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### **Symposium at NIIST**

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The National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST) and the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Thiruvananthapuram are jointly organising the 14 National Symposium in Chemistry of the Chemical Research Society of India (CRSI) from February 3 to 5 on the NIIST campus.

The 6 Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) symposium will also be conducted along with the national symposium on February 2, a press note issued here said.

Scientific Adviser to Prime Minister and founder-president of CRSI C.N.R. Rao will deliver a special lecture on 'The birth and growth of Solid State and Materials Chemistry' during the national symposium, on February 3. About 700 researchers from in and around the country are expected to deliberate on various topics during the symposium.

S. Chandrasekharan of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, president, CRSI, will deliver the inaugural lecture. Robert Park, chief executive officer, RSC, is scheduled to speak at the symposium.

During the symposium, CRSI will also be honouring scientists who made contribution to chemical sciences. As part of the promotion of chemical education, CRSI Best Researcher Awards will be presented to select teachers from various universities and colleges in India.

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