

# Science meet in Bangalore from January 8

By Our Staff Reporter

**BANGALORE, DEC. 26.** An international symposium on "Science and Beyond: Cosmology Consciousness and Technology in the Indic Traditions", will be held at the National Institute of Advanced Studies here from January 8 to 11.

Mathematician Sir Rojer Penrose of 'The Emperor's New Mind' fame, Nobel Laureate Physicist and inventor of LASER, Charles Townes, and Jane Goodal, world renowned primatologist, would address the meet.

The symposium is part of a project — Science and the Spiritual Quest II — of the Centre for Theology and Natural Sciences, Berkeley, California, United States.

Philip Clayton, principal investigator of the project, and Roddam Narasimha, Director, IAS, said that the idea was to promote a dialogue between leading scientists and theologians on connections between scientific work and their religious or spiritual identities, here on Thursday.

The symposium has been broadly divided into nine thematic segments: Science and Beyond; Cosmology, consciousness; Indic ways of thinking and

scientific traditions; Science and society; Method and epistemology; Identity, consciousness and the self; Biotechnology and values; Technology, society and values; and Health and environment.

Dr. Penrose's talk "Platonic Ideals and the Real World" will be at the IAS auditorium on January 8 at 4.30 p.m.

Dr. Townes will speak on "A Scientist's View of the Parallelism and Ultimate Convergence of Science and Religion" on January 10 at the J.R.D. Tata auditorium, IISc, at 6 p.m.

This talk will be preceded by an address by Murlidhar Manohar Joshi, Union Minister for Human Resource Development.

The talk by Dr. Townes will be followed by a discussion by M.S. Swaminathan, known as the father of India's green revolution, and renowned advocate of sustainable food security, and Ramnath Cowsik, Director, Indian Institute of Astrophysics.

Scientists and theologians from academic and research institutions from India, Europe, Australia, South Africa and the United States will participate in the meet.

Other participants include: D.R. Karthikeyan, former Director, CBI.