Nominations are invited for the prestigious Shri Hari Om Ashram Preit Dr Vikram Sarabhai Research Awards and the PRL Award for 2003. 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 2003 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, 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 2003 will be completed by the first quarter of the year 2004 and the awards presented on 12th August 2004.

The last date for receiving nominations is 31 December 2003. 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.

Applications are invited to work as Project Assistant/Research assistant in the DAE-BRNS funded research project (No. 2003/34/5-BRNS/591) entitled ‘Development of semiconducting polymer-based devices for spatially resolved photocurrent’ under Prof. K. S. Narayan. Qualification: M.Sc. Physics/Chemistry or BE. For more details and requirement see http://www.jncasr.ac.in/narayan/homepage/vacancy.htm

Interested candidates kindly send an e-mail with biodata to narayan@jncasr.ac.in.