## CHAIRMAN, AERB HOISTS NATIONAL FLAG ON THE 75<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY ON 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2021

Shri G. Nageswara Rao, Chairman, AERB hoisted the National Tri-colour at AERB premises on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 at 10.00 AM. This year India's independence is being celebrated as **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav** to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> year of independence.

Chairman, AERB in his speech went through the various facets of India's freedom struggle and said that many of today's youth are not aware of the hardships and sacrifices that the people of India went through to attain independence. He said that our Nation should be First and Always First in order to see that no opportunities of progress and well-being are missed.

He informed that in spite of the pandemic Covid-19 surge (second wave), the functioning of AERB did not suffer and there was no delay in completing the safety assessments and issuing clearances and authorisations at various levels. These included publication of various Safety Codes and Guides, Issuance of consents for KAPP-3, GHAVP-1&2 and KGS-5&6, conducting several Webinar's, development of Remote Regulatory Inspections, participation in IAEA meetings through virtual mode, development of REGDOC Management system, etc. He appreciated the efforts of IT section for making it possible to hold meetings, seminars and webinars through suitable platforms, which helped AERB to continue its regulatory activities in near normal fashion.

AERB has plans for celebrating AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV for one year in a befitting manner. With this in view, a Rangoli-cum-Hindi Caption - Hindi Speech - Competition was organized in AERB. Prizes to the winners were handed over by Chairman. Shri G. Nageswara Rao also inaugurated the On-line Module for Assessment of Inspectors & Trainees, which is now available through AERB Intranet. He urged all the AERBites to strive towards the progress of India as a whole and to take decisions collectively.