

Prof. MGK Menon Memorial Award Function 2019 at IISc, Bangalore

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The National Academy of Sciences, India being the oldest science Academy, as part of its science promotion and recognition of scientists organised the Prof. MGK Menon Memorial Award Function at IISc, Bangalore. The dedication and commitment of two great stalwarts in science namely Prof. MGK Menon and Prof. CNR Rao, were greatly appreciated by all.

We should keep our glorious scholarly tradition of science improving day by day to compete with the advancements in science in the future-said Bharat Ratna Prof. CNR Rao, delivering the Prof. MGK Menon Memorial Award Lecture today (15.11.2019) at IISc Bangalore, under the auspices of NASI-Bangalore Chapter. Prof. Rao citing several celebrated examples of Indian science and scientists, as Prof. CV Raman, Prof. Satish Dhawan and Prof. Menon enthused the young budding scientists to come forward with full dedication and devotion for passionately carrying forward their goal of science with innovative ideas.



The gathering was welcomed by Prof. Anurag Kumar, Director, IISc, while Presidential Remark was made by Prof. G. Padamanaban, President, The National Academy of Sciences, India, focusing on the science and society relationship, and role of the NASI in promoting the culture. Prof. K Kasturirangan, Chairman, Karnataka Knowledge Commission and former Chairman, ISRO also spoke on this

occasion recalling his memories about Prof. Menon and his association with Prof. Rao on many of the important events together during his tenure as space scientist as well as policy maker.

Dr. (Mrs.) Manju Sharma, former Secretary to the Govt. of India described her active association with Prof. Menon, who guided her in every walk of life; she also expressed about the coherence of thoughts of Prof. Menon and Prof. Rao in building the modern science of India. Prof. Ashok Misra, Chairperson, NASI-Bangalore Chapter briefly introduced the award and the awardee, after which Prof. Rao delivered the memorable account of his rendezvous with several eminent Indian scientists and foreign counterparts.



In the end Prof. P N Rangranjan, Secretary, Bangalore Chapter expressed vote of thanks. The award function was attended by several distinguished scientists, NASI Fellows & Members and faculty and students of IISc. Also present on this occasion were Prof. Ajoy Ghatak, Chairperson, NASI-Delhi Chapter, Dr. Niraj Kumar, ES and Dr. Santosh Shukla, AES, NASI.

