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34th DAE Safety & Occupational Health Professionals Meet at Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project, NPCIL during June 28 – 30, 2017

The 34th Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) Safety & Occupational Health Professionals Meet was jointly organized by Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB), Mumbai and Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project, NPCIL during June 28 - 30, 2017 at KKNPP. This Meet is organised annually with various themes on Industrial and Occupational Health Safety by AERB jointly with a Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) unit to promote and motivate Safety and Occupational Health aspects in DAE. The themes for this year's three day Meet were "Key Principles of Human, Organizational and Technological Factors in Safety" related to Industrial Safety aspects and "Lifestyle Diseases - Silent Killer of the Millennium" for Occupational Health aspects. This Meet was inaugurated by Shri K. N. Vyas, Director, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai. About 250 delegates from various DAE Units and DAE aided institutes participated in this Meet. Shri S. V. Jinna, Site Director, KudanKulam Nuclear Power Project, NPCIL welcomed the gathering. A Monograph on "Key Principles of Human, Organizational and Technological Factors in Safety" & "Lifestyle Diseases - Silent Killer of the Millennium" was released by Shri D. K. Shukla, Executive Director, AERB, Mumbai and he briefed about the important milestones, significant achievements of the past Meets and highlights of this year's Meet. Shri. S. K. Sharma, Chairman & Managing Director, NPCIL, distributed prizes to the winners of logo competition and addressed the gathering. Shri S.A. Bharadwaj, Chairman, AERB presented the AERB Industrial & Fire Safety Awards for the year 2016. For Industrial Safety winners are Kakrapar Atomic Power Project 3&4, Madras Atomic Power Station, Zirconium Complex, Pazhayakayal & ECIL - Hyderabad and Heavy Water Plant - Talcher. In Fire Safety, winners are Kudankulam Nuclear Power Station 1&2 & Rajasthan Atomic Power Project 7&8. Shri Bhardwaj also released the booklet on Occupational Injuries & Fire Statistics 2016, followed by address. Shri K. N. Vyas, Director, BARC released the Proceedings (e-form) and Souvenir and delivered the Inaugural address. One of the major highlights of this year's Meet was that the Dr. S.S. Ramaswamy Memorial Endowment Lecture on "Human, Organizational Factors Approach to Industrial Safety" was delivered by Shri V. B. Sant, Director General, National Safety Council. A Technical Exhibition on Nuclear Technology, Industrial and Fire Safety Appliances, Public Awareness & Safety and Regulatory aspects was organised during the Meet for the benefit of the participants and encourage interactions between industries and DAE units. Shri S. Jayakrishnan, CCE, KKNPP proposed vote of thanks. Shri K.N. Vyas, Director, BARC, Shri S.A. Bhardwaj, Chairman, AERB, Shri S.K. Sharma, CMD, NPCIL, Shri D. K. Shukla, Executive Director, AERB and Shri V.V. Pande, Head, IPSD, AERB inaugurated the exhibition. Other than manufacturers there were exhibition stalls of AERB and BARC, Mumbai.

The inaugural session and three technical sessions covering "Significance of Human, Organizational & Technical Factors in Safety and Practices to Address Them", "Management of Safety in R&D Organization", "Key Principles of Technical Factors in Enhancing Safety in Defence", "Lifestyle Diseases – Silent Killer of the Millennium", "Obstructive Sleep Apnea", "Psychosomatic Disorders" and "Psychosocial Care in Disaster" and other areas of interest were arranged. The talks / lectures in the sessions were delivered by renowned experts from DAE as well as non-DAE facilities. About 17 contributory papers related to Industrial & Occupational Health Safety were presented in second and third days of the Meet. Also 12 contributory papers were displayed as posters. The Meet was concluded by a Valedictory Session, where in prizes for winners of Poster, Cartoon and Slogan Competitions conducted amongst DAE Employees were distributed.

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