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32nd DAE Safety & Occupational Health Professionals Meet at Raja Ramanna Centre for Advanced Technology, Indore during October 05 – 07, 2015.

The 32nd Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) Safety & Occupational Health Professionals Meet is jointly organized by Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB), Mumbai and Raja Ramanna Centre for Advanced Technology (RRCAT), Indore during October 05 - 07, 2015 at Indore. This Meet is organised annually with various themes on Industrial Safety and Occupational Health by AERB jointly with a Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) unit to promote and motivate Safety and Occupational Health aspects in DAE. The themes for this year's three day Meet is "Safety in Evolving & Advanced Technological Applications" for Industrial Safety and "Positive Health Management" for Occupational Health Safety. This Meet was inaugurated by Shri S.A. Bhardwaj, Chairman, AERB. About 300 delegates from various DAE Units and DAE aided institutes participated in this Meet. Dr. S.M. Oak, Chairman Apex Safety Committee & Head, Solid State Laser Division, RRCAT, Indore welcomed the gathering. Shri K. Ramprasad, Head, Industrial Plants Safety Division, AERB, Mumbai briefed about the important milestones, significant achievements of the past Meets and highlights of this year's Meet. A Monograph on "Safety in Evolving & Advanced Technological Applications" & "Positive Health Management" was released by Dr. R. Bhattacharya, Vice Chairman, AERB followed by his address. Dr. P.D. Gupta, Director, RRCAT, Indore, distributed prize to the winner of logo competition and also released the CD of Technical Proceedings and addressed the gathering. The AERB Environmental Protection Awards for the year 2014 were presented to the winners of DAE units, Kakrapar Atomic Power Station 1 & 2 (KAPS 1&2), NPCIL and Bhartiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Ltd. (BHAVINI), Kalpakkam. These units have worked hard for the protection of the environment and sustainability. Shri Bhardwaj gave away the awards, released the technical proceedings commemorating the Meet and delivered the Inaugural Address. One of the major highlights of this year's Meet was that the Dr. S.S. Ramaswamy Memorial Endowment Lecture on "Safety in Evolving & Advanced Technological Applications" was delivered by Dr. A.E. Muthunayagam, Former Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India. A Technical Exhibition on Nuclear Technology, Industrial and Fire Safety Appliances, Laser Safety, Public Awareness & Safety and Regulatory aspects was organised during the Meet for the benefit of the participants and encourage interactions between industries and DAE units. Shri S.A. Bhardwaj, Chairman, AERB and Dr. P.D. Gupta, Director RRCAT inaugurated the exhibition. Other than manufacturers there were exhibition stalls of AERB and BARC, Mumbai. A press conference was also organized at RRCAT after the inaugural program of the Meet.

The inaugural session and three technical sessions covering "Safety in application of Laser & Accelerator", "Safety systems for Cyclotrons at VECC, Kolkata", "Safety aspects of III+ beyond reactors", "Seismic and Structural Stability, post Fukushima incident" and "Positive Health Management" and other areas of interest were arranged. The talks / lectures in the sessions were delivered by renowned experts from DAE as well non-DAE facilities. About 40 contributory papers related to Industrial & Occupational Health Safety will be presented in second and third days of the Meet. The Meet will be concluded by a Valedictory Session, where in prizes for winners of Poster, Cartoon and Slogan Competitions conducted amongst DAE Employees would be distributed.


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