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TITLE:

**Joy of Discovery in the Modern Era: Some Reflections
and Directions**

ABSTRACT:

In this talk, we shall discuss the project of knowledge production as a profession and as a career, and the calling of a professional. We will present general arguments by looking into some contemporary examples drawn from different disciplines. We will also look into the issues of the psychology of creativity. Of importance are also questions of science and engineering in India as a developing country and that of representation of women among others. We will also touch on important issues of the role of the individual, of working in teams, and of communication. The talk is aimed at a very broad audience and is accessible even to class XI and XII students, and for students across all B.S, B. Math, B. Stat, M. Stat, M.Sc, Ph.D. students in all branches of sciences, and also to teachers and researchers in all areas of science.

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