VISIONARY LEADER

SIR RATAN NAVAL TATA

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| Ratan Tata was the son of [Naval Tata](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naval_Tata), who was adopted by [Ratanji Tata](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratanji_Tata), son of [Jamshedji Tata](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamshedji_Tata), the founder of the [Tata Group](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tata_Group). He graduated from [Cornell University College of Architecture](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornell_University_College_of_Architecture,_Art,_and_Planning) with a bachelor's degree in architecture.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-7) He had also attended the [Harvard Business School (HBS)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harvard_Business_School) Advanced Management program in 1975.[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-8) He joined the Tata Group in 1962,[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-9) starting on the shop floor of [Tata Steel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tata_Steel). He later succeeded [J. R. D. Tata](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J._R._D._Tata) as chairman of Tata Sons upon the latter's retirement in 1991. During his tenure, the Tata Group acquired [Tetley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tetley), [Jaguar Land Rover](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jaguar_Land_Rover), and [Corus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corus_Group_plc), in an attempt to turn Tata from a largely India-centric group into a global business. |

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| **LIFE OF RATAN TATA**  Ratan Tata, born on December 28, 1937, is one of India’s most prominent and respected industrialists. After attending various schools in Bombay, Tata finished high school in New York City in 1955. | He then progressed to Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, where he earned a B.S. (1962) in architecture before returning to India to work. He acquired his business training on the job, gaining experience in several Tata Group businesses, and was | named director in charge (1971) of one of them, the National Radio and Electronics Co. He became chairman of Tata Industries a decade later, and in 1991 he succeeded his uncle, J.R.D. Tata, as chairman of Tata Sons, the parent company of the Tata Group. |
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|  | ACHIVEMENTS  Ratan Tata has received numerous accolades throughout his career, including the Padma Vibhushan, I[ndia’s second-highest civilian award](https://www.clearias.com/padma-awards/), and the Padma Bhushan, for his contributions to trade and industry. |

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| SOCIAL SERVICE Ratan Tata’s philanthropic work is carried out mainly through the Tata Trusts, which control a significant portion of Tata Sons, the holding company of Tata Group.  The Trusts work in areas such as education, hea lthcare, and rural development, contributing significantly to India’s social upliftment.  His contributions to education include establishing numerous scholarships, supporting institutions like Harvard Business School, and improving healthcare facilities across rural India.  In 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Tata committed significant funds to aid relief efforts, further solidifying his image as a compassionate and visionary leader who prioritizes the welfare of society.  Tata’s compassion for animals went beyond personal efforts. He actively supported those working to improve the lives of animals.   * In July 2023, after years of planning and delays, Tata opened India’s first Small Animal Hospital in Mahalaxmi, Mumbai. The state-of-the-art facility, spread across 98,000 square feet, includes cutting-edge technology such as ICUs, HDUs, CT scans, MRI, X-rays, and ultrasound machines. It offers specialized treatments in dermatology, dental care, ophthalmology, and other areas. |  |
| LEGACY AND INFLUENCE Even after his retirement, Ratan Tata remains a highly influential figure in business, startups, and philanthropy. His continued involvement in mentoring young entrepreneurs through investments in startups reflects his enduring commitment to innovation. His emphasis on ethical business practices and sustainable growth has had a lasting impact not just on Tata Group, but on India’s corporate landscape as a whole. Ratan Tata’s vision, leadership, and philanthropy have made him a symbol of industrial excellence and social responsibility, and his legacy continues to inspire both business leaders and social reformers in India and abroad. |  |
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| Indian business legend Ratan Tata has died at the age of 86.  In a statement, the Tata Group said: "It is with a profound sense of loss that we bid farewell to Mr. Ratan Naval Tata, a truly uncommon leader whose immeasurable contributions have shaped not only the Tata Group but also the very fabric of our nation."  Under Tata's leadership, the 155-year-old Tata Group became known as a "salt-to-software" conglomerate, with an empire ranging from Jaguar Land Rover and Tata Steel to aviation and salt pans.  ------------------THANK YOU---------------------- |