

## AERB conducted webinar for institutions of higher education located in Guwahati and radiation facilities in Assam

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AERB conducted webinar on July 07, 2021 from 11:30 – 13:00 hrs on “Societal Benefits of Radiation Technology and Safety Aspects” for institutions of higher education in Guwahati and stakeholders of radiation facilities possessing ionising radiation sources in Assam.

The webinar was attended by several faculty members, students and representatives of radiation facilities. Shri Deepak Ojha, Head, International Coordination and Communication Section, Directorate of Regulatory Affairs and Communications, AERB while welcoming the participants informed that AERB organises interactive programs with stakeholders and public about its regulatory controls for nuclear and radiation safety and on technologies under its purview by conducting outreach programs across the country, this webinar was one such program.



***Shri G. Nageswara Rao, Chairman AERB delivering the inaugural address***

Chairman, AERB, Shri G. Nageswara Rao, welcomed the participants of the webinar. He highlighted the substantial benefits accrued from applications of ionising radiation in medicine, industry, agriculture, food preservation and R&D field. Ionising radiation technologies are deeply entrenched in meeting societal needs and its aspirations. AERB plays key role in developing safety regulations and their enforcement in ensuring the safety

of personnel using these technologies and the public. He expressed concern over misconceptions, misgivings and fears about the technology due to lack of proper understanding and knowledge of the subject. He expressed that the webinar will be helpful to participants in understanding how societal benefits are derived safely from ionising radiation. Chairman, AERB thanked the participants for their keen interest to attend the webinar.

Dr. Avinash. U. Sonawane, Head, Directorate of Regulatory Affairs and Communications (DRA&C), AERB delivered a lecture on “Societal Benefits of Radiation Technology and Safety Aspects”. The webinar was interactive and appreciated by the participants.

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