



From left: Mrs Malathi Ramanna, daughter Nirupama, Roddam Narasimha and Dr K Kasturirangan reading out a prayer during the memorial service in remembrance of Dr Raja Ramanna (who was a Cottonian) at a condolence meeting in Bangalore on Wednesday.

## Alma mater pays homage to Raja Ramanna

**BANGALORE, DHNS:** Two annual scholarships in memory of Dr Raja Ramanna were announced by the Bishop Cotton Boys School, the alma mater of the late scientist, at a memorial service for him.

Announcing the scholarships, Dr A Ebenezer, Principal, Bishop Cotton Boys School said one of the awards would be given to a student securing the highest marks in physics in the 10th standard examination and another award for a student excelling in the field of music. Each of these awards will carry a cash prize of Rs 5,000.

Rich tributes were paid to Dr Ramanna by various people who had a long association with him, in the presence of his wife Mrs Malathi Ramanna and daughter

Nirupama and Nina.

Dr Kasturi Rangan, Director, National Institute of Advance Studies recalled his association with the late scientist for the last two decades. The best way to remember him would be to practise the legacy bequeathed by him, he felt.

Scientist Roddam Narasimhan said the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) project, which has now become a reality, was first conceived during Dr Ramanna's tenure as the Scientific Adviser to the Defence Minister.

Mrs Aruna Sunderlal, Founder and Director, Bangalore School of Music (BSM), recalled that Dr Ramanna was associated with BSM for 17 years since its inception in 1987 and attended the first annual concert

of the school. Earlier, Dr Ebenezer recalled that Dr Ramanna was actively involved with various activities of the school and on the occasion of the 50th year of Indian Independence, the school honoured him with its highest award, the Cotton Medal.

Speaking on behalf of the old Cottonians, Mr Feroz Sattar Sait said that Dr Ramanna was the heart and soul of old Cottonians and was present this year in June for the alumni reunion.

Neville Barucha, a student of the school, recalled how last year in June, after a performance on the piano, the scientist advised him to keep practising and told him of how he (Dr Ramanna) always found time to practise despite busy schedule.