

## IANCAS WORKSHOP Report 86

The 86<sup>th</sup> BRNS-IANCAS National Workshop on Radiochemistry and Applications of Radioisotopes was jointly organized by Noor Islam College of Arts and Science (NICAS) and Noor Islam University (NIU), Kumaracoil, Tamil Nadu during February 10-15, 2014. The participants included faculty members and research scholars from various colleges in and around Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu. The workshop was formally inaugurated by Prof. K.L. Ramakumar, Director, RC&IG, BARC, Mumbai & President, IANCAS and Dr. A.P. Majeed Khan, Chancellor, NIU presided over the function. The inaugural function was graced by Prof. Perumal Swami, VC, NIU and Dr. A.V.R. Reddy, Vice President, IANCAS and Head, ACD, BARC. Prof. V. Umayoru Bhagan, Workshop Director and Principal, NICAS delivered the welcome speech and apprised the delegates about the various scientific activities pursued by NICAS and he pointed out that there is a need for such workshops across the country due to public ignorance about radiation and nuclear energy. During his inaugural address, Prof. Ramakumar said that DAE had taken steps to allay the fears of people over the safety of nuclear power projects across the country, particularly the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project. He further added that an expert team from the International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna, visited India in 2012 to inspect and review various safety aspects in nuclear power projects across the country and they were satisfied with the safety measures followed by our nuclear power projects. The workshop coordinator Dr. S. Jeyakumar, BARC briefly explained the course contents of the workshop. Dr. A.V.R. Reddy, emphasized the various activities of IANCAS to promote Nuclear Science in general and Radiochemistry in particular. Prof. Perumal Swami spoke about the various applications of radioisotopes in diverse fields of science and this workshop would be helpful to the participants in understanding the basic nuclear science. Dr. S.K. Malhotra, Head, PAD, DAE and Dr. N. Ramamoorthy, Associate Director, DO, BARC and Shri R.S. Sundar, Station Director, KKNPP delivered special lectures. During the Workshop, half-day visit to KKNPP was arranged for the participants. A quiz was conducted on the last day and cash prize were awarded to the winners. The valedictory function was graced by Shri R.S. Sundar. On behalf of IANCAS Shri R.S. Sundar donated a GM counter and a gamma ray spectrometer having NaI (TI) detector along with few sealed sources to the host institute and distributed the Course certificates to the participants.