

Ratan Naval Tata was born on 28 December 1937; he is an Indian businessman, investor, and philanthropist.

## **Professional Career**

Ratan N Tata was the Chairman of Tata Sons, one of the two promoter holding companies of the Tata group, from 1991 till his retirement on December 28, 2012. He was also chairman of the major Tata companies, including Tata Motors, Tata Steel, Tata Consultancy Services, Tata Power, Tata Global Beverages, Tata Chemicals, Indian Hotels and Tata Teleservices. During his tenure, the group's revenues grew manifold, totalling over \$100 billion in 2011-2012.

Ratan Tata is also associated with various organizations in India and overseas. He is the chairman of two of the largest private-sector-promoted philanthropic trusts in India.

He is a member of the Indian Prime Minister's Council on Trade and Industry.

He is the president of the Court of the Indian Institute of Science and chairman of the Council of Management of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research.

He also serves on the board of trustees of Cornell University and the University of Southern California.

Ratan Tata serves on the board of directors of Alcoa, and is also on the international advisory boards of Mitsubishi Corporation, JP Morgan Chase, Rolls-Royce, Temasek Holdings and the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

He received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Cornell in 1962. He worked briefly with Jones and Emmons in Los Angeles before returning to India in late 1962.

He completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School in 1975.

## **Recognitions and Awards**

The Government of India honoured Mr Tata with its second-highest civilian award, the Padma Vibhushan, in 2008. He has also received honorary doctorates from several universities in India and overseas.

1995- Alumni Achievement Award — Harvard Business School

2002 - Asia Pacific Community Building Award — East-West Center

2003 - Entrepreneur of the Year Award — Ernst & Young

2005 - Businessman of the Year in Asia — Forbes magazine

2006 - FIRST Award for Responsible Capitalism — FIRST organisation

2007 - Qimpro Platinum Standard Statesman for Quality Award — The Qimpro Foundation

2008 - Padma Vibhushan — Government of India

2009 - Business Process Innovation Award — The Economist

2010 - Hadrian Award — World Monuments Fund

2011 - Swiss Ambassador's Award for Exceptional Leadership — Government of Switzerland

2012 - The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun — Government of Japan

2014 - Life time Achievement Award in Ethical Governance & Leadership — Asian Centre for Corporate Governance & Sustainability