

From Jets to Cosmos to Cosmic Censorship

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**You begin with observations but always led to
deeper questions—ITS ALL HERE!**



IAGRG—Indian Association for General Relativity and Gravitation



- Feb 1969: VVN 60yrs Felicitation in A'bad.
- PCV proposes formation of the Society.
- IAGRG born; VVN as the first President.
- Currently ~350 members; many activities.

Main Goal and Activities

- The National IAGRG meeting about every two years; at various locations in India
- The International level ICGC meetings, which have been a great success
- More specialized Meetings/Workshops/Schools

--THE KEY AIM--

To Connect the Indian Researchers to Latest International Research Streams

The Vaidya-Raychaudhuri Lectures



Indian Gravity Scene

Broadly, the main areas are:

Cosmology

(Theoretical as well as Observational)

Gravity Waves

(Data Analysis and Experimental Setups)

Theoretical Astrophysics, Gravitational

Collapse and Cosmic Censorship

Quantum Gravity Approaches

**I BELIEVE ALL THESE ARE
INTERCONNECTED AND A MUCH DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF GRAVITY AND
SPACETIME IS NECESSARY TO MAKE
GOOD PROGRESS IN ANY OF THESE**

With an Arduous Task ahead, the Real advantage of such a Community

The Collective Wisdom would help the young
researches develop their own Novel Paths

We need Big Science and Management or
Intellectual Breakthroughs? Perhaps both, and
ALL should

not fall into a Project Mode...

- **The True Benefit of such an Association, in
my view, would be, We Try together só that the
Stream of Scientific Creativity Continues,
Develops and is Nourished**
- **PLEASE JOIN US AND WELCOME TO THE
FAMILY—FORMS ENCLOSED...**

The Wonderful Academic Manu just ahead is Sure to Help These Goals!

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We specially thank you all for coming here and making this Conference a great Success!

**IT IS GREAT TO INITIATE THE ICGC2011—A
SPECIAL MEETING ON COMPLETING 25
YEARS FROM THE FIRST ONE IN GOA IN
1986!!**