Sub: Chennai Science Festival: A new chapter in AERB’s initiative on public awareness.

Chennai Science festival was held from 27th -30th January 2012 at Anna Gem School, Chennai. AERB, for the first time, displayed its exhibits on the Safety and Regulatory aspects of Nuclear & Radiation Facilities, in a public forum. The exhibits consisted of AERB’s role in ensuring safety by way of issuance of consents, multi-tier review process and regulatory inspections. The AERB safety documents were displayed for the public to get a glimpse of the technical aspects of Regulation. The exhibits also aimed at giving a correct perspective on doses vis-à-vis doses received by way of medical diagnostics and natural background and the actual public dose received due to radioactive discharges from Nuclear Power Plants etc;

The general public were also made aware of AERB’s technical co-operation with international regulatory bodies and international agencies.

The response to the AERB’s exhibit at the science fair was extremely encouraging with more than 250 visitors of various age groups visiting the stall and getting informed about AERB and its role. Positive feedback on the exhibits, information provided and AERB’s responsibilities were received from the visitors.

The AERB exhibition stall at Chennai Science Festival was managed by two AERB Scientific Officers, Smt. Anuradha V., SO/E and Shri Parikshat Bansal, SO/D.

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Shri Parikshat Bansal, SO/D and Smt. V. Anuradha, SO/E at the AERB Exhibition Stall at the Chennai Science Festival