

## Orations by Society of Nuclear Medicine, India

Three orations are awarded every year during at the venue of Annual Conference of SNM, India. A Scroll and Plaque is presented to each awardee.



### Homi Bhabha Memorial Oration Award:

Dr. Homi Jehangir Bhabha (30 October 1909 – 24 January 1966) was an Indian nuclear physicist who played a major role in the development of the Indian atomic energy program and is considered to be the **father of India's nuclear program**. SNMI started an oration in his memory and the **first oration was awarded to Dr. VA Sarabhai** in 1970 at New Delhi during the second annual conference. Since then, this oration is awarded every year to a distinguished scientist / doctor for his/her dedicated career and contribution to clinical Nuclear Medicine practice, teaching & training.



### Vikram Sarabhai Memorial Oration Award:

Vikram Ambalal Sarabhai (August 12, 1919 – December 31, 1971) is considered to be the **father of the Indian Space programme**. The establishment of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) was one of his greatest achievements. Dr Vikram Sarabhai was also instrumental in establishing many institutes of international repute like IIMs (Indian Institute Of Management) and PRL (Physical Research Laboratory) at Ahmedabad. After the sudden death of Homi Bhabha in an air crash, Vikram Sarabhai was appointed Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission in May 1966. He was awarded Padma Bhushan in 1966 and Padma Vibhushan in 1972 (posthumously). Vikram Sarabhai Memorial Oration Award was institute by SNM, India in 1972 during the Madras Conference. Since then this award is conferred upon eminent scientist / doctor for his/her dedicated career and contribution to clinical Nuclear Medicine practice, teaching & training. **First recipient of this oration award was Dr. HN Wagner.**



### **Brig. SK Majumdar Memorial Oration Award:**

Brig. Mazumdar showed the path, provided the vision, a will, knowledge and deep devotion to establish the use of nuclear energy and explore the infinite possibilities that lay in nuclear medicine for providing better medical diagnosis and treatment for years to come. He made pioneering contributions in this field and thus became the **Father of Nuclear Medicine in India**. To lay a sound base for this discipline, he founded the Institute of Nuclear Medicines & Allied Sciences (INMAS) in Delhi in 1961- the first of its kind in the world at that time. He pioneered Nuclear Medicine Education in India and in 1962 introduced the one year Diploma Course in Radiation Medicine (DRM) in collaboration with the University of Delhi. At INMAS, Brig. Mazumdar guided pioneering research projects in nuclear medicine & allied sciences and achieved supremacy in isotope techniques, which won him national and international recognition including **Padma Shri in 1964**. The oration in his memory was started by SNM, India in 1986 during the annual conference at Madras. **First recipient of this oration was Dr. RD Ganatra**, another Doyen of Nuclear Medicine and Chief of Radiation Medicine Centre, Mumbai at that time.