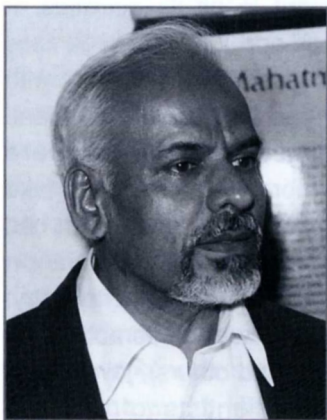


A dialogue on science and mathematics in India

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There has been much discussion on the state of science in India. The speaker presented a perspective even as he realized the difficulties in adding new substance to the debate. His perception was shaped by three factors: personal interest in the subject, a broad understanding of the state

of science in other parts of the world, and numerous discussions with Indian scientists visiting ICTP. These visitors are both seasoned and novice, and come from premier research institutions as well as universities in remote parts of the country. The speaker hoped that some new elements will emerge from the dialogue.