

Address of Guest of Honour, Dr. J.J. Bhabha, Former Chairman of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences

Chairman B.C. Deshmukh, Chief Guest Dr. Mashelkar, Fellow of the Royal Society, Director Prof. R.R. Singh, Ladies and Gentlemen.

This Quadrangle with its greenery of trees and flowers is quite a unique meeting place for an annual Convocation. It was in this same venue, a decade-and-a-half ago, that the Prime Minister of India, then Rajiv Gandhi, delivered his fine Golden Jubilee Celebration Address.. The Institute's Chairmanship was then held by me and the Directorship by Dr. Armaity Desai.

On this auspicious occasion, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences received appropriately the whole-hearted participation of the Governor of Maharashtra, Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma, and the Chief Minister, then Shankerrao Chavan. As recorded in the illustrated brochure of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, headed *Golden Jubilee*



1936-86, seated in the first row on this memorable occasion were the following distinguished persons: Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Farooq Abdullah; Smt. Gore; Prof. M.S. Gore (former Director of TISS); Chairman of the Institute's Board of Holding Trustees and Tata Group Chairman, Shri J.R.D. Tata; former Chairman of the Institute's Governing Board, Shri Naval H. Tata; Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Smt. Saroj Khaparde; Union Minister of Communications, Shri Arjun Singh; President, Maharashtra Pradesh Congress (I) Committee, Smt. Prabha Rao; and Member of Parliament and former Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Shri N.K.P. Salve.



As so often observed by me, the importance of tradition and respect for the related ideals and value systems should never be minimised. Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi commenced his Inaugural Speech by appropriately addressing some of the principal national personages seated in the first row, 'Shanker Dayalji, Chavanji, Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Arjun Singhji, Shri J.R.D. Tata, Shri Jamshed Bhabha, Dr. Desai, ladies and gentlemen'. He remarked that for 50 years the Tata Institute of Social Sciences had been a centre of excellence upholding high education and moral standards and setting an example for others to follow.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's whole speech needs to be read in full. While stressing the importance of economic development and

the removal of poverty, he remarked that no less important was the necessity of developing the human being and that 'poverty of the body cannot be replaced by poverty of the soul'. While expressing his thanks for the opportunity given to him to be present on the Institute's Fiftieth Anniversary, he concluded by expressing his best wishes for the Institute's next 50 years.

Esteemed colleagues, ladies and gentlemen, we are looking forward to the Convocation Address of Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, Director General, Council of Scientific Research, and Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Industrial and Scientific Research.