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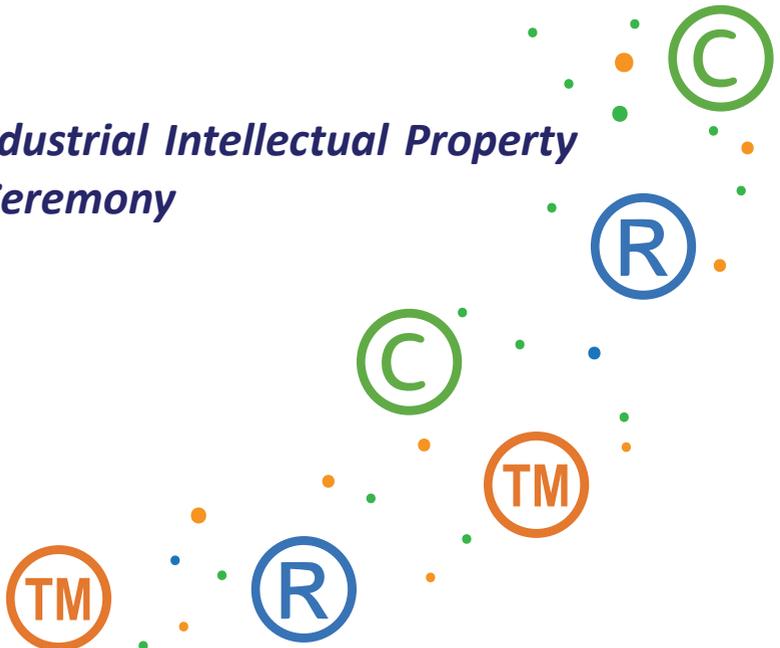


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**Arvind Thakur**

Chairman, CII National Committee on Intellectual Property & Senior Advisor to the Board, NIIT Technologies

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Arvind Thakur has been the CEO, Vice Chairman & Managing Director at NIIT Technologies Ltd, a global IT solutions organization which was spun off from NIIT Ltd in 2004. He led the company since inception to be among the top IT Services providers from the country with a market capitalization of over USD 1 billion. In 2012 he was conferred the prestigious global Gold Stevie Award as “Executive of the Year” in the Computer Services category. Currently he serves the organization as Senior Adviser to the Board.

He also serves on the Board of Management of NIIT University, a not for profit institution. Mr Thakur is active in industry forums. He is an elected member of NASSCOM Executive Council and is the Chairman of the CII National Committee on IPR. Mr Thakur graduated in engineering from IIT, Kharagpur where he received the Institute Silver medal. Thereafter he pursued Post Graduation in Industrial Engineering from NITIE, Mumbai.



**N N Prasad**

Assistant Director General &  
Chief of Staff in the Office of the Director General  
World Intellectual Property Organisation, Geneva

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Naresh Nandan Prasad is an Assistant Director General (ADG) and Chief of Staff to the Director General of WIPO and as such, is one of the senior-most Indians in the UN System. He had a long career in the Indian Administrative Service (IAS, 1981 batch) during which he gained wide experience at national, state and local levels in the areas of industrial policy, tourism, development and multilateral negotiations. As Joint Secretary of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Mr. Prasad was India's focal point for intellectual property and played a key role in modernizing the country's intellectual property infrastructure. At the international level in WIPO, he is responsible for the provision of strategic advice to the WIPO Director General and the management of the Director General's Office; as secretary of the WIPO Assemblies, overseeing this peak governance body of WIPO; coordination of WIPO's network of six external offices; ensuring effective communications of WIPO, both internally and externally; and managing the provision of protocol and events services. Mr. Prasad joined WIPO as Executive Director of the Office of the Director General in May 2009 and he became ADG in December 2014.



