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ANNOUNCEMENT

RAMESHWARDASJI BIRLA SMARAK KOSH AWARD

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Mr. Shriyans Prasad Jain, Chairman of the Trust arranged a function on Monday the 28th January 1985 for the presentation of the Award at Bombay. Dr Raja Ramanna, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, who was the chief guest, presented the award to Prof. G. N. Ramachandran. Dr B. B. Gaitonde, a member of the Award Jury, said Prof. Ramachandran belonged to that class of scientists whose contributions blazed new trails in science.

On the occasion, Prof. Ramachandran stressed the need to include biophysics as a separate discipline to

every teaching and research institution at the master's degree level. Regretting that the progress to establishing full-fledged courses in biophysics was slow, he hoped the state of affairs would change in the next five years. He pointed out that during the last few years scientists had succeeded in imitating nature in the production of new living organisms. Biotechnology and bioengineering had turned into highly specialised experimental fields, covering aspects of biology that were almost unthought of 20 years ago.
