

# LORE / SCIENTISTS ASKED TO HELP FARMERS

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**ACHIEVERS:** Senior and junior scientists received Sir M. Visvesvaraya and Sir C.V. Raman Awards for their contributions to science in Bangalore on Monday. A photograph by S. Satish Kumar

## 9 scientists given awards in city

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**Bangalore, March 16:** Two senior scientists and seven young scientists were presented Sir M. Visvesvaraya Award and Sir C.V. Raman Awards respectively for their outstanding work in various scientific fields. The function was organised by the Planning Institutional Finance and Statistics and Science and Technology Department along with the Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology at Vidhana Soudha on Monday.

Chief minister J.H. Patel, who presented the awards, appealed to the scientific fraternity to find solutions to the everyday problems like poverty and hunger.

Fifty years of Independence in India have created more confusion and people are no longer aware about what is necessary, or what has to be given priority, Mr Patel said.

We have millions of hungry peo-

ple in the country, we are growing ample food but there is no one to juxtapose this need and availability, he said.

The minister of state for non-conventional energy, science and technology, environment and ecology, Mr B. Neelappa Shivannavar, appealed to the scientists to work out more scientific technologies to help farmers in the state get a better produce.

Dr R. Martanda Varma and Prof. Kanankahalli Ramachandra received the Sir M. Visvesvaraya Award for senior scientists.

The Sir C.V. Raman Awards for young scientists were presented to Dr Vinod Kumar Agarwal (space science), Dr Lalitha Ramakrishna Gowda (life science), Dr Kariyappa Rangaiah (physical science), Dr Mohan Delampady (mathematical science), Dr P.H. Ramanjini Gowda (agricultural science), Mr S. Mohan Kumar (engineering science) and Dr P. Satishchandra (medical science).