



Report on Public Awareness Workshop on Radiation Technology and Nuclear Energy

Day & Date: Saturday, 16th August 2025

Event Name: Public Awareness Workshop on “*Beneficial Effects of Radiation Technology and the Indian Nuclear Energy Programme*”

Organizing Body: Centre for Artificial Intelligence, Madhav Institute of Technology & Science (Deemed University), Gwalior

In Collaboration With: Indian Association for Radiation Protection (IARP)

Duration: 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Madhav Institute of Technology & Science (Deemed University), Gwalior, proudly hosted a one-day Public Awareness Workshop on “*Beneficial Effects of Radiation Technology and the Indian Nuclear Energy Programme*” on **16th August 2025**. The workshop was organized by the **Centre for Artificial Intelligence, MITS Gwalior**, in collaboration with the **Indian Association for Radiation Protection (IARP)**.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from around **90–100 students** and **10 faculty members**, representing **MITs (DU) Gwalior, ITM University, and Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Gwalior**.

Eminent Speakers

The sessions were conducted by experts from IARP:

- **Dr. Chitra Subramanian – Senior Scientific Officer, BARC & Executive Committee Member, IARP**
- **Shri R.K.B. Yadav – Head, Emergency Preparedness & Response Section, BARC**

In addition, the **edutainment team of three members** – **Shri Yatin Thakur, Shri Atul Likhite, and Shri Ram Badade** – performed an innovative science skit titled “**Kum Mein Hai Dum**”, which simplified complex nuclear concepts through engaging theatre.

Workshop Highlights

The lectures and activities covered:

- **Fundamentals of atomic energy**
- **Radiation and the environment**
- **Peaceful applications of nuclear technology in medicine, agriculture, industry, and energy production**
- **Live demonstrations of radiation monitoring instruments, providing hands-on experience**

The day-long event not only enhanced technical knowledge but also successfully dispelled long-held myths about radiation.

Key Learnings from the Workshop

- **Radiation is natural and everywhere:** Each person is naturally exposed to **~2.4 mSv/year** from the sun, soil, food, and body, which is completely safe.
- **Radiation is not always harmful:** When regulated, it has wide-ranging applications:
 - **Medicine:** cancer treatment, diagnostic scans (X-rays, CT, PET).

- **Agriculture:** improving crop yields, controlling pests, food preservation.
- **Industry:** sterilization, non-destructive testing, clean energy production.
- Strict safety measures exist: Radiation workers follow **limits of 20 mSv/year**, while the general public has a limit of **1 mSv/year**. Monitoring devices like **dosimeters** ensure safety.
- **Nuclear energy is clean and reliable:** It produces minimal greenhouse gases while ensuring a steady electricity supply.

The workshop effectively demonstrated that radiation, when applied responsibly, is not to be feared but **embraced as a powerful tool** for progress. The skit and demonstrations made the **learning interactive, memorable, and practical**.

Feedback & Closing

Students and faculty expressed that while it was **an honor to host this program at MITS (DU Gwalior)**, the true privilege was learning directly from such eminent experts. The sessions reinforced that **radiation is a friend of modern society when used wisely**.

The institute extended heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Chitra Subramanian and Shri R.K.B. Yadav for their invaluable insights, and to the **“Kum Mein Hai Dum”** team for bringing **science “out of the slides and straight into reality.”**

The workshop concluded with applause and heartfelt appreciation for the dignitaries, participants, and organizers. The core message resonated deeply: **radiation should be approached with knowledge and care, not fear**.









