

ASTRONAUTICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA (ASI)

(Reg. No. 317/90-91)

Reg. Office: U R Rao Satellite Center, Old Airport Road, Vimanapura Post, Bengaluru – 560 017

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Sub: ASI Excellence in Astronautics Awards-2023: Calling Nomination for 'Aryabhata', 'ASI Awards', 'Space Gold Medal', 'Utkristha Antariksh Nari Vaigyanik', 'Udeeyman Yuva Vaigyanik Award' and 'Sarvshreshtha Team Achievement', Award for the year 2023

The Astronautical Society of India (ASI), is devoted to foster the development of astronautics and ensuring wide spread dissemination of scientific and technical information relating to astronautics through publications, seminars, workshops, exhibition etc. In recent years the 'Nari Shakti' and the 'Yuva Shakti' have significantly increased in Indian space sector. In view of these, ASI, has constituted three new awards these new awards are, Utkristha Antariksh Nari Vaigyanik Award (उत्कृष्ट अन्तरिक्ष नारी वैज्ञानिक पुरस्कार), Udeeyman Yuva Vaigyanik Award (उदयमान युवा वैज्ञानिक पुरस्कार) and Sarvshreshtha Team Achievement Award (सर्वश्रेष्ठ टीम उपलब्धि पुरस्कार).

ASI is pleased to announce call for nominations from [any citizen of India](#) for the following categories of prestigious ASI awards.

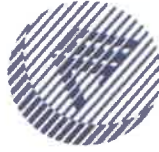
1. Aryabhata Award

Aryabhata award is given every year to an individual for outstanding life time contribution to the promotion of Astronautics in India. The outstanding contribution could be new and novel development of critical technologies, development of new designs, innovation of new capabilities that can lead to import substitution, establishment of national systems involving astronautics etc.

➤ Eligibility Criteria:

- The individual should have served in a senior scientific and/ or managerial level and should have been involved in important decision-making processes in the field of astronautics.





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- Only the PERSONS OF DISTINCTION in Aeronautics or Astronautics shall be nominated for this award, and nominee should have made notable and valuable contributions to the space sciences or technology thereof.
- The nominee should be an Indian Citizen, **and there is no age bar.**
- **ASI Aryabhata Award Components:**
 - Citation recognizing the recipient's accomplishments.
 - Cash award of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One lakh only).

2. ASI Award

ASI award is given every year to the individual for their outstanding contribution made in India separately in each of the following fields:

- a) Rocket and Related Technologies (Rocketry)**
- b) Spacecraft and Related Technologies**
- c) Space Science and Applications**
- d) Space Systems Management**

➤ **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Any Citizen of India working in the space industry.
- Significant contributions to the Indian space sector.

➤ **ASI Award Components:**

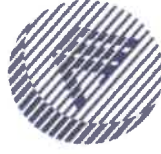
- Citation recognizing the recipient's accomplishments.
- Cash award of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-five thousand only).

3. Space Gold Medal

ASI has been recognizing a few outstanding individuals for their significant contributions by awarding "**Space Gold Medal**". The nominations may be sent under the following category.

- a) Women employees (one award each year)**
- b) Technical Assistants / Tradesmen (one award each year)**
- c) General Category (two awards each year)**





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➤ Eligibility Criteria:

The criteria for the award are that a particular individual has made himself / herself an outstanding example of 'space culture' through a unique act/contribution/work during his/her tenure at the organization. These awards are instituted by a donor who indicated some examples of **space culture** that could be:

- Exemplary display of courage in the face of risks in correcting an anomaly there by contributing to the success of the mission.
- Supporting the crucial task at a critical juncture of an important mission without caring for personal inconvenience.
- A valuable input to the design/development of a hardware/software, thereby making a major impact on the innovation/reliability/overall performance of a subsystems / system.
- Exhibition of consistent sense of dedication over a period without looking for any particular gains.
- Clear evidence of exemplary leadership of a project/program/mission or development with a distinct challenge under difficult conditions.
- Many such similar criteria that can be constructed as 'space culture'.

