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DRDO Organises 26th Brig Mazumdar Memorial Oration

The **26th Brig Mazumdar Memorial Oration** was organized by Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), DRDO at Dr Bhagavantham Auditorium, Metcalfe House, Delhi on 16 Aug 2012. Dr V Bhujanga Rao, Distinguished Scientist and CC (HR) presided over the function. He stressed the importance of interaction between scientists and engineers with medical professionals in the development of biomedical technologies while describing his experience with the development of cochlear implants. An indigenous cochlear implant that will make this hi tech device available at affordable price has been developed by DRDO and is undergoing trial. He also outlined some of the other biomedical products being developed by DRDO like the Deep Brain Stimulator.

Dr **VM Katoch**, Secretary Department of Health Research & Director General, ICMR delivered the oration on "Journey from Bio-Medical to Health Research: Challenges & Opportunities". In his thought-provoking lecture, Dr Katoch traced the evolution of medical research in India and summarized the valuable contributions of various research agencies. He gave a roadmap for translating the strong clinical set up for the benefit of the health of the country's population by having a holistic approach.

Lt Gen KK Singh, PVSM, SM, VSM, Commandant Army Hospital (R&R), the Guest of Honor, released the souvenir brought out on the occasion.

Late Brig. SK Mazumdar was the former Director of INMAS and is recognized as **Father of Nuclear Medicine** in India. Young scientist Award for the best work in Nuclear Medicine and the award for best student of the Diploma in Radiation Medicine course of Delhi University were presented on the occasion.

Earlier, Dr RP Tripathi, Director, INMAS presented an overview of the activities of INMAS and Brig. SK Mazumdar Trust. The function was attended by a large number of doctors and scientists from DRDO, Armed Forces and academia such as Air Marshal D P Joshi, DGAFMS, Prof. R C. Deka, Director, AIIMS, Directors of DRDO Laboratories and corporate headquarters.