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I think of the GMRT as a rare example of a fantastic scientific instrument which is truly beautiful. I remember being stunned by the sight of antennas in the distance, viewed from a nearby hilltop, all part of the famous "Y", and with an ethereal quality that is quite unique. It is an amalgam of science, technology and beauty like no other.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the team which has set it up, kept it going and carried out the upgrade that continues to keep it at the forefront of science today. I am glad that I had a small administrative role to play in the upgrade --- and that it gave me a chance to climb the hill and see that fantastic formation.