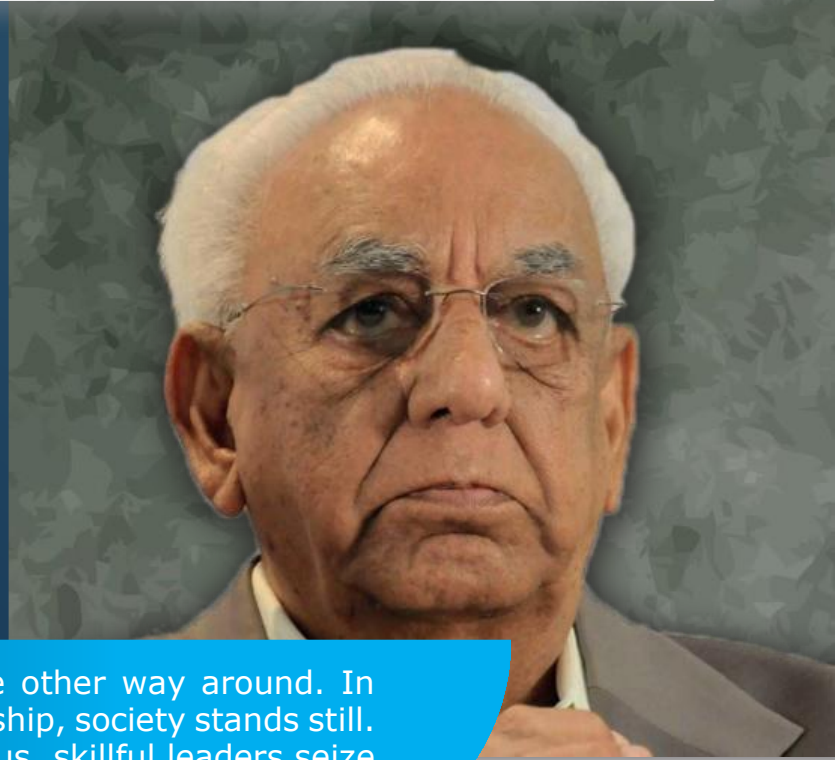


A Special tribute and homage to a Visionary Leader & a Pioneer

Dr V Krishnamurthy

14th January 1925 – 26th June 2022



"Men make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better."

- Harry S Truman

The National Institution for Quality & Reliability salutes one of the greatest Visionary Leader the nation has lost – Dr. V. Krishnamurthy. He is immortalised by his contributions to the development of a modern India.

Padma Vibhushan, Dr. V. Krishnamurthy, was a Visionary Leader and a Pioneer who was Chairman of Bharath Heavy Electrical Limited (BHEL), Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) and Maruti Udyog Ltd (now Maruti Suzuki India Ltd). He also played pivotal roles in the policy matters of the country as Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Government of India; Member of Planning Commission of India and Chairman of the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council of India.

Dr. V. Krishnamurthy was known as the "Father of Public Sector Undertakings in India" for his leadership and successful contribution in turning around public sector undertakings (PSUs) like BHEL, SAIL and GAIL into the most profit-making industry in India and globally. As the founding Chairman of Maruti Udyog Ltd (now Maruti Suzuki India Ltd), he was instrumental in introducing small and affordable, people's car with high levels of quality in collaboration with Suzuki of Japan, in the 1980s. This ushered in an era of modern automotive industry in India, which changed the automotive landscape by putting Indian automotive industry on the global map. He was a pioneer in bringing significant transformation in quality through participation of MSMEs in development of both private and public sector.

Born in a small village of Karuveli, Tamil Nadu on 14th January 1925, Dr. V. Krishnamurthy scripted the biggest success stories of

young India's fledgling public sector over the next five decades.

For his contributions, the Government of India awarded Dr.V. Krishnamurthy with Padma Shri in 1973, Padma Bhushan in 1986 and Padma Vibhushan in 2007 which is Government of India's Second highest civilian award. Dr.V. Krishnamurthy had received several prestigious recognitions like "The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun" in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the promotion of bilateral economic relations and understanding of Japan in India. H.M. The Emperor of Japan Bestowed the Order on 3rd November 2009. He was conferred the Special Nakajima Award by JIPM in 2007 for his efforts to promote Total Productive Management (TPM) initiative in India. Among the prestigious awards he was honoured with, include, Business Leadership Award (1975), Businessman of the Year Award (1987), Steelman of the Year Award (1989), Lifetime Achievement Award in Management by AIMA (2005) and NIQR-India Pistons Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012.

In honour and with the blessings of Dr. V. Krishnamurthy, NIQR is proud and privileged to institute the "NIQR-Dr. V. Krishnamurthy Medal for Manufacturing Excellence" for MSMEs. This award would be at par with the Malcolm Baldrige Award and Deming Prize in terms of the stringent selection process, scrutiny, and evaluation. The medal is expected to emerge as the most coveted recognition for MSMEs in India, as currently there is no award, based on global standards, for the MSMEs in India.

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