NUCLEAR AND RADIOCHEMISTRY SYMPOSIUM (NUCAR 2003)

The 6th biennial BRNS-DAE symposium on "Nuclear and Radiochemistry (NUCAR 2003)" was held during February 10-13, 2003 at the Multipurpose Hall of BARC Training School Hostel. The inaugural function of the symposium was held on February 10, 2003. Dr S.B. Manohar, Chairman, Symposium Organising Committee, welcomed the delegates. Dr B.S. Tomar, Convener, presented the theme of the symposium highlighting the objective and giving details of the deliberations. Dr J.P. Mittal, Director, Chemistry & Isotope Group, BARC, in his address, emphasised the need to spread the subject of Nuclear and Radiochemistry to Universities. Mr B. Bhattacharjee, Director, BARC, in his presidential address, described the important role played by Radiochemists in the Nuclear Fuel Cycle. In the inaugural address, Dr Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, asked the delegates to focus their efforts towards more productive and goal-oriented programmes. He also lauded the efforts of IANCAS towards spreading the subject of Radiochemistry to various Universities. Mr M.K. Saxena, Secretary of the symposium organizing committee, proposed the vote of thanks.

The technical programme of the NUCAR 2003 included 14 invited talks, 38 oral presentations and 215 poster presentations. The highlight of the symposium was a special seminar on applications of accelerators, which included invited talks on Accelerator Driven sub-critical reactor Systems (ADS), Medical Cyclotrons and Ion Beam Analysis. This session was chaired by Prof. S.S. Kapoor. A total of 330 registered delegates participated in the symposium.

Dr Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, AEC, delivering the inaugural address of the symposium