

N.5 : RRCAT bags “Best Bio-diversity Concentration Award -2007”

RRCAT has bagged 1st prize for *best bio-diversity concentration* for the year 2007 under the “Government Institutions” category. The prize consists of a trophy and a cash award of Rs 2,000, along with an appreciation certificate.

The award is given by Government of Madhya Pradesh. It was given by Shri Prakash Sonker, Hon. Minister of Forest, Govt. of M.P. and was received by Shri. S. S. Kulkarni, Construction & Services Division, RRCAT, on behalf of the Centre, on 28th March 2007, in a function at Gandhi Hall, Indore.



Fig.N.5 : The Bio-diversity Concentration Award Trophy for the year 2007

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N.6 : Five RRCAT scientists presented gold medals by Prime Minister

The Training School of the Atomic Energy Establishment was started in 1957 at Bombay. It completed its 50 years this year. To mark this occasion, a special Golden Jubilee function was held at Central Complex Auditorium of BARC, Mumbai, on Aug. 31, 2007, coinciding with the graduation function of the 50th batch of BARC Training School. In this function, overall toppers of 1st to 45th batches were given Homi Bhabha Medals by the Hon. Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, who was the Chief Guest. Five scientists from RRCAT received the gold medals in this function from the Prime Minister. These overall batch toppers are : Dr. V. C. Sahni (8th batch, Physics), Dr. P. D. Gupta (16th batch, Physics), Dr. Praveen Chaddah (17th batch, Physics), Dr. Prasad A. Naik (25th batch, Physics), and Shri Tushar Puntambekar (31st batch, Electronics).

In the afternoon session, toppers in the individual disciplines of the first 45 batches were presented gold medals by present (Dr. Anil Kakodkar) and ex-Chairmen of AEC : Dr. Homi Sethna, Shri M. R. Srinivasan, and Dr. P. K. Iyengar. Four RRCAT scientists received the medals. These include: Dr. Manoranjan Prasad Singh (33rd batch, Physics), Shri Mangesh Borage (38th batch, Electrical), Shri Prashant Khanzode (40th batch, Electronics, Ex-staff), and Amit Chauhan (43rd batch, Electronics). Four other RRCAT related subject toppers could not attend this function. These were : Dr. V. Selvakumar (28th batch, Physics, Ex-staff), Dr. Vinit Kumar (37th batch, Physics), Dr. Tarun Kumar Sharma (38th batch, Physics), and Dr. S. Anantha Ramakrishna (39th batch, Physics, Ex-staff). It may be added that from 46th batch onwards, Homi Bhabha Medals have been awarded during the respective graduation functions.

The significance of BARC Training School to RRCAT is reflected from the fact that most of the senior scientists and engineers at RRCAT are from BARC Training School.



Fig.N.6 : RRCAT scientists receiving Homi Bhabha Gold Medals from Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh