

My Reflections on Science & Society with reference to Gobind's Legacy

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While I was nine years old, it was a great coincidence for me to read for the first time the name of Dr. Har Gobind Khorana in the news while he got the Nobel Prize in 1968. Since then *'I had a dream to work with him and to take his legacy further in the society'*. In another incident, during my doctoral studies at Banaras Hindu University, I had an opportunity to meet him in person for the first time in 1983 in the *'International Congress of Genetics'* in New Delhi along with our friend Tom (Dr. Uttam L. RajBhandary). After, eight years (1991), I was fortunate to be associated with him *'to make my dream real,'* and lucky to join his stellar group of global young minds to work on membrane protein biochemistry. While I was in his lab, many times he had insisted me to take up a job in India like many of his earlier colleagues. Because of personal and immigration reasons, I did not pass his request, stayed in USA and became a *'scientist-turned entrepreneur.'* However, this was resonating in my mind for the last 30 years but never ever decided or thought to come back to India. In a coincident meeting with member of the India's Prime Minister's Cabinet, Union State Science & Technology and Earth Science Minister, we laid a strategic plan to build science cities across the nation, and the first one should be launched in the state of Andhra Pradesh where we both are officially born.

My lecture will be limited to high-light few glimpses with Gobind to whom I give tremendous respect, and how his association has helped me to become a *'global science educator'* and to serve India. Additionally, I will outline my vision to develop multi-million mega-science project: *'Andhra Pradesh Science City Infrastructure'* and request some of our *'Gobindites'* to be part of my dream to make it real.