

Report on
National Mathematics Day
Popular Lecture on
“Strengthening Scientific Temper”
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School of Study in Mathematics organized one day ‘National Mathematics Day Celebration’ on 9th & 10th April, 2014. This programme was originally scheduled to be organized on 22nd Dec., 2013 to commemorate the birth day of great Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan who is known for his great contribution in number theory. This programme was aiming to generate awareness via popular lectures in our young talented students to know the life and work of S. Ramanujan. However, the programme was rescheduled in the month of April, 2014 due to semester examination of our students in the month of December, 2013. The Professor-in-Charge of the programme was Dr. B. S. Thakur.

The Chief guest of the inaugural functions, Prof. K. Srinivasa Rao, distinguished DST-Ramanujan Professor, Srinivasa Ramanujan Center, Kumbakonam delivered a popular lecture *on the “Life and work of Nobel laureate S. Chandrashekar”* on 9th April, 2014 for the faculty, research scholars and post graduate students of School of Studies in Mathematics. The inaugural function was presided over by Vice Chancellor Prof. S. K. Pandey and the chief guest Prof. K. Srinivasa Rao delivered a lecture 10th April, 2014 on the *“Life and work of Srinivasa Ramanujan”*. Sixty (60) students, seven research scholars and Professors from S.o.S. in Mathematics and different colleges of Raipur took part in the said programme. In response to the request made by Chief Guest Prof. K. S. Rao, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor assured the establishment of **‘Ramanujan Museum’** in the School of Studies in Mathematics.

In the afternoon session, Prof. K. S. Rao gave introduction of documentary film on Ramanujan. Two documentary films were shown to our students, namely, **“The Enigma of Ramanujan”** and **“The Genius of Ramanujan”**. Subsequently, a Quiz on the work of Srinivasa Ramanujan was organized and the prize was distributed in the valedictory session.

(Prof. H. K. Pathak)