

Vikram Sarabhai: A Life Amrita Shah

Vikram Sarabhai (1919–71), the renaissance man of Indian science, visualized the impossible and often made it happen. Founder of India's space programme, Sarabhai dreamed of communication satellites that would educate people at a time when even a modest rocket programme seemed daring; of huge agricultural complexes serviced by atomic power and desalinated seawater. He envisioned research technology that would free Indian industry from foreign dependence and of a world-class management college that would train managers for the public sector. Amrita Shah, author of *Vikram Sarabhai: A Life* delves into the life and mind of this dynamic visionary.

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