



Vikram Sarabhai's 105th Birth Anniversary

Recently, India celebrated Dr. Vikram Sarabhai's 105th birth anniversary on 12th August, who pioneered [India's space program](#) and founded key institutions across various fields.

- Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, born in Ahmedabad in 1919, is the father of India's space program and mentor to [A.P.J. Abdul Kalam](#).
- He established the Physical Research Laboratory at age 28 and conducted pioneering research on [cosmic rays](#).
- Sarabhai's efforts led to the **creation of INCOSPAR in 1962, which later became ISRO**, and facilitated the transfer of **Viking engine technology from France to India**.
- His contact with NASA paved the way for the Satellite Instructional T.V. Experiment (SITE) in 1975, introducing cable TV to India.
- Sarabhai was honoured with the **Padma Bhushan in 1966 and the Padma Vibhushan posthumously in 1972**.

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