



FOND FAREWELL: President K.R. Narayanan and his wife Usha Narayanan (backs to car) bid goodbye to vice chairman of council of management, NIAS Dr Raja Ramanna and his wife after a function to celebrate the birth centenary of Indian scientist K.S. Krishnan in Bangalore on Tuesday. Also seen are director of NIAS, Prof. Roddam Narasimha (second from right) and governor Khurshed Alam Khan (second from left). A photograph by Ravindranath K.

'Tests not done to join nuclear club'

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Bangalore, July 28: India's objective following its nuclear tests was not to blast its way into the nuclear club but to awaken the people of the world to work together for the liquidation of any such club along with the immense stock of weapons of mass destruction in the cellars of the club, said the President, Mr K.R. Narayanan, here on Tuesday. Speaking at the inauguration of the birth centenary celebrations of eminent Indian scientist, K.S. Krishnan, at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, the president said that no country has believed in using science and technology for peaceful purposes as

India has, during the last 50 years of Independence. "No country has pleaded so passionately and consistently for disarmament and elimination of nuclear weapons as India has done," he said. "It is my belief that India's nuclear weapons capability demonstrated recently will act as a catalytic agent in the international efforts to eliminate nuclear weapons from the face of the earth," the President said.

Regarding the sanctions on India by the advanced nations following the nuclear tests, the President said these countries failed to remember that fundamental discoveries in mathematics and geometry were through contributions from the Indian civilisations.