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Number genius honoured

Dr Bambah attributes great career, recognition to luck

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WHEN ASKED if nature believed in numbers, Dr R.P. Bambah, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at Panjab University (PU) said: "Numbers come from nature."

A symposium in honour of this mathematician of world fame was today held on Transit Campus of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) here, where Prof R.C. Mahajan and Prof N.Sathymurthi spoke as convenor of the Chandigarh chapter of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) and IISER director, respectively.

Dr Bambah, former vice-chancellor of PU, specialises in number theory and discrete geometry and has had a great career, winning the Srinivasa Ramanujan Medal, Distinguished Service Medal of the Mathematics Association of India, Meghanad Saha Award, Padma Bhushan, Ramanujan Memorial Lecture Award, Jawaharlal Nehru Birth Centenary Lecture Award and Aryabhata Medal of the Indian National Science Academy and being elected fellow of the INSA at the age of 30. He is also a fellow of the Indian



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Mathematician Prof R. P. Bambah (extreme right) paying attention to an address being made in his honour during a symposium in Chandigarh on Saturday.

Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Sciences and the Third World Academy of Sciences.

Professor Emeritus at PU and Dr Bambah's former student R. J. Hans Gill spoke on the former's mathematical contributions.

After receiving his Ph.D from Cambridge University in the UK, Dr Bambah joined the PU as Reader in 1952

and played a leading role in establishing the Department of Mathematics on the campus.

Dr Bambah thanked all participants gathered here for the symposium and attributed his success humbly to luck. "Some people do not get recognition at all. I was lucky and got more importance and coverage," he added.