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Sub: Extension for the Call for ASI Awards Nomination upto 30th July,2026

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. ASI is pleased to announce extension for the call for nominations upto July 30th, 2026 from any citizen of India for the following categories of prestigious ASI awards.

1. ASI Award in area of

a) Spacecraft and Related Technologies

➤ 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. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only).

2.Utkristha Antariksh Nari Vaigyanik Award

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.
- 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).

3. Udeeyman Yuva Vaigyanik Award

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).

4. Sarvshreshtha Team Achievement Award

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:**

- 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.

5. ASI- Aravamudan Memorial - Space Trailblazer Award

The ASI-Aravamudan Memorial-Space Trailblazer award shall be given to TWO successful space entrepreneurs for the development in space science, technology or applications, having made significant contribution to Indian space industry.

➤ **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Scientists/ Engineers/ Academicians/ Professionals working in Indian space Industry.
- Original contributions in Indian space activities

- Must be below the age of 40 years as on December 31, 2025.
- **Award Components:**
- This award carries a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only).

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 the contributions of a group with whom the candidate has worked.

Nomination Process:

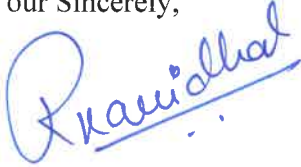
- ❖ Only **one nomination** in each category is expected from any organization/Centre/unit/non-government entity, who have made significant contributions in the area of astronautics in terms of new and novel technologies /developments, innovation of new technologies/ capabilities which would go as an 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.
- ❖ 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 **July 30, 2026**. 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.**

Your Sincerely,



Ritu Karidhal

Executive Secretary, ASI

Email: asi@ursc.gov.in

Encl: ASI Award Nomination form