

How a theoretical physicist's passionate approach to simple math got him the Padma Bhushan

First Indian to get Boltzmann Medal, Dhar equated his approach to statistical mechanics to art & said it is wrong to 'propagate idea that everyone should do only applied work'.

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New Delhi: As a college student, Deepak Dhar enjoyed solving simple math problems he stumbled upon in magazines. Years later, he would go on to become one of India's foremost theoretical physicists, making waves in the field of statistical mechanics.