

liquid nitrogen, demonstration experiments on magnetism, computer control of dynamic systems, just to mention a few. The young students found the laboratory visits so interesting, that in spite of the strong sun outside, they just kept moving from one building to the next.

After a long and tiring tour of all the exhibits, the visiting students and their teachers were served a sumptuous lunch. To help them remember what they had heard and seen on this day, informative pamphlets were given to the visitors describing RRCAT activities. It is certain that the day succeeded in winning at least a few young hearts and minds over to the pursuit of basic science.

The afternoon was kept for providing an opportunity to the family members of employees of RRCAT to visit the laboratories. A large number of employees brought their spouses and children. The staff members manning the exhibits were as enthusiastic in the afternoon as in the morning, in explaining their displayed setup in spite of the fact that they had already explained their exhibits to 87 school teams in the morning.

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N.4 : Women's Day 2007 celebration

For last three years, RRCAT has been celebrating women's day every year. This year, Women's Day was celebrated at RRCAT on 16th March 2007 in two sessions. In the morning session lectures by two eminent ladies were scheduled, followed by a literature oriented programme in the post-lunch session.

The first lecture was delivered by Dr. (Mrs) Akalpita Paranjpe, a multi-faceted personality who recently took voluntary retirement from BARC, Mumbai. In her presentation entitled "The Mighty Will : A Driving Force for Success", she described her philosophy of life, which was evident in her inspirational and informative talk covering life of Ahilyabai Holkar. After narrating her interesting findings related to homeopathy, she emphasized on the need of the hour for the women to do their part in building up of the nation. During the lunch and post-lunch session, women staff of RRCAT had discussions with her getting to know more about homeopathy and her other activities like social work.



N.4: Dr. (Mrs.) Akalpita Paranjpe addressing women staff of RRCAT

The second lecture was by Mrs. Rekha Raikar Kumar, Joint Controller of Finance and Accounts, RRCAT. As an ICAS officer (1996 batch), she talked about her journey into civil service. Her narration was listened with rapt attention, as different aspects of the journey got unraveled. She also gave important information about how one can apply and prepare for civil service and requested all to encourage their children to look at civil service as one of the career options.

The post lunch session had a literature oriented programme, wherein RRCAT women staff enthusiastically took to stage for poem reciting, mono-acting, singing, etc. The programme was successfully concluded with a tea session in the evening.

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N.5 : National Laser Symposium NLS- 06 held at RRCAT

The Sixth DAE-BRNS National Laser Symposium (NLS-06) was held at the Raja Ramanna Centre for Advanced Technology, Indore, between 5th and 8th December, 2006. For last six years, this symposium is being sponsored by the Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences (BRNS). The earlier nine symposia (started in 1992) were sponsored by the National Laser Programme. The symposium is organized in collaboration with the Indian Laser Association (ILA). The Symposium, which is an established annual scientific event for last 15 years, gives the laser community all over the country an opportunity to meet