

# Quality of science in India 'lousy', says CNR Rao

**New Delhi:** Eminent scientist CNR Rao on Wednesday said the quality of science in India was "lousy", adding if the country wants to have a future it should improve on quality.

Critical of lack of infrastructure in the scientific field, Rao, a recipient of Bharat Ratna, also rued the lack of investment in this sector.

Underlining the need for better scientific infrastructure in the country, Rao said India does not have "a single institution" that can match the best abroad even as he cited the example of China to call for more investment in science.

It was difficult to bring development in the country with the "lousy" quality of science, Rao said while delivering a lecture 'Celebration of Science' at Jamia Milia Islamia here.

"If India has to have a future, it has to improve

in quality. The main thing in India is that everything from the corporate (sector) and education to science needs to have quality. Our Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) says development with quality improvement because with the lousy quality we have, it is difficult to have development," he said.

Ruing the lack of investment in the scientific sphere, he said it "is so bad that it is less than one per cent of the GDP. Everyone is promising 2 per cent of the GDP (as investment), but that is not happening".

Highlighting the example of neighbouring China, he said that for every Indian scientist, there are 100 scientists in the neighbouring country. "This is unbelievable. They (China) invest a huge amount of money. They are producing 30,000 Ph.d students and, next year, will produce 50,000 Ph.d students," Rao said. *PTI*