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| **Ratan Naval Tata**[[a]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-2) (28 December 1937 – 9 October 2024) was an Indian industrialist and philanthropist. He served as the chairman of [Tata Group](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tata_Group) and [Tata Sons](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tata_Sons) from 1991 to 2012 and he held the position of interim chairman from October 2016 to February 2017.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-3)[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-4) In 2000, he received the [Padma Bhushan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Padma_Bhushan), the third highest civilian honour in India, followed by the [Padma Vibhushan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Padma_Vibhushan), the country's second highest civilian honour, in 2008.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-List_of_Fellows-5) | 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.[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-6) He joined the Tata Group in 1962,[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-7) 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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| EDUCATION |  |
| Tata studied at the [Campion School, Mumbai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Campion_School,_Mumbai) until 8th grade. He then continued his studies at the [Cathedral and John Connon School](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cathedral_and_John_Connon_School) in [Mumbai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai), the [Bishop Cotton School](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bishop_Cotton_School_(Shimla)) in [Shimla](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shimla), and the [Riverdale Country School](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Riverdale_Country_School) in New York City, from which he graduated in 1955.[[13]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-toitataschool-14)[[14]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-15)[[15]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-16) After high school, Tata enrolled in [Cornell University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornell_University), from which he graduated with a bachelor's degree in architecture in 1962.[[16]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-17)[[17]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-18) While at Cornell, Tata became a member of the [Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alpha_Sigma_Phi). In 2008, Tata gifted Cornell $50 million, becoming the largest international donor in the university's history.[[18]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-19)[[19]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-20) |  | |  |
| CAREER  In the 1970s, Ratan Tata was given a managerial position in the Tata group. He achieved initial success by turning the subsidiary National Radio and Electronics (NELCO) around, only to see it collapse during an economic slowdown.[[22]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-BS-23)[[23]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-24) In 1991, [J. R. D. Tata](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J._R._D._Tata) stepped down as chairman of Tata Sons, naming him his successor. Initially, Tata faced stiff resistance from the heads of various subsidiaries, who had a large amount of operational freedom under the senior Tata's tenure. In response, Tata implemented a number of policies designed to consolidate power, including the implementation of a retirement age, having subsidiaries report directly to the group office, and requiring subsidiaries to contribute their profit to building the Tata group brand. Tata prioritised innovation and delegated many responsibilities to younger talent.[[24]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-ChrisDeresky-25) Under his leadership, overlapping operations between subsidiaries were streamlined into company-wide operations, with the group exiting unrelated businesses to take on globalisation.[[25]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-26) Board memberships and affiliations Ratan Tata was the [interim chairman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interim) of [Tata Sons](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tata_Sons). He headed the main two Tata trusts [Sir Dorabji Tata and Allied Trusts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sir_Dorabji_Tata_and_Allied_Trusts) and [Sir Ratan Tata Trust](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sir_Ratan_Tata_Trust) and their allied trusts, with a combined stake of 66% in Tata Sons, Tata group's holding company.[[64]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-65)  He served in various capacities in organisations in India and abroad. He was a member of Prime Minister's 'Council on Trade and Industry' and the 'National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council'. He was on the jury panel of [Pritzker Architecture Prize](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pritzker_Architecture_Prize)[[65]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-66) – considered to be one of the world's premier architecture prizes.  Over the years, Tata had served on the [Cornell University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornell_University) Board of Trustees, personally advising the school's administration in matters of international involvement, particularly regarding projects connected to India. More broadly, Tata had served on the board's Academic Affairs, Student Life, and Development Committees. In 2013 he was named Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year.[[66]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-67)  He was a director on the boards of [Alcoa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alcoa) Inc., [Mondelez International](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mondelez_International)[[67]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-68) and Board of Governors of the [East–West Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East%E2%80%93West_Center). He was also a member of the board of trustees of [University of Southern California](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Southern_California), Harvard Business School Board of Dean's Advisors, X Prize[[68]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-69) and Cornell University. He was a member on the board of International Advisory Council at [Bocconi University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bocconi_University).[[69]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-70)  He was on the advisory board of Hakluyt & Co, an international consultancy company.[[70]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-auto-71)  In 2013, he was appointed to the board of trustees of the [Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carnegie_Endowment_for_International_Peace).[[71]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-auto1-72)  In February 2015, Ratan took an advisory role at Kalari Capital, a venture capital firm founded by [Vani Kola](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vani_Kola).[[72]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-73)  In October 2016, Tata Sons removed Cyrus Mistry as its chairman, nearly 4 years after he took over the reins of the over $100 billion conglomerate, Ratan Tata made a comeback, taking over the company's interim boss for 4 months.[[73]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-74) On 12 January 2017, [Natarajan Chandrasekaran](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natarajan_Chandrasekaran) was named as the chairman of Tata Sons, a role he assumed in February 2017.[[74]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-75) |  |
