

Obituary

Dr MJ Zarabi



(August 24, 1947 – August 9, 2025)

Dr MJ Zarabi, *FNAE* born on August 24, 1947 passed away on August 9, 2025. He was elected to INAE Fellowship in the year 1999 and affiliated to Engineering Section VI (Electronics and Communication Engineering).

Dr MJ Zarabi, Formerly Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Semiconductor Complex Ltd., Punjab and Formerly Executive Director Technology, Samtel Color Limited, Ghaziabad had made significant contributions in the areas of Microelectronics and Physical Electronics. He was one of the pioneers who helped laying the foundation of the country's integrated chip manufacturing effort. At Semiconductor Complex Ltd, he spearheaded the creation of a state-of-the-art VLSI fabrication facility in 1997 and oversaw the establishment of the Gallium Arsenide Enabling Technology Centre for the Defence Research and Development Organisation. He also led pioneering work in Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS). As a technology consultant post retirement, he advised leading companies including Infineon Technologies and Solar Semiconductors. He co-founded Multisphere Power Solutions Pvt. Ltd. and Masamb Electronics Pvt. Ltd., and served on the boards of several major public sector undertakings and private firms. Dr MJ Zarabi served as Vice-President of INAE during the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2012 and contributed to a number of novel initiatives. He was co-author of the INAE Research Study Report on "Technologies for Healthcare Sector in India" and was Conference Chair of the International Conference on "Towards a Better Innovation Ecosystem" organized by INAE in 2012 in collaboration with National Innovation Council, Govt. of India, International Council of Academies of Engineering and Technological Sciences (CAETS) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). More recently he contributed to INAE Delhi Chapter activities.

May God bless his soul to rest in peace