



Short CV of Dr Anil Kakodkar

Anil Kakodkar, obtained his BE Hons. (Mech. Engineering) degree from the Bombay University in 1963 and M.Sc. in the Experimental Stress Analysis from the Nottingham University in 1969. He joined the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) in 1964, became the Director of BARC in the year 1996 and the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Atomic Energy, during the years 2000 -2009. India's atomic energy programme received significant boost through contributions and leadership of Dr. Kakodkar. He conceptualised and built Dhruva, one of the largest research reactors and was among the key top individuals responsible for the peaceful nuclear explosion experiment in the year 1974 and nuclear weapons tests in 1998. He also pioneered indigenous development of PHWR power reactor system and design of AHWR that would use thorium. Dr Kakodkar has been felicitated with all the three Padma awards besides numerous others. Dr Kakodkar continues to be active in several aspects of energy, education and societal development. Several reports of national importance have been brought out by committees chaired by him. He is pursuing development of CILLAGE concept for sustainable bridging of urban rural divide. He also chairs Rajiv Gandhi Science and Technology Commission of Govt. of Maharashtra along with many other bodies.