



ASTRONAUTICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA (ASI)

(Reg. No. 317/90-91)

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ASI Excellence in Astronautics Awards-2020, 21 and 22: Calling Nomination for 'Aryabhata', 'ASI Awards', and 'Space Gold Medal' for the year 2020, 21, 22

Astronautical Society of India (ASI) was set up in 1990 to foster the development of astronautics in the country. ASI is engaged in the dissemination of technical and other information related to astronautics by conducting technical meetings, conferences, workshops, bringing out technical publications and organizing exhibitions. The society is also playing an active role to promote the interests of other developing countries in the field of astronautics through the International Astronautical Federation, Paris, of which ASI is a voting member. ASI has eminent personalities in the field of astronautics as Distinguished Fellows/Fellows on its roll. A programme council consisting of elected Distinguished Fellows/Fellows with Chairman, Space Commission, as its Ex-officio Chairman, oversees the functioning of the society. An Executive Council consisting of nine members including the President and Vice-president, Executive Secretary and Treasurer, elected by the General body, looks after the day to day functioning of the Society.

In view of the space sector reforms, initiated under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, over 150+ non-government entities (NGE's) have started working and contributing towards development of Astronautics for the country. To encourage participation from employees of NGE's, ASI Program Council and Executive Council is pleased to extend participation from NGE's in the ASI awards.

ASI is pleased to announce call for nominations from **any citizen of India** for the following categories of prestigious ASI awards for the year 2020, 21 and 22.

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. The individual should have served in a senior scientific



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and/ or managerial level and should have been involved in important decision-making processes in the field of astronautics. The nominee should be an Indian Citizen, and there is no age bar.

Aryabhata award carries a citation and cash award of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One lakh only).

2. ASI Awards

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**

ASI awards carry a citation and 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**”. This award carries a gold medal and a citation.

The criteria for the award are that a particular individual has made himself / herself an outstanding example of ‘**Indian 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.



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- 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'.

Nominations may be sent under the following category.


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

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.

The nominations both soft and hard copy, may kindly be submitted in the prescribed format, to the undersigned through proper channel, on or before **31st January 2023**. Please submit separate nominations for each category of the awards (centre/Institution/Non-Government Entity can submit as many nominations as desired), in the enclosed format. It is mandatory to eMail the soft copy to the ASI office email id: asi@ursc.gov.in.

Awardees Selection Method: All the valid nominations will be reviewed by the two committees viz. Aryabhata & ASI Awards selection committee and Space Gold Medal selection committee; formed by President, ASI. The members of the committee are drawn from Government, Indian space private industry and academia.

With best regards!


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