

## **RAMANUJAN MATH PARK INAUGURATION**

Agastya International Foundation, in association with Gyanome Foundation, Imaginary and SBI Funds Management Private Ltd. the investment manager of SBI Mutual Fund, is inaugurating the Ramanujan Math Park on December 22, 2017, at its 172-acre Creativity Campus situated in Kuppam.

Having drawn inspiration from the extraordinary works of Indian Mathematician, Srinivasa Ramanujan, the park aims to provide a space to promote learning, exploration, and discovery of ideas that convey a sense of the ubiquity of Math. By giving hands-on learning experience of math concepts, it aims to increase enthusiasm and reduce and eliminate obstacles in learning math, especially among economically underprivileged children.

Located prominently in the Math Park is a bust of Srinivasa Ramanujan, placed to seemingly oversee mathematics reach out a hand to every child that spends time at the park.

### **VISION**

The Ramanujan Math Park is envisaged as an evolving platform for students, teachers and math enthusiasts to come together and communicate various mathematical ideas that will lead to greater engagement with the subject.

### **MISSION**

- To ignite curiosity and interest in mathematics by focusing on creating content that scaffolds as learning materials in schools, while being in lieu to the curriculum.
- To facilitate the learning of math concepts by developing exhibits, pedagogies and engaging activities.
- To instil a sense of appreciation and excitement in children by tapping into the mysteries, beauty and relevance of math.
- To make the learning of math contextual, conceptual and meaningful.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- To introduce the all-pervasive nature of mathematics by focusing on evolution, storytelling, and utility of various mathematical concepts.
- To facilitate a space for understanding the fundamentals of math, using interactive hands-on approach through the display of exhibits that demonstrate connections between math and various other fields like architecture, music, arts, astronomy, physics, engineering, technology etc.
- To encourage and engage students and teachers to create content that is relevant to the Indian context and demonstrate their understanding of math by way of essays, competitions, etc.

- To inspire students by introducing and featuring the works of Indian mathematicians.
- To highlight the contributions of India and other civilizations in the evolution of mathematical ideas.
- To create digital content that aims at empowering teachers with teaching resources that helps them to engage and use technology meaningfully in classrooms.
- To document and preserve the existing mathematical knowledge present in rural India.
- To create a space where experts and reputed institutions from all over the world participate and support in evolving ideas, through talks, training, performances, etc.

The Ramanujan Math Park will focus on creating a learning environment that fosters and nurtures the desire to engage with mathematics in enriching ways, amongst broad strata of the society.

### **About Agastya International Foundation**

Founded in April 1999, Agastya International Foundation (Agastya) is a charitable education trust that runs one of the worlds largest mobile hands-on science education programs for economically disadvantaged children and teachers. Through all its programs, Agastya has reached more than ten million children and 250,000 teachers in 19 states in India. By making practical, hands-on science education accessible to rural government schools, Agastya aims to transform and stimulate the thinking of underprivileged children and teachers across India.

### **About Gyanome Foundation**

Gyanome is a non-profit organization aimed at creating a platform for teaching the fundamentals of school math and science to all the children of India. It aims to improve the quality of education in Government primary schools by giving due importance to improved learning levels among children. Gyanome primarily focuses on public and private schools in rural and urban areas to develop quality education.

### **About SBI Funds Management Private Ltd. the investment manager of SBI Mutual Fund**

With 30 years of rich experience in fund management, SBI Funds Management Pvt. Ltd., the investment manager of SBI Mutual Fund brings forward expertise by consistently delivering value to their investors. Following the lineage that traces back to the State Bank of India (SBI) - India's largest bank, they currently have a network of over 222 points of acceptance across India. A Joint Venture between SBI and AMUNDI (France), one of the world's leading fund management companies, SBI Mutual Fund is one of the largest investment firms in India today.

### **About Imaginary**

Imaginary is a non-profit organization for interactive and open mathematics. It features a variety of content that can be used in schools, at home, in museums, at exhibitions or for events and media activities. Initiated in 2008, the concept and platform grew from Imaginary exhibition and has been shown in more than 140 cities around the world, since then.