

DAE Diamond Jubilee Event

NPCIL interface entices 60,000 at Nagpur Science Carnival

Neither the dazzle of a blockbuster running in town, nor the frosty afternoons of January could deflect the swarms of students, teachers, parents, professionals who made a beeline to the 20-plus science pavilions at the Raman Science Centre in Nagpur from January 7-11 last week. Alongside a Vibrant Gujarat was an equally vibrant Nagpur citizenry vying with one another to get a glimpse of the models on display and grab insights into how things work and the science behind the phenomena they sense. In this science carnival was an alluring model of a nuclear plant, perched at the NPCIL interface. Its flickering lights and an intriguing virtual movement of fluids through an array of pipes and equipment only heightened curiosities of the groups, pulling them into its vortex. The team of NPCIL H.O and TMS resource-persons had a challenging time addressing an unceasing stream of visitors. At the end of the day what mattered was an honest sharing of scientific facts on nuclear energy using the model and printed literature as educational aids.

The Centre, one of NPCIL's most trusted allies in furthering the cause of nuclear energy, gave us two powerful platforms for making formal presentations- one by H.O representative, the other by TMS representative. The former was centred on the technology of nuclear power, while the latter on its science. In a pleasant twist to events, the scientists of the Centre repeated and reinforced NPCIL's key messages to the audiences at the end of the presentations. An exhortation made by a credible, neutral entity assuredly left the most indelible mark on the audiences' minds. The mark that we intended to etch was – "Nuclear energy is as safe and viable as any other form of energy."

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