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## Speaks on "ATOMS IN THE SERVICE OF NATION"



**Abstract:** The department of Atomic Energy is serving with the logo "Atoms in the Service of the Nation" which has its genesis to the famous speech of "Atom for Peace" delivered by President Eisenhower in 1953 to the United Nation. President Eisenhower specifically challenged scientists and engineers to harness the energy from atom for humanitarian applications in medicine, agriculture, and other non-power aspects of direct benefit to the humanity. Although majority of our citizen are aware of the contribution of nuclear technology to the production of electricity, most of are unaware of the impact of this technology is even greater for non-power applications. This talk will highlight how the atomic research is consistently delivering the benefits of nuclear science and technology by several ways in achieving Energy Security, Health Security, Food Security, Water Security, National Security of the country in addition to supporting world class research in nuclear science and technology.

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