Nominations are invited for the prestigious Shri Hari Om Ashram Prepit 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, given in alternate years, consist of a cash prize of Rs 25,000 and a medal and will be given to outstanding Indian scientists, who are below 45 years of age, on 1 January 2001 for their original work in the following fields:

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 nonlinear, nonequilibrium systems in natural and social sciences and technology.

PRL Award, 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 selections for the year 2001 will be completed by the first quarter of the year 2002 and the awards presented on 12 August 2002.

The last date for receiving nominations is 31 December 2001. Nominators are required to send six copies of a brief write-up (two-page note) summarizing the contributions and achievements of the candidate together with his/her biodata (six copies) in a cover marked ‘confidential’, addressed to the Director, Physical Research Laboratory, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad 380 009.

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**FOR**

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**DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT**

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**Call for Research Proposals**

Basic and applied research proposals from the faculty of various Universities and colleges working in the area of marine ecology located on the West Coast of India, are invited for financial support under the following thrust areas in the format prescribed by Department of Ocean Development:

i. Biodiversity of coastal ecosystem
ii. Plankton ecology and productivity
iii. Bio-indicators/bio-markers of coastal/marine pollution
iv. Environmental impacts of coastal aquaculture

Ten copies of the proposals in the prescribed format (available on request) may be sent to the undersigned to reach positively by 31 December 2001.

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