

## Indian DAE chief calls for broad-based research in radiation physics

*Now if we could have a similar US proclamation.*

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Chennai: Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) Secretary Anil Kakodkar today said broad-based research in radiation physics was essential for a sustained nuclear energy programme for providing energy security to the country.

Inaugurating the 16th National Symposium on Radiation Physics at the Meenakshi College for Women here, Dr Kakodkar said the role of universities in these activities could be enhanced by creating awareness among students and teachers about the current developments and prospects in radiation physics.

There had been commendable increase in the research activities of Indian universities in the areas of radiation physics. For research scholars, engaged in such activities, this symposium provided an opportunity for presentation and discussion of their work with peers.

Dr Kakodkar also inaugurated an exhibition of DAE, focussing on the development of nuclear power technology and various applications of radiation technologies in the field of medicine, agriculture, industry and research.

The exhibits demonstrated the achievements of DAE in the development of pressurised heavy water reactors, fast breeder reactors at Kalpakkam, new addition of reactors at Koodankulam, uranium mining activities, fuel fabrication and reprocessing activities.