

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT AERB

On the occasion of 74th Independence Day, Shri G. Nageswara Rao, Chairman, AERB hoisted the National Flag at Niyamak Bhavan, Mumbai. The senior officers of AERB and the security personnel joined the function. Social distancing measures and other SOPs were followed during the function. Chairman, AERB addressed the gathering and emphasised on the relevance of Independence Day and the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters in achieving this milestone.



Shri G. Nageswara Rao, Chairman, AERB hoisting the National Flag at Niyamak Bhavan, Mumbai

Shri Rao mentioned that the Covid-19 pandemic impact is being tackled with the joint efforts of various units of DAE, research institutions and other pharmaceutical industries, we are bound to succeed in overcoming these difficult times in the coming months. He acknowledged and thanked the contributions of doctors, nurses, paramedical staff, police force and all other essential services who are on the forefront fighting the pandemic. He mentioned about the importance of all AERBites following

the SOP instructions and guidelines for COVID prevention, being issued from time to time.



Shri G. Nageswara Rao, Chairman, AERB addressing AERB Staff and the security personnel On the occasion of 74th Independence Day at Niyamak Bhavan, Mumbai

He appreciated the efforts made by the officers and staff of AERB in carrying out their regular activities working from home and required persons from office during the lockdown. He thanked the officers and staff who worked untiringly to ensure the functioning of AERB and discharging the key responsibilities including issuance of various safety clearances and conduct of safety reviews in a time bound manner during this lockdown period. Chairman informed that the AERB Board Meeting was held through video conferencing for the first time and discussions were held on safety status of the nuclear and radiation facilities. The Board reviewed the safety assessment with respect to application for clearance for first approach to criticality of Unit 3 of India's first indigenous 700 MWe PHWR with innovative features at Kakrapar Atomic Power Project (KAPP) 3&4. After the Board gave the clearance, the unit achieved criticality at 0936 hours on 22nd July, 2020.

Chairman, AERB specially thanked all the officials, staff and contract employees of AERB including Security staff, who are working hand in hand in fulfilling the AERB mandate. He wished everyone all a Very Happy Independence Day.
