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I am happy to learn that a Nuclear Research Laboratory will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister on November 29, 1971, at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute for the purpose of intensifying our research on the peaceful applications of atomic energy for the welfare of our people. Improvement in the per capita productivity and income of our masses through the generation of opportunities for gainful employment is our most urgent task. All tools that science offers for achieving this goal should be fully utilised as speedily as possible. Our agricultural scientists have shown that they can contribute effectively to the transformation of our agrarian economy, if they are given the opportunity and the means to do so. I am happy that through the Nuclear Research Laboratory, they will get an added facility for service. Agrarian advance is the only foundation upon which the edifice of rural prosperity can be built. I wish our agricultural scientists every success in their great endeavour.

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