

## **Theme Meeting for Radiation Processing Facilities (RPF) held at Niyamak Bhavan, on April 27, 2016**

Atomic Energy Regulatory Board in co-ordination with Food Technology Division, BARC, Mumbai, organised a one day Special Meet for Radiation Processing Facilities (RPF) at Niyamak Bhavan, on April 27, 2016. The objective of the special meet was to;

- Disseminate the information on regulatory aspects with special emphasis on newly published AERB safety documents
- Demonstration of e-LORA consenting module for Radiation Processing Facilities
- Awareness for promotion of radiation technology for food processing
- Providing platform for researchers, regulators, entrepreneurs, stake holders and designers of RPF that envisages creating a common discussion for further bringing the technology to the common people.

About 110 delegates and invitees from different Gamma Radiation Processing Facility (GRAPF), Industrial Accelerator Radiation Processing Facility (IARPF), BARC, BRIT, Designers of RPFs, Food industry and the Print Media participated in the special Meet. Presentations were made on (i) Regulatory Aspects of Radiation Processing Facility; (ii) eLORA System; (iii) Challenges in taking irradiated food products to consumers in the country and (iv) Quarantine for Food Products in India.

The participants raised several issues with respect to procedure for obtaining approval for food dosimetry, dosimetry procedure to be followed for various classes of food products, various ways to promote the radiation processing of food and ways to enhance the radiation awareness.



### **Special Meet on Radiation Processing Facilities**

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