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NATIONAL RECORD CELEBRATION OF

Padma Vibhushan

Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar's 54 Doctorates

Padma Vibhushan Dr. Mashelkar has surpassed the National record of **49 honorary doctorates** previously held by former President of India, **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam**

VENUE



Hotel Taj Mahal Palace,
Mumbai

DATE



Saturday
20th Dec., 2025

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Celebration of Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar's Historic Achievement

"Inspiring India" was conceived as a tribute to visionary leadership, transformative ideas, and the enduring spirit of nation-building. Organised by Eternal Corporate Media, the event was held on **20th December 2025** at the iconic **Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai**, in honour of **Padma Vibhushan Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar** - one of India's most distinguished scientists, innovators, and global thought leaders. Dr. Mashelkar's extraordinary legacy is reflected in the **54 honorary doctorates** in engineering conferred upon him by leading universities across the world, a rare distinction through which he has surpassed the record of **48 honorary doctorates** received by **Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam**.

The evening brought together eminent policymakers, industry stalwarts, academicians, and institutional leaders on a common platform to celebrate excellence, reflect on India's innovation journey, and inspire purposeful leadership for the future. "Inspiring India" emerged as a powerful confluence of ideas, intellect, and inspiration - reaffirming the belief that visionary thinking and inclusive innovation can shape a progressive and equitable India.

Chief Guest



Shri Chandrakant Patil
Hon'ble Minister of Higher &
Technical Education, Parliamentary Affairs,
Government Of Maharashtra

Guests of Honour



Padma Vibhushan Prof. M. M. Sharma
Emeritus Professor of Chemical Engineering
Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT) Mumbai



Shri Mukesh D. Ambani
Chairman & Managing Director
Reliance Industries Limited

Organising Committee



Shri Shailesh Haribhakti
Non-Executive Chairman &
Independent Director on
multiple board



Shri Nadir Godrej
Chairman & MD,
Godrej Industries Group



Shri Niraj Bajaj
Chairman
Bajaj Auto Limited



Shri Satyajeet Tambe
MLC
Maharashtra



Shri Harsh Mariwala
Chairman
Marico Limited



Shri Ravi Pandit
Chairman
KPIT Technologies Limited



Mrs. Sulajja Firodia Motwani
Founder and CEO,
Kinetic Green Energy &
Power Solutions Limited



Shri Kripashankar Tiwari
Chairman
Eternal Corporate Media Pvt. Ltd.



Shri Alok Ranjan Tiwari
MD & CEO
Eternal Corporate Media Pvt. Ltd.



Chief Guest – Mr. Chandrakant Patil, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister for Higher & Technical Education and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Maharashtra, along with Guest of Honour **Padma Vibhushan Prof. M. M. Sharma**, lighting the ceremonial lamp.



Guest of Honour - Mr. Mukesh Ambani, Chairman & Managing Director, Reliance Industries Limited, lighting the ceremonial lamp.



Chairman of the Organising Committee, **Mr. Shailesh Haribhakti**, lighting the ceremonial lamp.



Mr. Shailesh Haribhakti, Chairman of the Organising Committee, formally welcoming and felicitating eminent scientist **Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar**, in whose honour the event was convened.



Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar welcoming and felicitating the Chief Guest, **Mr. Chandrakant Patil**, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister for Higher & Technical Education and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Maharashtra.



Mr. Niraj Bajaj, Chairman of Bajaj Auto Limited, and **Mr. Alok Ranjan Tiwari**, Managing Director & CEO of Eternal Corporate Media Private Limited, welcoming and felicitating the Guest of Honour, **Mr. Mukesh Ambani**, Chairman & Managing Director, Reliance Industries Limited.



On the dais (from left to right): **Mr. Nikhil Meswani**, Executive Director, Reliance Industries Limited; **Mr. Alok Ranjan Tiwari**, MD & CEO, Eternal Corporate Media Private Limited; **Mr. Ajay Piramal**, Chairman, Piramal Group; **Mr. Shailesh Haribhakti**, Non-Executive Chairman and Independent Director on multiple boards; **Padma Vibhushan Prof. M. M. Sharma**, Emeritus Professor of Chemical Engineering, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai; **Mr. Chandrakant Patil**, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister for Higher & Technical Education and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Maharashtra; **Padma Vibhushan Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar**, Eminent Scientist; **Mr. Mukesh Ambani**, Chairman & Managing Director, Reliance Industries Limited; **Mrs. Sulajia Firodia Motwani**, Founder & CEO, Kinetic Green Energy & Power Solutions Ltd.; **Mr. Kripa Shankar Tiwari**, Chairman, Eternal Corporate Media; and **Mr. Nadir Godrej**, Chairman & Managing Director, Godrej Industries Group.



Mr. Nadir Godrej, Chairman & Managing Director, Godrej Industries Group, felicitating the Guest of Honour, Padma Vibhushan Prof. M. M. Sharma, Emeritus Professor of Chemical Engineering, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai.



Mr. Shailesh Haribhakti, Chairman of the Organising Committee, delivering the welcome address.



Mr. Kripa Shankar Tiwari, Chairman, Eternal Corporate Media Private Limited, delivering the conceptualiser's address.



Mr. Alok Ranjan Tiwari, Managing Director & CEO, Eternal Corporate Media Private Limited, delivering a special address.



