

Shri S.R.Paranjpe, Former Director, Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research passes away



It was with a deep sense of shock and grief that we at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam came to know of the passing away of our former Director, Shri S.R.Paranjpe on 23rd March 2013.

This Centre owes its existence and growth to the late Shri Paranjpe, who was one of the founders of the erstwhile Reactor Research Centre in 1971. He was fondly called the father of Indian Fast Reactor Programme. He was instrumental in setting up the Fast Breeder Test Reactor as well as several associated facilities which made this Centre a centre of excellence in the field of sodium cooled fast reactors. He also initiated the design of the 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor, which is currently under construction at Kalpakkam. He built a dedicated team of scientists and engineers to pursue the fast reactor programme in India and assiduously guided them. An intense humanist he was, he also started the Homoeopathic Association of Kalpakkam to provide medical assistance to the poor people around.

In the passing away of Shri S. R. Paranjpe, this Centre has lost a well wisher and guide, the nation has lost a patriotic scientist whose every breath was for the growth and well being of India in general and Indian Nuclear Programme in particular.

We pray to the almighty that his soul rest in peace. We also convey our heart-felt condolences to the bereaved family.