

## National Technology Day 2013: a Report

Every year May 11 is celebrated as National Technology Day across the country by scientific, educational and industrial establishments to commemorate the technological breakthrough achieved by the Department of Atomic Energy, with a series of controlled underground nuclear tests carried out at Pokharan, Rajasthan, in 1998. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre has been celebrating National Technology Day annually highlighting its R&D achievements in the field of Nuclear Technologies and their Applications. This year, to commemorate the occasion, the theme 'Agriculture and Food Security' was highlighted to showcase R&D achievements of nuclear technology in the field of agriculture and food sciences.

A function was organized in the Central Complex Auditorium, BARC, on May 10. Shri Ashish Bahuguna, Secretary, Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Sustained R&D efforts of three generations of scientists in BARC in the field of crop improvement and food preservation have created a visible impact on the national agriculture and food security scene. A highlight of the occasion was a special exhibition on the theme 'Agriculture & Food Security', jointly organized by Bio-

medical Group and Scientific Information Resource Division, Knowledge Management Group, BARC, highlighting the advances made by BARC in the



Dr R. K. Sinha, Chairman, AEC presenting a memento to the Chief Guest



Shri Ashish Bahuguna, Secretary, Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI From L to R: Shri Sekhar Basu, Director, BARC, Chief Guest, Shri Ashish Bahuguna and Dr. R.K. Sinha, Chairman, AEC releasing Booklets and Brochure on Agriculture & Food Security



Shri P.K. Mishra, Secretary, DOPT at the exhibition

Bhabha Science & Technology Awardees gave presentations of their award winning R&D work.

There were several visitors to the exhibition, which was open for all upto 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2013. Shri P.K. Mishra, Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India, Shri Atul Chaturvedi, Chairman, PFSB, Government of India and Shri Parkash Singh Badal, Chief Minister, Punjab were some of the dignitaries who visited the exhibition.

field of nuclear agriculture and food preservation. The exhibition was inaugurated by Shri Ashish Bahuguna. Dr. R.K. Sinha, Chairman, AEC & Secretary, DAE, presided over the function. Director, BARC, Shri Sekhar Basu, welcomed the Chief Guest, Dr. R.K. Sinha, Chairman, AEC and Secretary, DAE, other dignitaries, and the participants in the audience. As a part of the outreach program of BARC, information booklets and brochures were also released by the Chief Guest during the inaugural session of the programme.

Dr. K.B. Sainis, Director, Bio-medical Group, gave the vote of thanks. In the afternoon, DAE Homi



Shri Sekhar Basu, Director, BARC with Shri Parkash Singh Badal, Chief Minister, Punjab at the exhibition