



## Chairman's Welcome Address



Hon'ble Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, Smt. Gursharan Kaur, H.E. the Governor of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Balram Jakhar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Distinguished dignitaries, Dr. Sahni, colleagues and friends,

We are extremely fortunate that our Prime Minister is here with us today to dedicate Indus-2 to the nation and to rename this Centre as Raja Ramanna Centre for Advanced Technology.

In the Department of Atomic Energy, we attach great importance to the comprehensive approach in scientific activity spanning the entire value chain starting from basic research all the way up to field deployment. That is why we are unique in the country in terms of capability to build sophisticated and large experimental facilities like Indus-2, which can support a large experimental user community spread throughout the country. Scientists and engineers who can build such facilities deserve special encouragement and appreciation. Presence of our Prime Minister here on this occasion along with all dignitaries would be cherished by all those involved in building Indus-2 as a special moment in their lives in this context.

We most heartily welcome you all to this Centre which would henceforth be known after Dr. Raja Ramanna who through his unique mentoring style has nurtured a large number of individual scientists and a number of institutions. He was instrumental in giving shape to this Centre. *Renaming this Centre after him means paying respects to this great scientist who has impacted our lives but also to sustain and enrich the value system he stood for.*

Mrs. Ramanna was to be with us on this occasion. However, for some unavoidable reasons she is unable to be here. She has asked me to convey her good wishes to you all.

I once again welcome you all to this auspicious function.

**Dr. Anil Kakodkar,**  
Chairman, AEC & Secretary, DAE