cabinet set up by successive governments. He chaired several high powered committees set up to look into diverse issues of national importance.

Named among 50 path-breakers in post-independent India by Business India magazine, Dr. Mashelkar has been awarded honorary doctorate by 37 leading Universities. Of the more than 50 awards that he has won, the notable include the JRD Tata Corporate Leadership Award, Business Week (USA) 'Stars of Asia', HRD Excellence Award and 15 Lifetime Achievement Awards. He was bestowed the Padmashri in 1991, Padmabhushan in 2000 and Padma Vibhushan in 2014 in recognition of his contribution to nation-building.

Dr. Mashelkar currently is the President of Global Research Alliance - a network of publicly funded R&D institutes from Asia-Pacific, Europe and the US with over 60,000 scientists. Besides being on the board of leading corporates, Dr. Mashelkar is Chairman of India's National Innovation Foundation, and that of the High Powered Technology Expert Committee on Drinking Water & Sanitation in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.



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