

## Thapar University Organizes 11th Punjab Science Congress

*Over 300 scientists & academicians from India and overseas to participate; Congress to be inaugurated by Prof. S.K. Joshi, Former DG of CSIR ; Honorary fellowships to be conferred upon eminent academicians and scientists; Young Scientist Awards to be given to upcoming scientists*

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**Thapar University, Patiala**, today announced the dates for the **11th Punjab Science Congress**. The congress will be held from 7th February to 9th February 2008 under the aegis of the Punjab Academy of Sciences, Patiala, at the Thapar Technology Campus. Over 300 distinguished scientists and academicians from India and overseas will deliver plenary lectures on disciplines like **applied, physical, engineering and medical sciences** as well as **agriculture**. The congress will be inaugurated by **Professor S. K. Joshi, Former Director General, CSIR, Government of India** on 7th February 2008. The 11th Punjab Science Congress is being sponsored by industries and Government organizations, including UGC, CSIR, DRDO, PPCB and Dell.

'This congress is dedicated to the **memory of** noted industrialist, **Late Shri. Lalit Mohan Thapar**, the former President of Thapar University and the Chairman of the Patiala Technical Education Trust (PTET), said **Dr. Abhijit Mukherjee, Director, Thapar University**. 'This congress will fulfill his vision of bringing together scientists, engineers and researchers to the campus, to deliberate and discuss new findings and research in emerging areas of science and technology,' he added.

During the congress, **honorary fellowships** will be conferred upon renowned scientists and engineers from India and overseas. The recipients include **Dr. Roop Mahajan**, Director, Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Sciences, Virginia Polytechnic and State University, Blacksburg, USA; **Dr. Abhijit Mukherjee**, Director, Thapar University, Patiala; **Dr. M.S. Kang**, Vice Chancellor, Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana; and **Dr. N.S. Dhalla**, Director, Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada.

The congress will also provide a platform for upcoming talents to present their research papers. Five of the 50 papers received will be given the prestigious **Young Scientist Award**. Apart from this, five posters, one from each section, will also be selected for the **Best Poster Award**.

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### **About Thapar University:**

*Thapar Polytechnic, Thapar Centre for Industrial Research & Development, and the Thapar University together constitute the Thapar Technology Campus (TTC), which is housed in a 250 acre campus in Patiala. Founded by Late Lala Karam Chand Thapar and inaugurated by the then President of India, Dr Rajendra Prasad, the University came into existence in 1956. Since, its inception, nearly 12000 students have passed out and proceeded to achieve great heights in their professional career. Today, Thapar University is rated amongst the top technical universities in the country with placements within and outside India, and is reputed for its R&D facilities.*

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