| **HONORS AND AWARDS**  Ratan Tata received the [Padma Bhushan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Padma_Bhushan) in 2000 and [Padma Vibhushan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Padma_Vibhushan) in 2008, the third and second highest civilian honours awarded by the Government of India.[[82]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-Padma_Awards-83) Tata also received various state civilian honours such as '[Maharashtra Bhushan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maharashtra_Bhushan)' in 2006 for his work in the public administration in [Maharashtra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maharashtra) and '[Assam Baibhav](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assam_Baibhav)' in 2021 for his contribution towards furthering cancer care in [Assam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assam).[[83]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-84)  Other awards include:   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Year** | **Name** | **Awarding organisation** | **Ref.** | | 2001 | Honorary [Doctor of Business Administration](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doctor_of_Business_Administration) | [Ohio State University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ohio_State_University) | [[84]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-85) | | 2004 | [Medal of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medal_of_the_Oriental_Republic_of_Uruguay) | [Government of Uruguay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_Uruguay) | [[85]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-86) | | Honorary [Doctor of Technology](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doctor_of_Technology) | [Asian Institute of Technology](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asian_Institute_of_Technology). | [[86]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-asdu.ait.ac.th-87) | | 2005 | International Distinguished Achievement Award | [B'nai B'rith](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/B%27nai_B%27rith) International | [[87]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-88) | | Honorary [Doctor of Science](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doctor_of_Science) | [University of Warwick](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Warwick). | [[88]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-89) | | 2006 | Honorary Doctor of Science | [Indian Institute of Technology Madras](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Institute_of_Technology_Madras) | [[89]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-90) | | Responsible Capitalism Award | [For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/For_Inspiration_and_Recognition_of_Science_and_Technology) (FIRST) | [[90]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-91) | | 2007 | [Honorary Fellowship](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Honorary_Fellowship) | [The London School of Economics and Political Science](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_London_School_of_Economics_and_Political_Science) | [[91]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-92) | | [Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carnegie_Medal_of_Philanthropy) | [Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carnegie_Endowment_for_International_Peace) | [[92]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-93) | | 2008 | Honorary [Doctor of Law](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doctor_of_Law) | [University of Cambridge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Cambridge) | [[93]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-94) | | Honorary Doctor of Science | [Indian Institute of Technology Bombay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Institute_of_Technology_Bombay) | [[94]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-95) | | Honorary Doctor of Science | [Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Institute_of_Technology_Kharagpur) | [[95]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-96) | | [Honorary Citizen Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Honorary_Citizen_Award) | [Government of Singapore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_Singapore) | [[96]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-97)[[97]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-98) | | Honorary Fellowship | [The Institution of Engineering and Technology](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Institution_of_Engineering_and_Technology) | [[98]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-99) | | Inspired Leadership Award | The Performance Theatre | [[99]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-100) | | 2009 | [Honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Honorary_Knight_Commander_of_the_Order_of_the_British_Empire) (KBE) | [Queen Elizabeth II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth_II) | [[100]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-101) | | Life Time Contribution Award in Engineering for 2008 | [Indian National Academy of Engineering](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_National_Academy_of_Engineering) | [[101]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-102) | | [Grand Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Order_of_Merit_of_the_Italian_Republic) | [Government of Italy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_Italy) | [[102]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-103) | | 2010 | Honorary Doctor of Law | [University of Cambridge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Cambridge) | [[103]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-104) | | Hadrian Award | [World Monuments Fund](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Monuments_Fund) | [[104]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-105) | | Oslo Business for Peace award | [Business for Peace Foundation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Business_for_Peace_Foundation) | [[105]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-106) | | Legend in Leadership Award | [Yale University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yale_University) | [[106]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-107) | | Honorary Doctor of Laws | [Pepperdine University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pepperdine_University) | [[107]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-108) | | Business