

# In Memory

## PRAVIN GORDHAN

1950-2024



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**It is with a profound sense of loss that the National Treasury bids a final farewell to a stalwart and stand testimony to this deeply committed public servant, a fearless leader, and a defender of the constitution.**

Our thoughts are with the Gordhan family during this time as we salute Pravin Gordhan together. He lived his life and served his country with moral clarity, determination, and integrity.

Minister Gordhan will be remembered as one of South Africa's great architects in developing a capable state unwavering in his conviction to ethical government and sound public financial management.

The tenants that anchored his life's work can be attested to in the legacy that he has built. Having led SARS to be recognised as a beacon of public institutional efficiency, effectiveness, and modernisation.

It was during his tenure as Minister of Finance from 2009 until 2014 and again from 2015 until 2017 that Pravin showed his mettle, tempered from his student activist days, and forged in the struggle for democracy. He stood alongside the National Treasury team as a bulwark against corruption. The National Treasury has drawn inspiration from his courage and resolve having a single mindedness to safeguard public funds.

At every opportunity that presented itself, he raised the challenges we faced in instilling a culture of good governance, a practice of compliance and a will to act against those from the private and public sector that steal from the state.

As we mourn his passing, may his family be comforted in the knowledge that we can celebrate a son of the nation, a patriot and fearless champion of the highest standards of ethical public service.



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