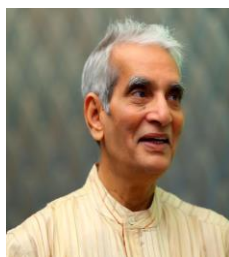


Obituary

Dr T.S.R. Prasada Rao



(January 20, 1939 –April 7, 2022)

Dr TSR Prasad Rao, FNAE, Chairman, Sarasi Jam Technologies, New Delhi and Formerly Director, Indian Institute of Petroleum, born on January 20, 1939 passed away on April 7, 2022. He was elected to INAE Fellowship in the year 1993 and was affiliated to Engineering Section IV (Chemical Engineering).

Dr TSR Prasada Rao had made outstanding contributions in developing mission-critical technologies that substitute processes available solely from multinational companies. His distinguished service to India was unique and notable because of his passionate and unrelenting efforts to go beyond the laboratory and apply science and engineering to develop and commercialise indigenous technologies for India's industrial development. His Key Word was Develop and Commercialise. He used his science and engineering achievements to develop and commercialise more than 10 technologies in collaboration with leading Indian companies including Bharat Petroleum, Indian Oil, GAIL, Indian Petrochemicals, Reliance, and Cadila Pharmaceuticals. Similarly, Dr Rao led Indian Petrochemicals to acquire catalyst manufacturing capabilities, expanding India's position in the global catalyst manufacturing industry. Besides being an accomplished technocrat, Dr Rao was widely recognised as a successful leader of Indian R&D institutions. As Director of CSIR - IIP during 1990-1999, he combined his passion for science and engineering with his experience in industry to transform the institute from a sick laboratory to a vibrant, world-class innovation centre. Since retiring from Government sector in 1999, Dr. Rao had been passionately championed science-based entrepreneurship in India. He was a recipient of the INAE Life Time Contribution Award in Engineering for the year 2020.

May God bless his soul to Rest in Peace