

'Science and Spiritual Quest' in January

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Bangalore: Leading scientists of the world will get together in Bangalore to participate in a dialogue on the connections between their scientific pursuits and their religious or spiritual practices. Dubbed "Science and Spiritual Quest International Event", the symposium will be held from January 8 to 11.

The Quest is based on the changing face of science where through much of the 20th Century, to be a scientist was to be one who stood against the purport-

edly superstitious and intolerant mindsets of the world's religions and spoke out in the name of knowledge through critical enquiry, rational thought and technological progress. But in the end of the 20th and beginning of 21st century, scientists and religious persons have argued that the 'warfare' model between science and religion is flawed.

The Quest will begin academic discussions — 'Science and Beyond: consciousness, cosmology, technology and Indic traditions' — organised by the Na-

tional Institute of Advanced Studies between January 8 to 10. Bangalore-based Kengal Hanumanthaiya Foundation will hold a public event in conjunction with DNA Networks on January 11.

Leading speakers will include Nobel Laureate (Physics) Roger Pensore of Oxford University, UK; Art of Living Foundation founder Sri Sri Ravihankar, Archbishop of Bangalore Rev Ignatius Pinto; Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari P. Veerendra Heggade and others. Contact: 3342324/3316683.