



AITEC workshop on information security

By Our Staff Reporter

KOLLAM, APRIL 9. The director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai, B. Bhattacharjee, will inaugurate a three-day national workshop on "Information Technology and Cryptography" on April 11 being organised by the Amrita Institute of Technology and Science (AITEC) at Amritapuri near here.

At a press conference here today, the AITEC correspondent, Swami Abhyamrita Chaidanya, and the AITEC principal, K. Shankaran, said that the workshop, 'Infocrypt 2003', is the second of its kind to be held in the country.

Participants in the workshop would include senior scientists from premier Government institutions like the BARC, the Defense Research and Development Laboratories, the Bureau for Police Research and Development, the Forensic Science Laboratories, the Centre for Forensic Science Laboratories, the Government Examined Questioned Documents and the Society for Electronics Transactions and Security.

The keynote address at the inaugural session

would be delivered by the chairman of the Bangalore-based Indian Institute of Science, N. Balakrishnan. The benedictory address at the inaugural function would be delivered by the vice-chairman of the Matha Amritanandamayi Math, Swami Amritaswarupanada.

The director of the Indian Institute of Mathematical Sciences, R. Balasubramaniam, will talk on the "number theory" and the scientists from the Defence Research and Development Organisation, P.K. Saxena and S.K. Pal, will deliver talks on "Symmetric and Asymmetric Key Algorithms" and "Steganography" respectively.

Swami Abhayamitra Chaidanya said that the unique aspect of the event is that it would be the first time that such a workshop was being held with a blend of theory and lab sessions.

At the valedictory function, the Union Minister of State for Defence, O. Rajagopal, will be the chief guest. Meanwhile, Professor Shankaran said that the AITEC planned on undertaking major research work in areas related to Information Security and the workshop was a prelude to such research activities.