

MEMORIAL TO THE FOUNDER



The memorial to the founder of IISc JN Tata was made by Gilbert Bayes, a British sculptor, and was shipped all the way from England to India. The total cost of making and shipping the monument, as well as constructing the balustrade, was Rs 79,500.

The memorial was unveiled on 10 March 1922 by the Maharaja of Mysore, Krishnaraja Wadiyar. The Maharaja spoke on the occasion, as did Dorabji Tata, and Alfred Hays, the Acting Director of the Institute.



The stage has a pedestal on which sits the statue of Tata holding a replica of the Main Building.

The front face of the pedestal has a tablet with an inscription singing praises of Tata's benevolence, patriotism and foresight.



In front of the pedestal is a bronze rail with a lamp of learning at its centre and dolphins on either side symbolising travels.



Statues representing abundance (left) and knowledge (right) surround the tablet.

Flanking the pedestal are Roman gods and goddesses. One relief shows Jove, with his thunderbolts to depict electricity, and Vulcan, with his anvil ready for steel.



The other sculpture has Minerva, with a spindle spinning flax, presumably representing textiles, and Calliope, representing research.