

A New Venture

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You now hold in your hands the fruits of over a year's intensive effort by the Indian Academy of Sciences. In recent years the Academy been increasingly concerned about the state of science education in the country. A panel was therefore constituted by Prof R Narasimha, the then President of the Academy, in July 1994 to advise the Academy, and other organisations in the country, on what they can do to help in this matter. One of the major recommendations of that panel was that the Academy launch a journal of science education, primarily targeted at undergraduate students and teachers. Accepting this recommendation, the Indian Academy of Sciences has now commenced publication of *Resonance - journal of science education*.



As you will see in this and future issues, *Resonance* will focus, among other things, on such topics in the science curriculum, that by common experience, are difficult to teach and grasp. *Resonance* is designed to serve the long felt need for a medium of communication among students, teachers and practising scientists and will thus enrich the processes of teaching and learning science. Such an effort can only be successfully sustained with the participation and cooperation of a large number of Fellows of the Academy, other scientists, teachers and students. Judging by the number of individuals who have already contributed to the launching of *Resonance*, I feel that the required participation and cooperation will be seen in abundant measure.

Prof N Mukunda and his large band of Editors, Corresponding Editors, authors and referees have worked hard to launch *Resonance* through this inaugural issue. I wish them continued success in this endeavour, and express the hope that *Resonance* will stimulate science education in the country.

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