



# ASTRONAUTICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA (ASI)

## (Reg. No. 317/90-91)

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### **Sub: Excellence in Astronautics Awards-2019: Calling Nomination for 'Aryabhata', 'ASI', 'ISRO-ASI' & 'Space Gold Medal' Awards for the year 2019**

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.

#### **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 of technologies, critical technology developments, development of new designs, innovation of new capabilities which would go as import substitution, establishment of national systems involving astronautics etc. 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. The nominee should be an Indian Citizen, and there is no age bar.

Aryabhata award will have a citation and cash amount 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:

- 1. Rocket and Related Technologies (Rocketry)**
- 2. Spacecraft and Related Technologies**
- 3. Space Science and Applications**
- 4. Space Systems Management**

ASI award will have a citation and cash award of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five thousand only).



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### 3. ISRO-ASI Award

ASI has also instituted following **additional awards**, with contribution from ISRO, to be given every year from 2004 onwards to the eligible **ISRO/DOS employees ONLY** who have made significant contribution in the area of Astronautics.

**A.** This **ISRO-ASI** Awards is given to every individual in ISRO who have made significant contribution in India separately in each of the field of:

1. **Rocket and Related Technologies (Rocketry)**
2. **Spacecraft and Related Technologies**
3. **Space Science and Applications**
4. **Space Systems Management**

The individual awards as identified in the above areas will have a Citation and a cash award of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-five thousand only).

**B.** Additionally, one **ISRO-ASI** award is given to the **Best Women Scientist/Engineer** for her contribution to ISRO.

The award will have a citation and cash award of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-five thousand only).

**C.** In order to encourage the hidden talents in the younger Scientists/Engineers of ISRO, ASI has joined hands with ISRO and instituted '**Young Scientist Award**' to be given to young scientist of ISRO less than the age of 35 years (as on 01-01-2019) under the banner of ISRO-ASI awards.

Young Scientist award will consist of a citation and a cash award of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only).

**D.** Keeping in mind most of the activities in ISRO which are getting fructified due to the achievement of a team; ASI jointly with ISRO, instituted "**Team Achievement Award**" recognizing those teams who have contribution in the nature of innovation, critical development, new design, import substitution etc.



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This award will have a Citation and a Cash award of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One lakh only) to be shared equally among the members of the team. Team should be of a minimum of five and a maximum ten members only.

#### 4. Space Gold Medal

ASI has been recognizing a few outstanding individuals of **ISRO/DOS** 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 ‘ISRO culture’ through a unique act/contribution/work during his/her tenure at ISRO. These awards are instituted by a donor who indicated some examples of ISRO 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 ‘ISRO 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 for space gold medal in general category) in each category is expected from any organization/centre/unit, 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.



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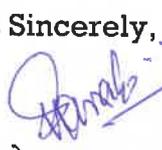
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The nominations both soft and hard copy, may kindly be submitted to the undersigned through proper channel, on or before 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020. Please submit separate nominations for **each category of the awards** (centre/Institution can submit as many nominations as desired), in the enclosed format. The soft copy may also be emailed to the ASI office email id: [asi@ursc.gov.in](mailto:asi@ursc.gov.in).

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

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

  
05/12/2020

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Encl: ASI Award Nomination Form