

IANCAS WORKSHOP Report 88

88th IANCAS National Workshop was held at Government Autonomous College, Rajahmundry during 24th to 29th November, 2014. The college was established in 1853 by Britishers as a Zilla Parishad School. Now it is a Post Graduate College. PG course in chemistry was started 1971-72. There were 68 participants including professors, lecturers, doctors and research scholars. It was inaugurated by College Principal, Dr Ch. Mastaniah. Dr. N. Saibaba, Chief Executive, NFC delivered the keynote address. During the press conference he told about the recent uranium reserves found in Tummalpale, AP and about the fuels, and other components produced at NFC especially, niobium- hafnium alloy which finds applications in space programmes. He also informed that the main aim of this workshop is to clear the misconceptions of public and environmentalists about nuclear power. 3rd edition of the practicals book was released during this function by Dr. Saibaba. Dr. AV.R. Reddy, Vice President, IANCAS in his address emphasized the application of radio isotopes in the field of agriculture, medicine and industry. Sri J. Radhakrishna, was the Workshop Coordinator from IANCAS side and Dr. V. Samba Siva Rao was local Coordinator. Chief Guest, Dr. Damodar Reddy, Director, CTRI, Rajahmundry informed about their usage of irradiated tobacco seeds.

A total of 14 lectures were delivered and five practicals were conducted by IANCAS Resource persons from BARC and IGCAR. During the concluding session with press, Sri P. Lahiri, Director, Vizag Projects, BARC told that media and nuclear scientists have to work together to drive away the fears/ misconcepts about nuclear power among public which are hindering the construction of new nuclear establishments. He also informed about the progress of nuclear establishments in and around Vizag. Principal, Dr. Mastaniah promised that his colleagues also will help IANCAS to keep away the apprehensions of public about nuclear power. A GM Counter and a NAI(Tl) detector along with sealed sources were presented to the host institution. Vote of thanks was given by Dr. V.C. Adya, Practical coordinator. It was coordinated locally by, Lecturer in Chemistry.