for Peace Award | [Business for Peace Foundation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Business_for_Peace_Foundation) | [[108]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-109) | | Business Leader of the Year | [The Asian Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Asian_Awards). | [[109]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-110) | | 2012 | [Honorary Fellow](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Honorary_Fellow)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-List_of_Fellows-5) | [The Royal Academy of Engineering](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Royal_Academy_of_Engineering)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-List_of_Fellows-5) | [[110]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-111) | | Doctor of Business *honoris causa* | [University of New South Wales](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_New_South_Wales) | [[111]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-112) | | Grand Cordon of the [Order of the Rising Sun](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Order_of_the_Rising_Sun) | [Government of Japan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_Japan) | [[112]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-113) | | Lifetime Achievement Award | [Rockefeller Foundation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rockefeller_Foundation) | [[113]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-114) | | 2013 | International Member | U.S. National Academy of Engineering | [[114]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-115) | | Transformational Leader of the Decade | Indian Affairs India Leadership Conclave 2013 | [[115]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-116) | | Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year – Lifetime Achievement | [Ernst & Young](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ernst_%26_Young) | [[116]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-117) | | Honorary Doctor of Business Practice | [Carnegie Mellon University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carnegie_Mellon_University) | [[117]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-118) | | 2014 | Honorary Doctor of Business | [Singapore Management University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore_Management_University) | [[118]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-119) | | [Sayaji Ratna Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sayaji_Ratna_Award) | [Baroda Management Association](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baroda_Management_Association) | [[119]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-120) | | [Honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Honorary_Knight_Grand_Cross_of_the_Order_of_the_British_Empire) (GBE) | [Queen Elizabeth II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth_II) | [[120]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-121)[[121]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-GBE-122) | | Honorary [Doctor of Laws](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doctor_of_Laws) | [York University, Canada](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/York_University,_Toronto) | [[122]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-123) | | 2015 | Honorary Doctor of Automotive Engineering | [Clemson University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clemson_University) | [[123]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-124) | | [Sayaji Ratna Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sayaji_Ratna_Award) | Baroda Management Association, Honoris Causa, [HEC Paris](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HEC_Paris) | [[124]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-125) | | 2016 | [Commander of the Legion of Honour](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commander_of_the_Legion_of_Honour) | [Government of France](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_France) | [[125]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-126) | | 2018 | Honorary [Doctor in Engineering](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doctor_of_Engineering) | [Swansea University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swansea_University) | [[126]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-127)[[127]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-128) | | 2022 | Honorary [Doctor of Literature](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doctor_of_Literature) | [HSNC University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HSNC_University) | [[128]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-129)[[129]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-130) | | 2023 | [Honorary Officer of the Order of Australia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Order_of_Australia) (AO) | [King Charles III](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_III) | [[130]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-AO-131) | | 2023 | Maharashtra Udyog Ratna | [Government of Maharashtra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_Maharashtra) | [[131]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-132) | | No cause of concern': Ratan Tata says undergoing age-related medical  check-ups | Pragativadi | Odisha News, Breaking News Odisha, Latest Odisha  News |
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Tata never married and had no children. In 2011, he stated, "I came close to getting married four times and each time I backed off in fear or for one reason or another."[[75]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-76)

Tata was admitted to [Breach Candy Hospital](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Breach_Candy_Hospital) in critical condition and was under intensive care.[[76]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-77) He died there at 23:30 [IST](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Standard_Time) on 9 October 2024, at the age of 86 due to age-related issues.[[77]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-78)[[78]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-79) Following his death, the [Government of Maharashtra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_Maharashtra) and the [Government of Jharkhand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_Jharkhand) announced a day of mourning.

On 10 October, Tata was given a [state funeral](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_funeral).[[79]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-statefuneral-80) His last rites were conducted at the parsi crematorium at [Worli](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Worli). He was accorded with military and 21-gun salute during his final rites.[[79]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-statefuneral-80)[[80]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-81) Mumbai Police delivered a ceremonial guard of honour and his body was wrapped in the Indian flag.[[81]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ratan_Tata#cite_note-82)