

N.1: Graduation Function of 8th Batch of BARC Training School, RRCAT



Graduating TSOs of the 8th batch of RTS posing for a photograph with the chief guest and other dignitaries

Thirteen Trainee Scientific Officers of the 8th batch of BARC Training School RRCAT successfully completed the one year orientation course (2007-2008). The graduation function was held in the Central Complex auditorium of RRCAT on 27th August 2008. Prof. P. Rama Rao of ISRO (Dr. Brahm Prakash Distinguished Professor, and Member, Atomic Energy Commission) was the chief guest. Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, AEC presided over the function. The welcome address was given by Dr. V.C. Sahni, Director, RRCAT, which was followed by the presidential address.

Dr. Kakodkar highlighted the importance of the work being done by DAE towards meeting the growing energy needs of the country. He likened the employees of the department to those who had worked for the independence of India, since the present struggle is for the energy independence of the country. Dr. Kakodkar described the department as one family and said that anyone who joins DAE always remains a member of the family. The inspiring presidential message was followed by the distribution of certificates and awards. The chief guest gave away the graduation certificates to all the TSOs. Shri. Sudip Kumar Nath bagged the prestigious Homi Bhabha Award and medal by topping in his batch.

The chief guest, Prof. P. Rama Rao, talked on the

subject "Higher Education in India: Some Personal Perspectives". He emphasized the need for more students to continue their education up to the doctorate level, as research helps to develop higher and more creative skills. He also stressed the need for more engineering graduates to continue their education up to Ph.D. level. Prof. Rama Rao was highly appreciative of the initiative taken by DAE in this direction by setting up of the Homi Bhabha National Institute. At the end of the programme a vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. P.D. Gupta, Chairman, RRCAT Training School Committee.

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N.2: Advanced Technical Workshops

The Advanced Technical Training Section (ATTS) has been established at RRCAT to carry out advanced technical training courses at RRCAT. ATTS organized the following workshops.

1) A workshop on digital systems was organized on August 21-22, 2008 at RRCAT. More than 100 participants attended the workshop. In addition to staff members from RRCAT, faculty members from SGSITS, Indore and IET, DAVV, Indore, and some post graduate students carrying out project work at RRCAT, attended the workshop. RRCAT staff members delivered talks on: Software Reliability, Computer Simulation and Modeling, Programmable Devices, Serial and Parallel Micro Buses, and Ethernet Communication. Shri C.P. Navathe (Head, Laser Electronics Support Section) was the coordinator of this workshop.



Participants and speakers of ATTS workshop on digital systems held at RRCAT on August 21-22, 2008