National Technology Day 2016 was celebrated on 11th May 2016 at Central Complex Auditorium of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Trombay. The Programme started with Invocation song by BARC Cultural Choir. This was followed by Welcome address from Shri. K.N. Vyas, Director, BARC, who highlighted the importance of the day. Peaceful Nuclear Experiment carried out at Pokhran on 11th May, 1998 was an important milestone achieved by the country and as well as BARC. He further mentioned the coincidence of this year’s theme i.e. ‘The World of Materials’ with the 75 years celebration of Plutonium Discovery. The Presidential address was given by Dr. Sekhar Basu, Secretary, Department of
Atomic Energy (DAE) and Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). He emphasized the creditable roles played by materials and material scientists in the field of nuclear science and engineering and in every stages of the nuclear fuel cycle. This year, the Chief Guest for the function was Prof. Chaitanyamoy Ganguly of Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU), Gandhinagar who is associated with Nuclear Science and Technology for nearly five decades. His talk on “Plutonium for Peace and Prosperity through Fast Breeder Reactor Technology” was highly appreciated by the audience. Dr. Ganguly was felicitated Dr. Sekhar Basu. Dr. G.K. Dey, Director, Materials Group offered the ‘vote of thanks’. An exhibition on “World of Materials” was organised as a part of the event to showcase the achievements of scientist and engineers of DAE in the area of material science.