BARC OBSERVES FOUNDER'S DAY

The staff of BARC celebrated the 96th birth anniversary of its illustrious Founder, late Dr Homi Jehangir Bhabha as Founder's Day with undiluted joy and fond remembrance on October 28, 2005. Dr Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary to the Government of India and Dr S. Banerjee, Director, BARC addressed the staff members at BARC. A large number of serving and retired scientists, engineers and other staff members of BARC and other institutions of DAE were present on the occasion. Dr Kakodkar distributed the Homi Bhabha Science & Technology Awards, Technical Excellence Awards and Meritorious Service Awards to the recipients of these awards at a well attended function in the Central Complex auditorium. He also gave away the prizes to the winners of the XVIIth All India Essay Contest in Nuclear Science and Technology. A Founder's Day special issue of BARC Newsletter containing award winning papers published during 2004 was also released on this occasion by Director, BARC. BARC Founder's Day lecture was delivered by Mr. Placid Rodriguez, Raja Ramanna Fellow, IIT, Madras and former Director, IGCAR, Kalpakkam.

The full text of the messages of Dr Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, AEC, and Dr Srikumar Banerjee, Director, BARC, are given in this issue, along with the proceedings of other activities on the special occasion of Founder's Day.