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DG IAEA Inaugurates S N Bose Building at the Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership and Introduces Certificate Course on Nuclear Engineering

Marking a significant milestone for the Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership (GCNEP), a premier R&D unit under the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Mr. Rafael Mariano Grossi, inaugurated the S N Bose Building and introduced the Certificate Course on Nuclear Engineering in the august presence of the diplomats of GCNEP partner countries. Senior officials of the Ministry of External Affairs and DAE were present on the occasion. The event was held at the Sushma Swaraj Bhavan, New Delhi.

The newly inaugurated S N Bose Building, named in honour of the eminent Indian physicist Dr. Satyendra Nath Bose, shall serve as an advanced hub for research and training in nuclear science and technology. The facility houses state-of-the-art laboratories catering to GCNEP's specialised schools, enhancing its capabilities in nuclear security, reactor technology, radiation safety, nuclear material characterisation, and radioisotope applications.

The event also witnessed the introduction of the Certificate Course on Nuclear Engineering, a six-month programme designed to provide in-depth knowledge on reactor physics, nuclear fuel cycle, radiological safety, nuclear safeguards, and emerging applications of nuclear technology. The course is planned to be opened to all the signatories of GCNEP globally and would cater to 40 international and 10 national participants in a batch. The course aims to foster a new generation of nuclear professionals equipped to contribute to the safe, secure, and sustainable use of nuclear energy.

Speaking on the occasion, DG IAEA, Mr. Grossi, highlighted the importance of global collaboration in nuclear science and capacity-building.

GCNEP Member countries reaffirmed their commitment to global nuclear collaboration, emphasising advanced reactor technologies, workforce development, education and training, and public outreach. Discussions highlighted international partnerships, non-proliferation, and expanding bilateral cooperation. The role of nuclear energy in ensuring energy security while mitigating climate change was underscored, alongside its contributions to healthcare, cancer care, technical cooperation, and global health research

Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Secretary, DAE & Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, reaffirmed India's commitment to advancing nuclear technology and global cooperation for societal and economic development using nuclear energy.

The Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership continues to strengthen India's role as a global leader in nuclear research, innovation, and capacity-building, supporting the broader vision of achieving Net Zero and fostering sustainable energy solutions worldwide.

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