Obituary

Dr Jamshed J Irani



(June 2, 1936- October 31, 2022)

Dr Jamshed J Irani, FNAE born on June 2, 1936 passed away on October 31, 2022.

Dr Jamshed J Irani, Formerly Managing Director, Tata Steel was also known as the steel man of India. He was associated with Tata Steel for over four decades when he decided to retire from the board committee in June 2011, leaving behind a legacy that earned him and the organisation several international and national acclaim. He attended Science College and Nagpur University to pursue BSc and MSc in Geology. Later, he shifted to the United Kingdom to attend the University of Sheffield as a JN Tata Scholar, where he completed a Master's in Metallurgy and a PhD in Metallurgy. He started his professional career by joining Sheffield's British Iron and Steel Research Association. While working in a British company, he always yearned to contribute to India's development. After five years in Britain, he returned to his homeland and joined Tata Steel (then The Tata Iron and Steel Company) as an Assistant to the Director in charge of Research and Development (R&D). He became the company's General Manager in 1979, the President of Tata Steel in 1985 and the Managing Director in 1988. He joined the company as a Non-Executive Director in 2001, which continued for a decade. Besides Tata Sons and Tata Steel, he also held positions at several Tata Group companies-Tata Teleservices and Tata Motors.

As an industrialist, Dr Irani was conferred with several honours, including his appointment in the Royal Academy of Engineering as an International Fellow and an Honorary Knighthood by Queen Elizabeth II for his contributions to Indo-British trade and cooperation. Dr Irani also served as the national president of the Confederation of Indian Industry for 1992-93. He was conferred the INAE Life Time Contribution Award in Engineering in the year 2002 and the Padma Bhushan in 2007 by President of India for contributing to the country as an industrialist.

MAY GOD BLESS HIS SOUL TO REST IN PEACE