

*Mathematical Theory of Black Holes* (1983) is a truly monumental piece of work, and has become an instant classic. He has said that this is the hardest project he has worked on, and the one that gave him the greatest satisfaction.

All his books have a definitive character. They reveal his intense dedication, thoroughness, commitment to scholarship, passion for precision, the elegance of his mathematical methods and, most of all, his unique perspective of the subject which, he has often said, is his real motivation for research. After Chandrasekhar has written a book on a subject, it is very difficult to enter that field and do something new. As a distinguished astronomer has said "Don't try to go beyond Chandrasekhar by following the same road. Your only hope is to find a different road".

Chandrasekhar is undoubtedly one of the great pillars of astrophysics. The entire astronomical community rejoices at this long overdue recognition.

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(Photograph courtesy of the author)

On the occasion of his attaining the age of 73 and receiving the world's greatest honour to a scientist—the Nobel Prize for 1983, *Current Science* has great pleasure in congratulating Prof. Chandrasekhar and wishing him many more happy years of creative scientific ability.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### TEXTILE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Under the auspices of the Textile Research Institute, Princeton New Jersey, the following conferences will be held: (1) Textile Research Institute 54th Annual Research and Technology Conference, 11 and 12 April 1984, Sheraton Center Hotel, Charlotte, N. C.; (2) Fibre Society Technical Conference, 6-8 June

1984, Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science, Philadelphia, PA; (3) Fibre Society Technical Conference, 10-12 October 1984, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.

For details please contact: P. O. Box 625, Princeton, N. J. 08540, USA.

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### XI ALL INDIA BIOPHYSICS SYMPOSIUM ON 'BIOLOGICAL MACROMOLECULES AND METHODS

The Indian Biophysical Society (IBS) will hold its XI Annual Symposium on 'Biological Macromolecules and Methods' at Hyderabad from Friday 2nd March to Sunday 4th March, 1984. Interested colleagues are invited to participate and contribute papers for the symposium.

The scientific program will include invited lectures, oral presentations and poster sessions, and will focus on the application of physical techniques and models

in the study of the structure and function of biological systems.

Invited lectures and oral presentations will be of 20-30 min. duration each. Each poster session is planned for about an hour, following which, there will be a discussion on the posters presented therein.

Further circulars and registration details may be obtained from Dr. A. S. Kolaskar, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Regional Research Laboratory, Campus, Hyderabad 500 007.

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