



***Dr. JJ Irani***

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***Honorary Member, The Indian Institute of Metals***

It is with deep regret, we learnt about the passing away of Dr. J J Irani, Former President, IIM. The IIM fraternity deeply mourns his sad demise.

A distinguished metallurgist from Nagpur University with a doctorate from the University of Sheffield, Dr. Jamshed J. Irani started his illustrious career as senior scientific officer in 1963 at the British Iron & Steel Association, Sheffield.

He will be remembered as a visionary leader who led Tata Steel from the forefront during India's economic liberalization in the early 1990s and contributed to the growth and development of the steel industry in India. Besides Tata Steel and Tata Sons, Dr. Irani also served as a Director of several Tata Group companies, including Tata Motors and Tata Teleservices. He was conferred with the Padma Bhushan in 2007 for his contribution to the industry. He was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Government of India in 2008 as an acknowledgment of his services in the area of metallurgy. Dr. Irani was the pioneer of the quality movement in India.

He enabled Tata Steel to reinvent itself with a focus on quality and customer satisfaction while becoming the lowest-cost steel producer in the world having quality to compete with the best in the international market. After his retirement from services, Dr. Irani continued to contribute his immense knowledge and experience in diverse fields.

As a President of The Indian Institute of Metals during 1985-86, Dr. Irani led from the front. His contributions towards the Institute and the metallurgical fraternity are of huge magnitude through pursuit of quality management in metallurgy and materials science. Dr. Irani envisioned IIM as a global body, and during his tenure he worked towards establishing collaborations between industry and the Institute.

Dr. Irani, also known as the STEEL MAN of INDIA will be profoundly missed by all stakeholders.

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