

## **Introduction of guests**

I have a very pleasant duty of introducing our chief guest Dr. Mashelkar and the guest of honor Dr. Rajat Moona.

Dr. Mashelkar needs no introduction. He is very well known and one of the most distinguished scientists of India. Yet the occasion demands and here it is in brief:

Dr. R. A. Mashelkar is National Research Professor and is also the President of Global Research Alliance, a network of publicly funded R&D institutes from Asia-Pacific, Europe and USA with over 60,000 scientists.

He served with distinction as the Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), for over eleven years and has served on the Prime Ministers Scientific Advisory Council.

Presently Dr. Mashelkar sits on the Board of Directors of major Indian companies such as Reliance Industries Ltd., Tata Motors Ltd., Hindustan Unilever Ltd. GeneMedix Life Sciences Ltd., Indigene Pharmaceutifcals Ltd., ICICI Knowledge Park, Thermax Ltd., Piramal Life Sciences Ltd., and KPIT Cummins Infosystems Ltd. He is also a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Microsoft.

Dr. Mashelkar is only the third Indian engineer to have been elected as Fellow of Royal Society (FRS), London in the twentieth century. He is also Foreign Associate of National Academy of Science (USA), Associate Foreign Member, American Academy of Arts & Sciences (2011); Foreign Fellow of US National Academy of Engineering (2003) and many other distinguished international societies.

Thirty one Indian and International Universities have honored him by giving honorary doctorates.

He is the guru of innovation and is currently the Chairman of India's National Innovation Foundation, Reliance Innovation Council and Thermax Innovation Council. He pioneered the concept of Gandhian Engineering with a motto of "More from less for more". As his good disciple we have tried to follow it in our work outlined in my book.

For his pioneering work he has received over 50 awards and medals including this year's Padmavibhushan.

But more than these accolades he is an extremely decent and nice human being who has helped large number of people from all walks of life. I have known him since 1990s. He has been my mentor and a well-wisher and I am grateful and honored that he has consented to release my book.

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Similarly Dr. Rajat Moona who is the DG of C-DAC needs no introduction here. But still his short introduction is:

Dr. Rajat Moona is a distinguished Professor of IIT Kanpur. He presently holds the Poonam and Prabhu Goel Chair of Computer Science at IIT Kanpur.

He did his B.Tech from IIT Kanpur in 1985 and his Ph.D. from IISc Bangalore in 1989. Since then he has been a faculty at IIT Kanpur with a short stint of research at MIT Boston. He is the dada of computer architecture in the country.

He is a fellow IITian and a dear friend of mine. When he heard that I was thinking of publishing the digital book he immediately offered CDAC's help in making it into an ebook and also graciously offered to arrange this function. I am indeed grateful to him for all the help.

Very soon he will be leaving C-DAC to become Vice Chancellor of IIIT Raipur so I will lose a dear friend in Pune.