

## Brief Report on “Theme Meeting on Regulatory Inspection Practices in BARC Facilities”, Organised by BSCS and BRNS

BARC Safety Council Secretariat (BSCS), in collaboration with Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences (BRNS) organised a Theme Meeting on “Regulatory Inspection Practices in BARC Facilities” on January 21, 2017 (Saturday) at Multipurpose Hall, Training School Hostel, Anushaktinagar, Mumbai.

BARC Safety Council (BSC) is the Apex Body responsible for safety regulation in BARC Facilities. BSC Secretariat supports the Council in safety regulation, as well as in improving safety awareness among the personnel in BARC facilities. BSCS, in past, has conducted many such training courses and theme meetings. The theme of the current meeting was Regulatory Inspection, which is one of the most important tools used by regulatory bodies for verifying the safety compliance of the facilities and projects in conformance with the regulatory requirements. As of now, BSC and its committees have about fifty Regulatory Inspection Teams (RITs).

The Theme Meeting had four sessions, viz. inaugural session, two technical sessions and panel discussion. Dr. Srikumar Banerjee, Former Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission; DAE Homi Bhabha Chair Professor and Chancellor, HBNI inaugurated the theme meeting. In his speech, he shared his experience as a regulator and emphasised the importance of regulatory inspection in ensuring safety of BARC facilities. Shri Y. K. Taly, Chairman, BSC; Dr. G. Gouthaman, Raja

Ramanna Fellow (RRF) and Former Chairman, BSC; Shri D. K. Shukla, Executive Director, AERB; and Shri K. Jayarajan, Head BSCS shared their experience in the meeting.

The Meeting comprised of six technical lectures, encompassing different aspects of regulatory inspections. Regulatory Inspection Practices related to Industrial Safety, Construction safety, Civil Safety, Chemical safety, Fire Safety, Radiological safety, Emergency Preparedness; Waste Management; Regulatory Aspects and Documentation were covered by eminent speakers, namely, Shri K. Agarwal, AD, NRG; Shri L. R. Bishnoi, Director, SSED, AERB; Dr. (Smt.) S. B. Roy, RRF & Former Director, ChEG; Dr. K. S. Pradeepkumar, AD, HS&EG; Shri Amitava Roy, CE, NRB and Shri K. Jayarajan, Head, BSCS. The sessions were chaired by Shri R. J. Patel, RRF and Chairman, CFSRC and Shri S. Sarkar, Former Director, ChTG.

Last session of the Theme Meeting was panel discussion. The panelists were Shri Y. K. Taly; Shri R. J. Patel; Dr. (Smt.) S. B. Roy; Dr. B. S. Tomar (Director, RC&IG and Chairman, CRRASDRW); Dr. Pradeepkumar and Shri Kailash Agrawal. The lively panel discussion improved clarity of the subject to all participants.

The Theme Meeting was attended by about 250 members of RIT and Safety Committees from Kalpakkam, Mysore, Tarapur, Trombay and Vizag.