

# 'C V Raman favoured indigenous technology'

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**Bangalore, Nov 7:** For Chandrasekhar Venkat Raman, science was a means of discovering the beauties of nature besides being the answer to the country's economic problems, C V Raman's biographer G Venkataraman said on Saturday.

Raman, however, wanted indigenous technology (not the imported variety) to come to the nation's rescue, he said.

Venkataraman, who wrote Raman's biography — *Journey into Light* — was addressing a gathering at a function organised to celebrate Raman's 110th birth anniversary at the Raman Research Institute (RRI) premises in the City.

The Nobel prize winner set

up the RRI in 1948 to make it the "Mecca of Science" for future scientists and researchers, he said.

Venkataraman deplored the current trends in science. He wondered why the country's research laboratories paid "Rs 50,000 for equipment we can build for Rs 5,000."

Raman used sunlight for his optical experiments, the first two years at his institute.

Today the RRI laboratories have the most advanced equipment for its experiments but Raman's tradition of living with nature continues.

RRI Director N Kumar, Professors M G K Menon, I Dhawan and S Ramaseshan and C V Raman's student A Jayaraman also addressed the gathering.



**G Venkataraman (centre), C V Raman's biographer, seen with professors M G K Menon (extreme left) and I Dhawan (right) at the golden jubilee celebrations of Raman Research Institute in Bangalore on Saturday. — Express photo.**