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The 85<sup>th</sup> BRNS-IANCAS National Workshop was organized at Department of Physical, Nuclear Chemistry and Chemical oceanography (PNCO) School of Chemistry, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam during 6-11 January, 2014. About sixty participants from various affiliated colleges participated in the Workshop. The Workshop was inaugurated by Dr. K.L. Ramakumar, President, IANCAS and Director, RC&IG, BARC. Prof. G.S.N. Raju, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of A.U. was the chief guest of the function. Prof. Muralikrishna, Convener of the workshop and Dr. Rajesh V. Pai, Secretary IANCAS & workshop coordinator were also present on the dais. Prof. Raju during his welcome speech stressed on the usage and applications of Radioisotopes in different fields. Dr. Ramakumar in his keynote address expressed his concern for the depleting resources of coal and fossil fuel and said that there is a need to preserve them for other vital purposes other than electric power generation. He pointed out that the contribution of nuclear power to the country's total power production is meager and stressed the need of widespread use of nuclear power for the sustaining growth and development of the country. While informing the progress of newly coming up establishment in Vizag, he pointed out about the lucrative opportunity for young researchers of the academic institutions in and around Vizag to join the venture. Dr. Rajesh V. Pai, Coordinator of the workshop highlighted the course content of the workshop. Dr. Shyamala, A.U. proposed the vote of thanks. The valedictory function was held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014. Prof. K. Ramamohana Rao, Registrar of A.U. presided over the function. Dr. A.V. R. Reddy, Vice President, IANCAS & Head, ACD, BARC was the chief guest of the function who handed over a G.M. counter and a Gamma ray spectrometer to Prof. Muralikrishna. Shri T.V. Vittal Rao, Practical Coordinator proposed vote of thanks.