

A Closing Line.....

Writing history is a difficult task. Writing scientific history to document the progress and achievements of a scientific Department is even more difficult. One has to depend on the resources from archival material and inputs from a number of persons who were or have been associated with the institute for a very long period of time. That part is easy. The difficult part is that the Editor has to ensure that all the important events and research work carried out over the years are highlighted without missing anything! And that is a tall order. I am thankful to a large number of eminent scientists and fellow colleagues who have selflessly contributed by discussing ideas, sharing data, providing photographs, reading drafts of the manuscript and enthusiastically pointing out any loose ends to me. The volume owes much to the generous use of red pencil by most of them and that has helped us in documenting the significant scientific achievements of the radioisotopes and radiation technology programme of the last fifty years of DAE. Yet, I must admit that any flaws that remain in the book are my responsibility.

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