



PUSHING THE FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE

## Address by Chief Guest

**Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Member, AEC & Chairperson, RGSTC, Mumbai**

### About the Speaker:

- Anil Kakodkar is Chairman of Rajiv Gandhi Science and Technology Commission, Government of Maharashtra, and Former Chairman and currently a Member of Atomic Energy Commission.
- Kakodkar has been a key contributor to India's strategic programme and has worked for the development of the atomic energy programme in India throughout his professional life.
- Kakodkar received his BE from the Bombay University (1963) and M.Sc. from the Nottingham University (1969). He joined the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (the then Atomic Energy Establishment) in 1964. He became the Director of BARC in 1996 and served as the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), during the years 2000 - 2009. He was DAE Homi Bhabha Chair Professor during Jan. 2010 – Jan. 2015 and INAE Satish Dhawan Chair of Engineering Eminence during Jan. 2015 to Jan. 2017.
- Kakodkar championed observer status for India at CERN (European Centre for Nuclear Research), partnership in the ITER (International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor) project and exemption for nuclear trade from Nuclear Supplier's Group (NSG). Notable among his innovative contributions to human resource development activities are the establishment of NISER (National Institute of Science Education and Research), DAE-Mumbai University CBS (Centre for Basic Sciences) and HBNI (Homi Bhabha National Institute). He also led a committee set up by Government of Maharashtra to look at higher education in the State. Another high level committee under his Chairmanship has made comprehensive recommendations for improvement of safety on Indian Railway.
- Dr. Kakodkar presently devotes his time primarily on issues related to energy, education and societal development. He has been propagating the concept of CILLAGE, a knowledge based ecosystem for bridging city and village gaps for technology enabled sustainable development in rural areas.

