

Bio Sketch of Dr R A Mashelkar

Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, National Research Professor, has been the Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Chairman of National Innovation Foundation as also the President of Indian National Science Academy.

In recognition of his pioneering research contributions in polymer science & Engineering, he has been honoured as a Fellow of Royal Society, Foreign Fellow of US National Academy of Science as also Engineering, Foreign Associate of American Academy of Arts and Science & Fellow of US National Academy of Inventors.

44 universities from around the world have honoured him with honorary doctorates.

He is famous for successfully fighting the wars on wrong patents given by US on turmeric and Basmati.

The sixty plus awards won by him include the prestigious TWAS-Lenovo Science Prize, the highest science prize by The World Academy of Science, Business Week (USA) award of 'Stars of Asia' at the hands of George Bush (sr) & JRD Tata Corporate Leadership Award, he being the only scientist to win it so far in three decades.

Dr. Mashelkar, who was a member of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister for over thirty years, has been honoured with Padmashri, Padmabhushan, and Padma Vibhushan, three of the highest civilian honours.