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The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), a leading academic institution and comprehensive research and development center in natural science, technological science and high-tech innovation in China) has awarded Professor CNR Rao, a national research professor and honorary president of the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore, with the prestigious "International Scientific Cooperation Award for 2012".

Dr C N R Rao, who is devoted to the research of solid-state and structural chemistry, has been awarded for his important contributions in boosting scientific cooperation between China and India, as well as raising the scientific capabilities of developing countries.

Chintamani Nagesa Ramachandra Rao, also known as CNR Rao, 79, is a renowned chemist, who has worked mainly in solid-state and structural chemistry. Prof. Rao has been the recipient of many prestigious awards. He is currently the head of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Indian Prime Minister.

Launched by the CAS in 2007, the Award is established to honour foreign scientists for their contributions in Sino-foreign research cooperation.

The award is designed to acknowledge outstanding scientists for their excellent contributions to science and for promoting global networking of international scientific co-operation. This year the award was presented to three scientists from India, Germany, and Russia.