

Symposium on contribution of Prof Bambah



Noted mathematician Prof R.P. Bambah shares a light moment during a symposium organised in his honour at the Transit Campus of IISER, Mohali, in recognition of his services to Mathematics education and research on Saturday.

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A symposium in honour of the internationally renowned mathematician, Prof R.P. Bambah, was held at the Transit Campus of IISER, Mohali, today in recognition of his services to mathematics education and research.

Professor Bambah specialises in the "number theory" and "discrete geometry". He has authored/co-authored/edited a large number of research publi-

cations. He is a Professor Emeritus at PU and has played a leading role in building the Department of Mathematics, Panjab University, and getting it raised to the level of a centre for advanced study in mathematics.

His efforts in developing a school in number theory at Chandigarh have received world-wide acclaim. He has been the president of the Indian Mathematical Society.

Professor Bambah is a former Vice-Chancellor of

PU. He is a trustee of The Tribune Trust and vice-chairman of the governing body of CRRID, Chandigarh.

He has been honoured with the Srinivasa Ramanujan Medal, Distinguished Service Medal by the Mathematics Association of India, Meghnad Saha Award, Padma Bhushan, Ramanujan Memorial Lecture Award, Jawaharlal Nehru Birth Centenary Lecture Award and the Aryabhata Medal of the Indian National Science

Academy, among others.

He has been the general president of the Indian Science Congress Association, a member of the University Grants Commission and the chairman of the governing body of the Inter-University Centre of Astronomy and Astrophysics.

He was elected fellow of Indian National Science Academy, FNA (INSA) in 1955 at the young age of 30, a rare honour to achieve. He is a fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Sciences and the Third World Academy of Sciences.

Two of Professor Bambah's former students and presently colleagues at PU delivered lectures at the symposium. R.J. Hans-Gill, professor emeritus and NBHM visiting professor, spoke on "mathematical contributions of Professor Bambah" and IBS Passi, professor emeritus and honorary professor, IISER, Mohali, spoke on "Niels Henrik Abel (1802-1829) and Abel Prize 2008".

The symposium was sponsored by the Chandigarh Chapter of the Indian National Science Academy and the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali.

It was organised by Prof R. C. Mahajan, convener, INSA (Chandigarh Chapter) and Prof N. Sathymurthy, director, IISER, Mohali.