








tifr HYDERABAD | TATA INSTITUTE OF FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH

in-house symposium

October 29-30, 2026 (Thurs-Fri)
TIFR Hyderabad Auditorium

The annual in-house symposium brings together faculty, students, and staff - experimentalists and theoreticians alike - to unpack the research questions, and share what has been keeping their labs and blackboards busy! The conversations are lively, and are fuelled by endless cups of tea and coffee.

EXTERNAL SPONSORS

ThermoFisher SCIENTIFIC
COMSOL
SYNERGY MEASUREMENT TECHNOLOGIES PVT. LTD.
KEYSIGHT TECHNOLOGIES

Poster design: Anusheela Chatterjee

HOMI J. BHABHA
The Man, the Aesthete







SPEAKER: BAKHTIAR K. DADABHOY

OCTOBER 30, 2026 (Fri)
4 PM - 5 PM
TIFR HYDERABAD AUDITORIUM

Homi J. Bhabha is best remembered as a distinguished physicist and a pioneering institution-builder, but he was so much more. The depth and diversity of his intellectual interests was truly staggering. A fascinatingly diverse man he was a lover of music and a musician, an accomplished painter (and, later, an avid collector and patron of the pictorial and plastic arts), an amateur architect, a gardener who pioneered rose growing in Bombay and a horticulturist who pioneered the transplanting of fully grown trees. He was perhaps the most notable exemplar of a humanist-scientist not only in India but perhaps the world.

Bhabha's aesthetic sensibilities and his cultural cosmopolitanism not only made him the man he was, but were also important in shaping the institutions he founded, giving them a distinctive culture both in their pedagogy, administrative innovations and work environment. Bhabha was a man who managed to bridge what the English novelist C.P. Snow has called the gap between science and the humanities. His unique ability to combine art with science made him creative across multiple disciplines. It is this humanism of Bhabha, along with Bhabha the human being, that is the focus of this talk.

Join via Zoom:
https://tifrh-res-in.zoom.us/j/92235680643?pwd=HdyWNmgzwUbAB3IneBzOOsn7yTG3pJ.1

tifr HYDERABAD | TATA INSTITUTE OF FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH

Founder's Day Lecture

Photographs: TIFR Archives; Design: Anusheela Chatterjee