



Renowned scientists (from left) Prof A Jayaraman, Prof M G K Menon, Prof G Venkataraman and Prof S Dhawan at the golden jubilee celebrations of Raman Research Institute in Bangalore on Saturday. DH photo

Scientists pay rich tributes to Raman

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BANGALORE, Nov 7

Renowned scientists and administrators of the country today paid rich tributes to Nobel Laureate C V Raman on his 110th birth anniversary at a function organised at the Raman Research Institute here.

Founded by Prof Raman himself, the institution is celebrating its golden jubilee year.

Prof M G K Menon, Deputy Chairman of the National Task Force on Information Technology and Software Development, recalled the scientific integrity and excellence of Prof Raman.

"He not only created an institution but also left behind his spirit" he said. "His vigorous service has left a lasting impression in the scientific community. Though he had to face many hurdles in life, he represents science at its best", Prof Menon added.

Delivering the key-note address, Prof G Venkataraman, Vice-chancellor of the Sri Satya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, expressed concern over the way science was heading in the nation contrary to the vision of Prof Raman. He said Prof Raman wanted the country to keep abreast of knowledge and technology and not think of importing it from abroad.

He said Prof Raman spent a lot of time and grants to bring out scientific journals and books. But today, no scientist thought of giving scientific lectures or writing books that could help the future generation.

He regretted that the scientific community did not come out open-

ly against technological embargoes imposed by the West against India.

Reading out excerpts from many of Prof Raman's speeches, Prof Venkataraman brought out the life and times of Prof Raman. He said that Prof Raman built the institute using his personal savings. He had rejected grants provided by the government as he did not want to be tied up by any obligations, he added.

Former ISRO chairman S Dhawan recalled Prof Raman's love for nature and his fascination for optics. He also spoke on the contributions of Prof Raman to the Indian Academy of Sciences. A 43-volume "Memoirs of the Raman Research Institute" containing the papers published from the Institute was released on the occasion.