



TATA INSTITUTE OF FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH



Homi Bhabha Birth Centenary Commemoration October 30, 2008 – October 30, 2010

Preamble

TIFR community at large had looked forward to the arrival of the Birth Centenary Year of its founder Director, Dr. Homi J Bhabha (b. October 30, 1909) to reaffirm its commitment and enhance inputs to preserve and enrich the mandate of promoting excellence in fundamental research and nurturing young scientific talent in the country. Director, TIFR constituted the Homi Bhabha Birth Centenary Commemorative Committee (HBCCCC) in July, 2008 to coordinate and plan new initiatives and facilitate the conduct of commemorative events in the two year long Birth Centenary period from October 30, 2008 to October 30, 2010. TIFR staff and members of its Alumni Association had put forth a variety of suggestions to celebrate Homi Bhabha's Birth Centenary during an open forum meeting held in the Lecture Theatre on TIFR Alumni Day, July 29, 2008 (Mr. J.R.D. Tata's 104th birthday).

Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh launched the commemoration of Homi Bhabha Birth Centenary Year on October 30, 2008 by addressing members of the Department of Atomic Energy and its aided institutions via a webcast from New Delhi.

HBCCCC has solicited inputs from all the organs of TIFR and is striving to put in a framework to realize the wishes and implement the new suggestions. A number of sub-committees have been constituted to assume responsibilities for a variety of tasks. Research students community at TIFR has come forward to lend support to the identified subtasks and assume responsibility for their own welfare, and for the enrichment of extra-curricular activities and the cultural life on TIFR campus.

Commemorative activities already in progress include the followings :

- (i) Homi Bhabha Birth Centenary Public Lecture Series : Atleast one lecture is being hosted in one of the academic institutions or public places in Mumbai city and its suburbs.
- (ii) An interactive chat session titled 'Chai and Why' is held on the first Sunday of every month in Prithvi Theatre, Juhu, Mumbai.
- (iii) Birth Centenary Expository Lectures by TIFR scientists in different colleges and institutions spread all over the country.

- (iv) Series of Scientific Conferences in subjects of interest to the scientists in different campuses and field stations of TIFR. Some of these meetings have already been held, plans for many more are underway.
- (v) First Young Indian Scientists Colloquium, September 7-10, 2009, TIFR, Mumbai. (bc_yisc@tifr.res.in)
- (vi) International Colloquium on Perspectives in Fundamental Research, March 3-6, 2010, Homi Bhabha Auditorium, TIFR. (pfr2010@tifr.res.in)
- (vii) Pan_DAE mega event titled 'Bhabha Centenary Symposium : Science and Technology at the Frontiers', in association with INSA, IASc. and NASI, and Royal Society, London, December 3-6, 2009, Homi Bhabha Auditorium, TIFR. (bcc-dae@tifr.res.in)
- (viii) An event commemorating Dr. Bhabha's deep interest in concurrently nurturing Science, Education and Culture, in association with Homi Bhabha Fellowship Council, NCPA, November 20-22, 2009.
- (ix) Birth Centenary Year TIFR Founder's Day, October 30, 2009 and commemoration of Birth Centenary by TAA members, October 31, 2009. (alumni@tifr.res.in)
- (x) Inaugural function of International Centre of Theoretical Sciences, Bengaluru at I.I.Sc., December 28-30, 2009. (www.icts.res.in)
- (xi) Initiation of second campus of TIFR at Hyderabad.
- (xii) Revival of Annual Children Art Festival on TIFR campus. The revived first event was held on January 18, 2009, the next one shall be scheduled on Sunday, January 10, 2010.
- (xiii) Homi Bhabha Birth Centenary Commemorative ASET Colloquium Lectures. (www.tifr.res.in/~aset, email: aset@tifr.res.in)
- (xiv) Initiation of Annual Foundation Day Lecture Series to commemorate the commencement of TIFR at Indian Institute of Science Campus, Bangalore on June 1, 1945. The first lecture will be delivered by Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission in the TIFR Lecture Theatre at 4.30 PM on June 1, 2009.
- (xv) Initiation of serial Workshop-cum-Scientific Sessions under Continuing Medical Education (CME) Programme by the Medical Section, TIFR, in association with BARC Hospital and Bio-Medical Group, BARC and C.H.S.S., D.A.E.

All the well wishers of TIFR are encouraged to contribute ideas and send suggestions to bhabha.centenary@gmail.com or diroffice@tifr.res.in

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