

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research  
Mohali (Punjab)

The faculty of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali, organised on 15 February 2008 at the transit campus of the Institute - Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Public Administration Complex, Sector 26, Chandigarh - a one-day workshop on *Mathematics Education and Research in Punjab*. The workshop was inaugurated by Shri Ramesh Inder Singh, Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, and attended by Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University, Professor R. C. Solti, President of the Indian Mathematical Society, Professor R. B. Bapat, a number of mathematicians and senior officers of the Government of Punjab connected with various departments of education. The deliberations at the workshop focused on the status of mathematics education and research in the state with the aim of formulating recommendations for its improvement. The initiative for this activity was the result of the deep concern felt by the Chief Secretary for improving the interest in science among students of Punjab. The workshop was also motivated by the desire of the Director, Professor N. Sathyamurthy, and the faculty at IISER to explore possible ways of making contribution to the development of science in the region as a part of its overall objective of integrating science education with research so that undergraduate teaching as well as doctoral research work is carried out in symbiosis.

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