

THIRD ANNUAL TIFR FOUNDATION DAY LECTURE



**Inventing a better future:  
Challenging the axiom of impossibility**

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Young India is truly exceptional - vibrant, ambitious and poised to conquer. Where and how should this enormous reservoir of creative energy unfold? Can pursuit of a career in science help to achieve one's goals and purpose in life? Does science need a new role and repositioning to face future challenges? Why does science need to be integrated with other knowledge streams in quest for sustainability? This general lecture will scan a wider horizon and highlight the trinity of passion, knowledge and innovations in shaping careers and solving emerging global challenges.

An eminent scientist and noted academician of our times, Prof. Goverdhan Mehta (b. 1943) has had the privilege of serving on the highest positions, and has been bestowed with numerous national and international recognition for his research contributions which include Director, IISc. Bangalore, President, INSA, President, International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), Vice Chancellor, University of Hyderabad, Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize, Royal Society of Chemistry Centenary Lectureship, Trieste (ICTP) Science Prize in Chemical Sciences, Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur by President of France, Fellow of several science academies from abroad, CSIR Bhatnagar Fellow etc. He has co-authored nearly 500 papers and have served on editorial boards of prestigious international journals in chemical sciences. He is also actively engaged in Global Science Policy and Review process. He was honoured with Padma Sri in 2001.