

# Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research and Education in Cancer Tata Memorial Centre



# Pays Tribute To Prof. Vasant Ramji Khanolkar



**Dr Vasant Ramji Khanolkar** is widely regarded as "Father of Pathology and Cancer Research" in India. He played a central role in establishing pathology departments in major medical colleges in India including setting up of pathology laboratory at Tata Memorial Hospital. He was the Founding Director of Indian Cancer Research Centre (ICRC) in 1952 (later known as Cancer Research Institute). His groundbreaking research in cancer epidemiology, blood group genetics and leprosy earned him national and international recognition. In recognition of his exceptional contributions to medical research and public health, Dr. Khanolkar was awarded the **Padma Shri in 1954** and the **Padma Bhushan in 1955** by the Government of India.

ACTREC, Tata Memorial Centre, presents the inaugural

## **Khanolkar Oration**

To be delivered by

### **Dr Ajit Kumar Mohanty**

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Dr Ajit Kumar Mohanty currently serves as Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy. He previously served as Director, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics and Director, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre. He is one of the most distinguished nuclear physicists and scientists of India. He has made notable contributions to several areas of nuclear physics covering collision energy from the sub-Coulomb barrier to the relativistic regime using the pelletron accelerator at Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) and Compact Muon Selenoid (CMS) experiments at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), New York and European Organistaion of Nuclear Research (CERN), Geneva. Dr Mohanty's career shows a blend of scientific competence and institutional leadership. Through his leadership roles, he has helped steer India's nuclear research and atomic energy programme. His involvement in global collaborations (e.g. CERN, BNL) has been instrumental in keeping Indian nuclear physics research in international mainstream, useful for both training future scientists and for global scientific recognition.



