

Welcome Address by Dr. R.K. Sinha

Hon'ble President of India, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, other Dignitaries, Distinguished Invitees, officials from the Central and the State governments, Representatives from the Media, the young Training School Graduates, dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a very special day in the annals of BARC and DAE, with our Hon'ble President visiting the Trombay Campus of BARC for the first time. We are very fortunate that the Hon'ble President of India kindly accepted our invitation to be the Chief Guest for this very special event, Graduation Function. Sir, we extend a very warm welcome to you. Your presence here today inspires the entire DAE family.

On behalf of the Department of Atomic Energy and BARC, I extend our most cordial welcome to the Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra. Sir, we thank you for your graceful presence on this occasion. I also welcome all other Dignitaries, and all the distinguished invitees, who have accepted our invitation and joined us here today.

One of the most important contributors to our success, throughout the more than six decades of our existence, has been the sustained support of the Government for the DAE programmes, which are driven by a long term vision rather than short term perspectives. The presence of Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra today is yet another testimony to the importance attached by the Central and the State Governments to the activities of our Department.

India stands as one of the world leaders in the area of deployment of atomic energy for the welfare of mankind. The completion of five new facilities, at the cutting edge of science and technology, to be inaugurated by the Hon'ble President in this function today, is a proof of this status. We are proud to say that such competence has been acquired entirely through the relentless pursuit of the twin objectives of excellence with relevance, and self-reliance with determination to overcome technology denials. Both these objectives were fulfilled through the policies of building scientific and technical strength through focus on indigenous R&D, and Human Resources Development, articulated as a part of the vision of Dr. Homi Jehangir Bhabha. Setting up of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in 1945, Atomic Energy Establishment Trombay in 1954, and the Training School in 1957, bear testimony to the immense foresight of our founder. From this Training School, year after year, different batches of young Trainee Officers have come out to serve the different units of the Department. I welcome the young graduates of the 56th Batch of BARC Training school to the DAE family and congratulate the Homi Bhabha Award winners.

I take this opportunity to welcome all of you, present in the hall here, and those participating in the function through video links, on this very important occasion.

Thank You.

Jai Hind.