C V Raman

Shri Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman was the first Asian to be awarded the Nobel Prize for physics for his work on the scattering of light and the discovery of the Raman Effect, Born on 8 November 1888 in Madras, his earliest researches were in optics and acoustics. Raman joined the Indian Finance Department in 1907 and conducted experimental research in the laboratory of the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science at Calcutta. Later, he became Professor at the Indian Institute of Science at Banga-



lore (1933-1948). The Raman institute of research in Bangalore was also established by him. Raman published about 475 research papers and wrote five remarkable monographs covering a wide variety of subjects. His contributions were in the fields of optics, magnetism, crystal physics and acoustics. In 1954 he was awarded the Bharat Ratna. He passed away on November 21, 1970.