

# Countries across the world opting for nuclear energy: Kakodkar

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**Pune:** Former Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) chairman Dr Anil Kakodkar, while debunking the claims that a number of nations were shutting down their nuclear energy establishments, on Monday said that on the contrary many countries were aggressively pursuing the nuclear power option.

Dr Kakodkar, while answering questions from the audience after delivering

a talk on 'Preparing for our secure energy future' at the Agharkar Research Institute on the eve of the National Science Day, pointed out that the United States was undertaking the construction of a new nuclear plant at Georgia while the United Kingdom, too, was increasing its power programme.

France has no plans to shut down any of its nuclear power stations. Japan has shut down power stations for inspection purposes since it is reviewing its policy on the energy mix. This does not

## SENA TURNS UP, SAYS DON'T TALK ABOUT JAITAPUR



Shiv Sena activists on Monday turned up at the Agharkar Research Institute and demanded that Kakodkar should not make any reference to the Jaitapur n-plant in his talk. The Institute officials pointed out that the theme of Kakodkar's lecture was 'Preparing for our secure energy future' and had nothing do with Jaitapur. Kakodkar, while speaking to reporters after the lecture, refused to comment on the issue. "Dealing with protests is not my job. I am not a politician," he said while pointing out that he talked on technical issues.

imply that Japan will exclude nuclear power from its new energy mix policy.

China and Korea too are pursuing nuclear power programmes aggressively, while the Middle East has taken a decision to construct a nuclear power station — a decision that was taken after the Fukushima incident, Kakodkar said. He added that it was only Germany which has decided to phase out its nuclear power stations, but, this too, is an old decision. >> **Continued on P2**

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