



ज्ञान-विज्ञान विमुक्तये

आचार्य मनिष र. जोशी

सचिव

Prof. Manish R. Joshi

Secretary



सत्यमेव जयते



आज़ादी का
अमृत महोत्सव

विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग
University Grants Commission

(शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)
(Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

F.No.2-50/2025 (CPP-II)(C.No.172181)

26 कार्तिक, 1947/17th November, 2025

Subject: Invitation of nominations by DRDO for two National Level Awards for the years 2024 & 2025 –reg.

आदरणीय महोदया/महोदय,

It is informed that the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) has invited nominations for two National Level Awards for the years 2024 & 2025 to recognize and honour the individuals who have exhibited exceptional research contribution in the field of Defence Science and Technology.

The following are two National Level awards each carrying a citation and cash award of Rs. 10 Lakhs:-

- Dr. Kothari Defence Science Award; and
- Dr. Kalam Defence Technology Award.

These awards aim to acknowledge the outstanding achievements and innovations of the individuals serving in Government Organisation/Public Sector Enterprises/Private Organisations (Academia, Industry, R&D laboratories) and whose contributions have significantly impacted the advancement of Defence related research critical to our nation's security.

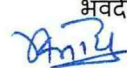
The details of the awards including guidelines for submission of nominations and prescribed **nomination proformas are enclosed herewith** and are also available at DRDO website (<http://drdo.gov.in>)

The nominations should contain all relevant details specified in the format including major contributions extended by the nominee in defence research and development (in about 100 words) and the details of such level of technology available elsewhere in the world. The nomination in the prescribed nomination format for National Level Awards will be accepted only through the Ministry/Departments/Organisations/Private Agencies (the consent of the nominee reflected through his signature in Nomination Form and Personal Information Form are mandatory). **The nominations directly from any individual will NOT be accepted.**

Two copies (alongwith annexure) of duly completed nominations in the prescribe format clearly indicating the name and year of the Award applied for are to be forwarded to Directorate of Personnel, DRDO HQ, DRDO Bhawan, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi-110 011 (Email: dte-pers.hqr@gov.in Phone: 011-2300 7218, FAX: 011-2301 4576 for query) **latest by 01 December 2025.** A soft copy of the nomination may also be forwarded to the above email.

All Higher Education Institutions are requested to take note of the above-mentioned awards and take necessary action accordingly.

सादर,

भवदीय,

(मनिष जोशी)

संलग्नक: उपरोक्तानुसार

सेवा में,

सभी विश्वविद्यालयों के कुलपति।

सभी महाविद्यालयों के प्राचार्य।

DRDO NATIONAL LEVEL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR 2024 & 2025

DRDO National Level Awards are open to all individuals serving in Government Organisation/ Public Sector Enterprises / Private Organisation (Academia, Industry, R&D laboratories) for their outstanding contribution in the field of Defence Science and Technology. The details of two National Level Awards are as under :-

(a) **Dr. Kothari Defence Science Award**

(One Award - Citation and Cash Amount of Rs. 10 Lakhs)

To be conferred upon an individual for his/her outstanding contribution in the field of Basic Research in Defence Science.

(b) **Dr. Kalam Defence Technology Award**

(One Award - Citation and Cash Amount of Rs. 10 Lakhs)

To be conferred upon an individual for his/her outstanding contribution in the field of Development of Defence Technology.

2. GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS

(a) The nomination in the prescribed nomination format for National Level Awards will be accepted only through the Ministry/Departments/Organisation/Private Agencies (the consent of the nominee reflected through his signature in Nomination Form and Personal Information Form are mandatory). The nominations **directly** from any individual will **NOT** be accepted.

(b) All the nominations for the awards duly signed by the nominators should conform to the proforma attached herewith. The Personal Information Form of nominee is mandatory for each of these awards. Separate nomination should be submitted for each type of awards.

(c) A Power Point Presentation containing **maximum Five Slides** (other than in pdf form and without animation) giving personal details, organization details, work experience, major contribution and details of previous award/citation, if any, should be submitted with the nomination. A soft copy of the Power Point Presentation should be forwarded to the e-mail ID given in Para 2(e) below.

(d) The nomination should also be supported by the copies of documents / certificates of educational qualification; major contribution in the field of Defence Science and Technology; previous awards or citations, if any and innovation in the form of patents/publication/product improvement, etc.

(e) Two copies of duly completed nomination form alongwith requisite documents are required to be submitted to Directorate of Personnel, DRDO HQ. DRDO Bhawan, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi -110011 and a soft copy of the same is required to be forwarded on Email : dte-pers.hqr@gov.in (Ph : 011-23007218, Fax : 011-23014576 for query).

