

## DRAFT EVENT REPORT

### SECOND PROFESSOR R. BALASUBRAMANIAM MEMORIAL LECTURE

#### DMRL, HYDERABAD

The Second Professor R Balasubramaniam Memorial Lecture was organized at Tamhankar Auditorium, DMRL on December 09, 2013 under the auspices of INAE Study Group on Indian Engineering Heritage on Metallurgy. The lecture, titled '**The Role of Traditional Technologies in the Early Urbanization and Today**', was delivered by **Prof. D.P. Agrawal, NASI Platinum Jubilee Fellow & Director (Hon), Lok Vigyan Kendra, Almora**. The programme was chaired by Dr. G. Malakondaiah, Distinguished Scientist & Chief Controller R&D (HR & TM), DRDO Headquarters, New Delhi.

Dr. Amol A. Gokhale, Outstanding Scientist and Director, DMRL gave the '*Welcome Address*'. Dr. S. Srikanth, Director, National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur & Chairman of the INAE Study Group on Indian Engineering Heritage on Metallurgy, in his '*Introductory Remarks*' talked briefly about the Study Group itself, and also mentioned the immense contributions made by the Late Professor R Balasubramaniam towards the cause of archaeometallurgy and the rich metallurgical heritage of India. Delivering the *Chairman's Address*, Dr. Malakondaiah fondly recalled the days at Banaras Hindu University when he taught Professor Balasubramaniam (then an undergraduate student) and of the multiple talents that Bala possessed and was known for at IT-BHU (now IIT-BHU). He also made reference to the seminal contributions made by Bala in the study of the Delhi Iron Pillar. Dr. S. Jaikishan, Member of the Prof. R. Balasubramaniam Memorial Lecture Committee, shared his reminiscences and gratifying personal experience of working closely with Professor Balasubramaniam in various aspects of Indian archaeometallurgy, especially the documentation and study of Cannons. Following this, the main lecture was delivered by Prof. D.P. Agrawal, who also shared with the audience his interactions with, and deep respect for, Prof. Balasubramaniam. The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. R. Balamuralikrishnan of DMRL. Several INAE Fellows graced the occasion with their presence.

***[Event photographs enclosed as a .zip file]***