**R Saha**

Senior Advisor (IPR)  
Confederation of India Industry

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R Saha is a B Tech from IIT Kanpur in Aeronautical Engineering. He got his Master's Degree from Cranfield University in England. He served the Government of India for 35 years in different capacities and handling different responsibilities including research and development and retired as Scientist G and Adviser from the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. He has wide experience in technology evaluation and assessment, intellectual property rights management, regulatory processes and R&D policies and project implementation. He has been a pioneer in leading the national efforts in policy making and capacity building in the area of IPR. He planned and conducted two training programmes on IPR for developing countries drawing a participation of about 30 countries. He was invited as an international resource person to speak on IPR in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Namibia, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Oman, Malaysia, China, Philippines, Mauritius, Mexico and Uganda. He conducted more than 400 IPR workshops in India and other countries. 20 Patent Information Centers at state levels and 60 university IPR cells were set up in India under his leadership. He has been helping universities in developing their IPR policies. About 1000 patent applications were filed under his guidance on behalf of universities and R&D institutions. He represented India in discussions at WIPO and, was involved in negotiating international agreements on IPR in the context of scientific research and development.



## **Raghunath Anand Mashelkar**

Former Director General, CSIR and

Chair of Jury for CII Industrial IP Awards – 2019

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Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, National Research Professor, is presently 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.

Dr. Mashelkar served as the Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), with thirty-eight laboratories and about 20,000 employees for over eleven years. He was also the President of Indian National Science Academy.

Dr. Mashelkar is only the third Indian engineer to have been elected (1998) as Fellow of Royal Society (FRS), London in the twentieth century. He was elected Foreign Associate of National Academy of Science (USA) in 2005, Associate Foreign Member, American Academy of Arts & Sciences (2011); Foreign Fellow of US National Academy of Engineering (2003); Fellow of Royal Academy of Engineering, U.K. (1996), Foreign Fellow of Australian Technological Science and Engineering Academy (2008) and Fellow of World Academy of Art & Science, USA (2000).

In August 1997, Business India named Dr. Mashelkar as being among the 50 path-breakers in the post- Independent India. In 1998, Dr. Mashelkar won the JRD Tata Corporate Leadership Award, the first scientist to win it. In June, 1999, Business India did a cover story on Dr. Mashelkar as “CEO OF CSIR Inc.”, a dream that he himself had articulated, when he took over as DG, CSIR in July 1995. On 16 November 2005, he received the Business Week (USA) award of (Stars of Asia) at the hands of George Bush (Sr.), the former President of USA. He was the first Asian Scientist to receive it.

Deeply connected with the innovation movement in India, Dr. Mashelkar is currently the Chairman of Indias National Innovation Foundation, Reliance Innovation Council, Thermax Innovation Council, Marico Innovation Foundation and KPIT Technologies Innovation Council.

Dr. Mashelkar has been propagating a culture of innovation and balanced intellectual property rights regime for several decades. It was through his sustained and visionary campaign that growing awareness of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) has dawned on Indian academics, researches and corporates. He spearheaded the

successful challenge to the US patent on the use of turmeric for wound healing and also the patent on Basmati rice. These landmark cases have set up new paradigms in the protection of Indias traditional knowledge base, besides leading to the setting up of Indias first Traditional Knowledge Digital Library. In turn, at an international level, this has led to the initiation of the change of the International Patent Classification System to give traditional knowledge its rightful place.

As Chairman of the Standing Committee on Information Technology of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), as a member of the International Intellectual Property Rights Commission of UK Government and as Vice Chairman on Commission in Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation and Public Health (CIPRH) set up by World Health Organization (WHO), he brought new perspectives on the issue of IPR and the developing world concerns.

Thirty four universities have honoured him with honorary doctorates, which include Universities of London, Salford, Pretoria, Wisconsin and Swinburne.

In the post-liberalized India, Dr. Mashelkar has played a critical role in shaping Indias S&T policies. He was a member of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister and also of the Scientific Advisory Committee to the Cabinet set up by successive governments.

The President of India honoured Dr. Mashelkar with Padmashri (1991), with Padmabhushan (2000) and with Padma Vibhushan (2014), which are three of the highest civilian honours in recognition of his contribution to nation building.