➤ ASI Award Components:

- Citation recognizing the recipient's accomplishments.
- Gold Medal with ASI Logo

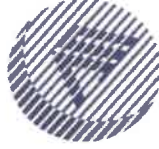
4. Utkristha Antariksh Nari Vaigyanik Award (उत्कृष्ट अन्तरिक्ष नारी वैज्ञानिक पुरस्कार)

This award is constituted to recognize the talent of working women (Nari Shakti) for the contributions in the Indian space sector.

➤ Eligibility Criteria:

- Indian women working in the space industry.





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- Significant contributions to the Indian space sector.
- Must be below 35 years of age as on 31st December of the calendar year for which nominations for the award are called.

➤ **Award Components:**

- Citation recognizing the recipient's accomplishments.
- Cash award of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-five thousand only).

5. Udeeyman Yuva Vaigyanik Award (उद्यमान युवा वैज्ञानिक पुरस्कार)

In order to recognize and encourage the original natural talents in the younger space Scientists/ Engineers/ Academicians, ASI has instituted 'Udeeyman Yuva Vaigyanik Award' to be given to young scientist of Indian space sector.

➤ **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Young Scientists/ Engineers/ Academicians working in Indian space Industry.
- Original contributions in Indian space activities
- Must be below the age of 30 years as on 31st December of the calendar year for which the nominations for award are called.

➤ **Award Components:**

- Citation acknowledging the young Scientist's/ Engineer's/ Academician's accomplishments.
- Cash award of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only).

6. Sarvshreshtha Team Achievement Award (सर्वश्रेष्ठ टीम उपलब्धि पुरस्कार)

Keeping in mind most of the activities in the budding space industry which are getting fructified due to the achievement of a team; ASI instituted "Sarvshreshtha Team Achievement Award" recognizing those teams who have contributed in the nature of innovation, critical development, new design, import substitution etc.

➤ **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Open to teams engaged in space industry activities including R&D and academia.
- Team size should be of a minimum of five and a maximum ten members.

➤ **Award Components:**





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- Citation recognizing the team's excellence.
- Cash award of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One lakh only), to be shared equally among all team members.

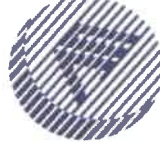
7. General Guidelines:

- ❖ All nominations should be submitted in the **prescribed format only** within specified deadline.
- ❖ The “Awards Committee”, constituted by President ASI, will be responsible for the evaluation of nominations and recommend the names/ teams of awardees to President, ASI.
- ❖ In case of disputes or ambiguities, the decision of the “Awards Committee” will be final.
- ❖ ASI reserves the rights to modify the guidelines, terms and conditions of the awards as deemed fit and necessary from time to time.
- ❖ Nominee’s most VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS (technical and/or leadership) and the resulting IMPACT of those contributions. For individual awards, the information provided should focus on the Nominee’s personal contributions, rather than contributions of a group with whom the candidate has worked.

8. Nomination Process:

- ❖ Strictly only **one nomination** (except in general category) in each category is expected from any organization/centre/unit/Non-Government entity, who have made significant contributions in the area of astronautics in terms of new and novel technologies /developments, innovation of new technologies/ capabilities which would go as an import substitution, establishment of national systems involving astronautics etc.
- ❖ Nominations can be submitted by ASI members, colleagues, mentors, institutions, or self-nomination, team leader, project managers.
- ❖ Nomination forms in a prescribed form should highlight the nominee's achievements and contributions.





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- ❖ Demonstrated service to the astronautics profession through active participation in astronautics-related professional organizations is an important consideration for the nomination.

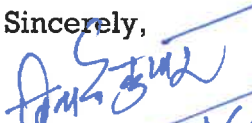
The nominations both soft and hard copy, may kindly be submitted to the undersigned through proper channel, on or before **June 15, 2024**. Please submit separate nominations for **each category of the awards** (Centre/Institution/Government/Non-Government Entity can submit as many nominations as desired), in the enclosed format.

NB: It is mandatory to eMail the soft copy to the ASI office email id: asi@ursc.gov.in.

KINDLY MAKE SURE THAT ASI APPLICATION FORM (ENCLOSED HEREWITH) IS ONLY USED FOR SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,


16.05.2024

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Encl: ASI Award Nomination Form

