Tata Motors Ltd. is a multinational company headquartered in Mumbai, India. Part of the Tata group was formerly known as TELCO (TATA Engineering and Locomotive Company). Established in 1945 by Jamshedji Tata, the company primarily began manufacturing locomotives and launched its first commercial vehicle in 1954 in collaboration with Daimler-Benz AG that ended in 1969.

Company ventures
Tata Motors is the first company from India’s engineering sector to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange in September 2004. In the same year it acquired Daewoo Commercial Vehicles Company, South Korea’s second largest truck maker. 2006 saw Tata Motors joining hands with Brazil-based Marco Polo and Thonburi Automotive Assembly Plant Company, Thailand. In 2008, the company gained business with two iconic British brands including Jaguar and Land Rover.

Automotive branding
Being India’s largest company in the automobile and commercial vehicle sector, Tata Motors was ranked as the 19th largest automaker in 2007 and the second largest manufacturer of commercial vehicles in the world. It is the largest truck manufacturer, and the world’s second largest bus manufacturer. As the most reliable, futuristic and dynamic automobile manufacturer, Tata Motors spans a wide range of over 130 models of Commercial Vehicles, Multi-Utility Vehicles, Cars, etc. wheeling in the nation’s growth and prosperity.

Beyond SKS
Dr. Akula also founded the SKS Foundation which is a US based non profit organisation that supports the Ultra Poor Program that tackles the challenge of extreme poverty on three levels: economic, social and health.

Awards and Accolades
He has received several awards, including the Schwab Social Entrepreneur of the Year (India) and the Ernst & Young Start-up Entrepreneur of the Year (India). He also received the Echoing Green Public Service Entrepreneur Fellowship. In 2006, Dr. Akula was named by TIME Magazine as one of the world’s 100 most influential people. In 2007, he was conferred the Karmaveer Puraskaar Nobel Laureate.