Padma Vibhushan Prof. M. M. Sharma, Emeritus Professor of Chemical Engineering, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, addressing the gathering as the Guest of Honour.



Mr. Mukesh Ambani, Chairman & Managing Director, Reliance Industries Limited, addressing the ceremony as the Guest of Honour.



Mr. Chandrakant Patil, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister for Higher & Technical Education and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Maharashtra, addressing the ceremony as the Chief Guest.



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Book Launch (from left to right): More from Less For More, authored by **Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar** and **Mr. Sushil Borde**, being launched by **Mr. Nikhil Meswani**, Executive Director, Reliance Industries Limited; **Mr. Hital Meswani**, Executive Director, Reliance Industries Limited; **Mr. Alok Ranjan Tiwari**, MD & CEO, Eternal Corporate Media ; **Mr. Sushil Borde**, Co-author; **Mr. Ajay Piramal**, Chairman, Piramal Group; **Mr. Shailesh Haribhakti**, Non-Executive Chairman and Independent Director on multiple boards; **Padma Vibhushan Prof. M. M. Sharma**, Emeritus Professor of Chemical Engineering, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai; **Mr. Chandrakant Patil**, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister for Higher & Technical Education and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Maharashtra; **Padma Vibhushan Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar**, eminent scientist; **Mr. Mukesh Ambani**, Chairman & Managing Director, Reliance Industries Limited; **Mrs. Sulajja Firodia Motwani**, Founder & CEO, Kinetic Green Energy & Power Solutions Ltd.; **Mr. Kripa Shankar Tiwari**, Chairman, Eternal Corporate Media; **Mr. Nadir Godrej**, Chairman & Managing Director, Godrej Industries Group; and **Mr. Niraj Bajaj**, Chairman of Bajaj Auto Limited.



Coffee Table Book Launch (from left to right): The Pride of India: Raghunath Mashelkar being launched by **Mr. Alok Ranjan Tiwari**, **Mr. Sushil Borde**, **Mr. Ajay Piramal**, **Mr. Shailesh Haribhakti**, **Prof. M. M. Sharma**, **Shri Chandrakant Patil**, **Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar**, **Mr. Mukesh Ambani**, **Mrs. Sulajja Firodia Motwani**, **Mr. Kripa Shankar Tiwari**, **Mr. Nadir Godrej**, and **Mr. Niraj Bajaj**.



Book Launch (from left to right): Divya Vaigyanik - A Hindi Biography on Prof. M. M. Sharma being launched by **Mr. Hital Meswani**, **Mr. Nikhil Meswani**, **Mr. Alok Ranjan Tiwari**, **Mr. Sushil Borde**, **Mr. Ajay Piramal**, **Mr. Shailesh Haribhakti**, **Prof. M. M. Sharma**, **Shri Chandrakant Patil**, **Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar**, **Mr. Mukesh Ambani**, **Mrs. Sulajja Firodia Motwani**, **Mr. Kripa Shankar Tiwari**, **Mr. Nadir Godrej**, and **Mr. Niraj Bajaj**.



A specially curated short film chronicling the illustrious life and extraordinary journey of Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar being screened during the ceremony.



Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar being felicitated by the Chief Guest, Shri Chandrakant Patil; Guest of Honour, Mr. Mukesh Ambani; and Host, Mr. Kripa Shankar Tiwari, in recognition of his historic achievement of receiving 54 honorary doctorates - the highest ever conferred upon an engineering scientist - marking a moment of profound national pride as he surpasses the record of Former President of India, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, who received 48 honorary doctorates. Dr. Mashelkar was joined on the dais by his wife, Smt. Vaishali Mashelkar, during the ceremony.



Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar being welcomed and felicitated by Mr. Kripa Shankar Tiwari, joined by Shri Chandrakant Patil, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Government of Maharashtra; Mr. Mukesh Ambani; Mr. Nadir Godrej; and Mr. Deepak Parekh.



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Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar delivering the keynote address.



Mr. Nadir Godrej, Chairman & Managing Director, Godrej Industries Group, reciting a poem in honour of Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar.



Mrs. Sulajja Firodia Motwani, Founder & CEO, Kinetic Green Energy & Power Solutions Ltd., delivering the vote of thanks as a member of the Organising Committee.



On the dais at the conclusion of the ceremony (from left to right): Mr. Alok Ranjan Tiwari, Managing Director & CEO, Eternal Corporate Media Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Ajay Piramal, Chairman, Piramal Group; Mr. Shailesh Haribhakti, Non-Executive Chairman and Independent Director on multiple boards; Padma Vibhushan Prof. M. M. Sharma, Emeritus Professor of Chemical Engineering, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai; Shri Chandrakant Patil, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister for Higher & Technical Education and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Maharashtra; Smt. Vaishali Mashelkar; Padma Vibhushan Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, eminent scientist; Mr. Kripa Shankar Tiwari, Chairman, Eternal Corporate Media Private Limited; Mr. Mukesh Ambani, Chairman & Managing Director, Reliance Industries Limited; Mr. Deepak Parekh, eminent banker and Former Chairman, HDFC; Mr. Niraj Bajaj, Chairman of Bajaj Auto Limited; Mrs. Sulajja Firodia Motwani, Founder & CEO, Kinetic Green Energy & Power Solutions Ltd.; and Mr. Shekhar Bajaj, Chairman, Bajaj Electricals Limited.

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