Nominations are invited for the Shri Hari Om Ashram Premit Dr Vikram Sarabhai Research Awards and PRL Award, for the year 2011. The former awards were established from funds provided by Pujya Shri Mota of Hari Om Ashram, Nadiad, while the latter was instituted from the Aruna Lal Endowment Fund established by Prof. Devendra Lal, Honorary Fellow and former Director of PRL. The awards, given in alternate years, consist of a cash prize of Rs 50,000 and a medal and will be given to outstanding Indian Scientists, who are below 45 years of age (born on or after 02.01.1966), on 1st January of the award year for their original work in the following fields:

A. Hari Om Awards, one each in the following four disciplines:
   (1) Space Sciences (including Astronomy, Astrophysics, Planetary and Atmospheric Sciences).
   (2) Space Applications (in the areas of Meteorology, Hydrology, Remote Sensing and related Ground Truths).
   (3) Electronics, Informatics, Telematics and Automation.
   (4) Systems Analysis or Management, including non-linear, non-equilibrium systems in natural and social sciences and technology.

B. PRL Award, for Innovative theoretical and or experimental studies in earth and planetary systems, including areas of oceanography, atmospheric sciences and meteorology.

Although the overall work of the candidates would be taken into account, the work done in India would be given prime consideration. The selections for the year 2011 will be completed by the second quarter of the year 2012 and the awards will be presented in August 2012.

The last date for receiving nominations is 29 February 2012. Nominators are required to send 2 copies of the nomination along with a CD, in a cover marked ‘confidential’, addressed to The Director, Physical Research Laboratory, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad 380 009. (The proforma for nomination has been placed at our website http://www.prl.res.in.)