

Visit of Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam to IGCAR



Dr. Baldev Raj, Director, IGCAR, explaining the status of Fast Breeder Test Reactor to Dr. Abdul Kalam. Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, AEC and Dr. S. Banerjee, Director, BARC join the discussion

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Former President, Union of India undertook a brief visit to IGCAR on 24th April, 2008. He visited Fast Breeder Test Reactor and the facilities in Post-Irradiation Examination Division, Non Destructive Evaluation Division and Reprocessing Group in IGCAR. He also visited BHAVINI and some of the laboratories in BARC Facilities at Kalpakkam.

His passion towards youngsters and students was reflected in the interaction session with the student community of IGCAR comprising of the Trainee Scientific Officers and Research Scholars. Dr. Abdul Kalam, enthusiastically answered to the volley of the questions put forth by the intriguing students.



In his address to the students he said:

Everyone especially the students should do a SWOT analysis in life. The four main points which one should ponder towards achieving success in any endeavour are: aim, acquiring knowledge, hard work and perseverance. To be successful, one has to become a captain and defeat the problem.



He made a mention of the great strides our country is taking towards economic growth. In order to be self-reliant and to push the GDP from the present level of 8% to 10%. He identified the following thrust areas: (1) Education and Health care (2) Agriculture and Agro products (3) Nuclear Technology and (4) Information Technology.

With an outstanding experience in scientific research, he gave the following tips in the form of seven commandments to students to tackle scientific problems and achieve outstanding results:



- *Wherever I am, a thought will always come to my mind as to what I give*
- *Whatever the minimum I do, my motto will be to work with integrity and succeed with integrity*
- *I will always remember that let not my winged days be spent in vain*
- *I realize that I have to set a great goal that will lead me to think high and realize the goal*

- *My greatest friends will be great human beings, great teachers and greatest books*
- *I firmly believe that no problems can defeat me and I will be the captain of my problems and defeat the problem and succeed*
- *I believe that dreams are transformed to thoughts and thoughts lead to success*