

OBITUARY



Dr. Srikumar Banerjee, Former Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy (November 30, 2009 to April 30, 2012) left for his heavenly abode on May 23, 2021. He also served as Director, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) from April 30, 2004 to May 19, 2010. He was holding the position of Chancellor of Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI).

Dr. Banerjee obtained a B.Tech degree with honours in Metallurgical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur in 1967. After completing his training at the BARC Training School, he joined the erstwhile Metallurgy Division of BARC in 1968. He was awarded Ph.D in Metallurgical Engineering by IIT, Kharagpur, in 1974, on the basis of the work carried out by him during the first few years of his career in BARC.

During his tenure as Director, BARC and later on as Chairman, AEC he immensely supported AERB and the safety research programme of AERB Safety Research Institute (SRI). He was always been forthcoming and supportive, whenever AERB needed to enhance its manpower as well as technical know-how and also in carrying out validation of various computer codes in BARC. SRI of AERB in particular is greatly indebted for this valuable support.

During the term of Dr. Banerjee, as Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, AERB has been benefitted by the timely approval of its important proposals, which has greatly helped AERB in its functioning. He also fully supported the safety enhancement measures recommended by AERB following the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi NPP in 2011.

AERBites offer deep condolences to the bereaved family and pray to the Almighty God to give them the strength to bear this irrevocable loss.

May his Soul Rest in Peace.