

PHYSICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

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The Physical Research Laboratory awards, every two years, the prestigious **Shri Hari Om Ashram Prerit Dr Vikram Sarabhai Research Awards** and the **PRL Award**. The former awards were established from funds kindly provided by Pujya Shri Mota of Hari Om Ashram of 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 consisting of a cash prize of Rs 25,000/- will be made to outstanding Indian Scientists, who are below 45 years of age, on 1 January 1999 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 Awards, one award in

innovative theoretical and/or experimental studies in dynamic 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 candidate should have to his/her credit at least one or more of the following achievements:

1. Outstanding contributions in scientific research.
2. Successful development and adaptation of new and important technology.
3. Planning, development and implementation of systems in the context of science and technology.

The selections for the year 1999 will be completed by the first quarter of the year 2000 and the awards presented on 12 August 2000.

The last date for receiving nominations is **15 September 1999**. Nominators are required to send 6 copies of a brief write up (two-page note) summarizing the contributions and achievements of the candidate together with his/her biodata (6 copies) in a cover marked 'confidential', addressed to the Director, Physical Research Laboratory, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad 380 009.