The Prime Minister visits BARC

The Honorable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, made his first visit to BARC at Trombay, Mumbai on 21st July, 2014. He was received by Dr. R.K Sinha Secretary, DAE and Chairman, AEC and welcomed by Shri Sekhar Basu, Director, BARC. The Prime Minister had a discussion with Dr. R.K. Sinha, Shri Sekhar Basu, Shri S. S. Bajaj, Chairman, AERB and other senior officers and scientists of BARC. As a token of respect, Dr. R.K. Sinha presented a 3D model of Cirus and Dhruva reactors to the Honorable Prime Minister.

Shri R.C. Sharma, Director, Reactor Group welcomed the Chief Guest on his arrival at the Dhruva research reactor. Dr. R.K. Sinha demonstrated the Dhruva Model and explained its functioning to the Prime Minister. Dr. Sinha also enlightened the Prime Minister about the various important and critical components of the reactor. He also briefed him on DAE’s extensive research & development DAE’s contributions in the areas of health care, especially cancer treatment, food security, solid waste management, water purification and public awareness programmes. The Prime minister also witnessed the operation of Dhruva from its control room.

During his visit to various facilities at BARC and referring to the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of DAE, the Prime Minister urged DAE to draw up a programme of year long celebrations, which would highlight the achievements of DAE, particularly to the public at large. The Prime Minister was apprised of the safety measures adopted by DAE for radiological protection of both man and environment and India’s excellent record in this regard. Prime Minister expressed his appreciation for the extraordinary achievements of the Indian scientific community in one of the most complex and challenging fields of science and technology.