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## Career opportunity high for Maths students in IT, finance

MUMBAI: Indian students who take keen interest in Mathematics in schools should be encouraged and nurtured as there is a huge demand and opportunity for them in IT and Finance sectors globally, a Maths expert said.

IT majors like Google and several top financial companies are looking for students and specialists in pure Mathematics and therefore it is important that parents, Indian schools and institutions should encourage and nurture students who are keen in pursuing Maths. Mr Manjul Bhargava, the youngest professor of Princeton University, US who is on a visit to IIT Mumbai told PTI.

There is a great demand for specialists in Mathematics but supply is very low and India can really take up this challenge as the Indian students have in their genes the genius for Mathematics, the number theory specialist said.

Mr Bhargava (now 33) has unravelled 200-year-old problems and catapulted to the top of his field and became the youngest professor at Princeton University at the age of 28.

He said, recently he has donated his Clay Institute Prize money of \$10,000 to Ramanujam Mathematics Society to provide scholarship to students who want to pursue PhD in Mathematics to encourage young talents.

"I am planning to donate more and I hope young students will take up the career in Maths seriously," he said.

Mr Bhargava, has made phenomenal contributions to number theory, notably by his discovery of higher order composition laws. These appeared in a PhD thesis, written under the direction of Professor Andrew Wiles of Princeton University and published in the 'Annals of Mathematics.' - PTI

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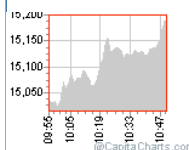
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