

## Sir JC Bose Trust : An Appeal

### Become a Part of the Legacy of Acharya Jagadis Chandra Bose — A Heritage Mission

Acharya Jagadis Chandra Bose was the founder of modern science in India. The house, 93 Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy Road, which he built in 1902, is where he lived and worked. Many of his path breaking experiments on responses of plants to various stimuli, radio waves, etc. were carried out in this house, *Acharya Bhaban*. This house was frequented by many stalwarts who played an active role in the Bengal Renaissance. Acharya Bose and Lady Abala Bose, close to Romain Rolland, George Bernard Shaw, played hosts to many luminaries in this house. At present, *Acharya Bhaban* is managed by a trust (Sir JC Bose Trust) that Bose himself had created in 1931. **However, Jagadis Chandra did not leave much money in the Trust. As a result, the trustees have found it difficult to maintain *Acharya Bhaban*.**

When plans were evolved to convert *Acharya Bhaban* to a museum – just as Albert Einstein's house in Berne or William Shakespeare's house in Stratford-on-Avon were converted into museums – no funds were available to execute the plan. *Acharya Bhaban* is a treasure trove of paintings, murals and frescos, including the *Bhārat Mātā* by Nandalal Bose; scientific instruments fabricated by the Acharya himself; timeless furniture; books; and, personal memorabilia.

Because of lack of funds required for maintaining the priceless items in *Acharya Bhaban*, signs of wear and tear are conspicuous. Fortunately, the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, came to the rescue and provided nominal funding to carry out some restoration and prevent irreversible wear and

tear. However, a large quantum of money is still required to convert *Acharya Bhaban* into a museum, which is essential for the preservation of our history of science and society. The total amount required is about Rs. 50 million (Rs. 5 crore), or US\$ 1 million (approx.). If Sir JC Bose Trust is able to raise 50% of this total amount required, the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, has agreed, in principle, to provide a matching grant.

Trustees of Sir JC Bose Trust fervently appeal to you to donate generously to reach the target of Rs. 25 million, so that the legacy of Acharya Jagadis Chandra Bose and an important part of the history of modern Indian science are preserved forever and can be shared with those interested. **By making a donation, you become a part of this legacy.**

Donation, exempt from Income Tax under section 80G of the Income Tax Act (for Indian Donors), may be made by a CHEQUE or ECS transfer to the bank account of the Trustees as provided below.

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