AERB conducted awareness programme on ‘Radiation Safety in the use of Radiation Source for Societal Benefits’ at Madurai.

AERB organised two day awareness programme on ‘Radiation Safety in the use of Radiation Source for Societal Benefits’ in association with Institute of Engineers India (IEI)-Madurai chapter during Nov 25-26, 2019 at Madurai. First day of the programme (i.e. Nov 25, 2019) was organised for AERB’s regulated radiation facilitates located in-and-around Madurai district and second day (i.e. Nov 26, 2019) was organised for members of public. The members of the public included faculty of engineering/science/social science colleges, civic authorities, students and journalists. The programme was attended by over 200 participants.

Shri. G. Nageswara Rao, Chairman AERB, addressing the gathering.

Shri. G. Nageswara Rao, Chairman AERB and Shri. S.Rajagopal, Chairman IEI-Madurai inaugurated the programme. Chairman, AERB addressed the gathering and said use of nuclear energy for electricity does not use fossil fuel that pollutes environment. Chairman, AERB
also expressed that the use of ionising radiation is in all aspects of society such as in medicine, industry, food preservation and security. AERB’s regulatory requirements ensure that use of nuclear energy and ionising radiation does not cause undue risk to the health of people and the environment. District collector of Madurai, Dr. T. G. Vinay was the chief guest on Nov 26, 2019 and he appreciated the importance of radiation technology. He quoted examples of use of X-rays and radiopharmaceuticals for diagnostics and treatment, and addressing pressing societal issues such as waste management in metropolitan and other cities through technology using radiation in treating sewage water.

In the second session, AERB officers covered various topics related to the theme through interactive talks. Talks included career opportunities in nuclear energy and radiation applications.

An exhibition with informative posters & exhibits was also arranged during the programme. This facilitated active discussions between AERB officers and participants. The programme was well- received by the participants.