3. HOW TO FILL THE NOMINATION FORM

(a) The nomination form should be neatly typed in MS Word (strictly as per the proforma attached) using the Times New Roman Font Size 12 on A4 size paper.

(b) The name of award (Dr. Kothari Defence Science Award or Dr. Kalam Defence Technology Award) for which nomination is being made should be mentioned in Serial Number 1 of the proforma.

(c) The Personnel Index Number (PIN) should invariably be mentioned in Serial Number 2 if the nominee is a DRDO employee. If the nominee is not a DRDO employee, 'N.A.' should be mentioned in the column.

(d) The full name of the organisation where the nominee is serving at the time of making the nomination for the award, should be given in the Serial Number 3.

(e) The details of the position held and length of service in each grade in chronological order should be given starting from the present position in Serial Number 13.

(f) The major contribution of the nominee in the relevant field of Defence Science and Technology should be specified and quantified in not more than 200 words in Serial Number 15.

(g) The details of the awards/ honours received by the nominee, if any, should be given in Serial Number 18 and the citation / certificate should also be attached with the nomination form.

(h) Before signing the nomination form, the nominator should ensure that there is no Vigilance/Disciplinary/Criminal Case pending or contemplated against the nominee (as given below in Serial Number 21)

4. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF AWARDEES

(a) All the nominations received will be placed before the Screening Committee for shortlisting the nominations for further consideration of the Apex Committee. The Screening Committee may interact with the nominee or evolve its own procedure/criteria for recommending the names out of the nominations received for these awards.

(b) The nominations shortlisted by the Screening Committee will be put up before the Apex Committee and the names of the applicants as finalized by the Apex Committee will be placed before Hon'ble Raksha Mantri for his consideration and approval.

(c) The Director of Personnel, DRDO HQ will declare the names of awardees as approved by the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri. The names of awardees will be published on DRDO website and a letter to all individual awardees will also be sent by Directorate of Personnel, DRDO HQ.

5. LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS

(a) The last date for receipt of duly completed nominations alongwith requisite documents in the Directorate of Personnel, DRDO HQ, DRDO Bhawan, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi - 110011 is within 45 days from the date of publication of advertisement in Newspaper.

(b) Two copies of duly completed nomination form alongwith requisite documents are required to be submitted to Directorate of Personnel, DRDO HQ, DRDO Bhawan, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi -110011 and a soft copy of the same is required to be forwarded on Email : dte-pers.hqr@gov.in (Ph : 011-23007218, Fax : 011-23014576 for query).

PROFORMA FOR DRDO NATIONAL LEVEL AWARDS

(Two Awards each carrying Citation and Cash Amount of Rs. 10 Lakhs)

To be conferred upon an individual person serving in Government Organisation/Public Sector Enterprises/Private Organisation (Academia, Industry, R&D laboratories) for their outstanding contribution in the field of Basic Research in Defence Science or Development of Defence Technology.

Photo of
nominee

1. Category :- Dr. Kothari Defence Science Award or Dr. Kalam Defence Technology Award
2. PIN (only for DRDO employees):
3. Name of Organization in which Nominee is serving at present:-
4. Type of Organization:- Govt. Organisation/ PSE/Private Organisation
5. Work Classification of Organization :- Academia/ Industry/ R&D Lab /Others
6. Name of Nominee (Full Name):-
7. Gender.....
8. Address:-..... DistrictStatePIN Code.....
9. Contact Details : Tel (O):-.....Tel (R):-.....Mobile
- Fax:-..... e-mail:-.....
10. Present Designation :
11. (a) Date of Birth(dd-mm-yyyy):-... (b) Age(as on closing date) ..years (c) Place of birth(with State).....
12. Nationality
13. Positions held and length of service in each grade/position (in reverse chronological order)

S.No.	Designation	From	To	Place of Service	Name of Organization

14. Academic qualifications (Graduation & above)

S.No.	Qualification	Year	University/ Institute	Subject/ Specialization	Div/ Class/ Grade	Distinction (Yes/No)

15. Quantified, specific & authentic information regarding (no documents / attachment to be enclosed)

- a) Major contributions in the field of Basic Research in Defence Science or Development of Defence Technology (Maximum 100 words).

(b) Details of the technology level elsewhere available in the world in the above field of basic research or development of defence technology (Maximum 100 words)

--

16. Please mention list of innovation in the form of patents / reports / publications / design / product improvement etc (Maximum 100 words). Attach evidences.

--

17. Impact / Outcome of the research work done by the Nominee (Maximum 100 words)

--

18. Details of the awards/ honours received by the nominee. The citation for the awards received be enclosed.

S.No.	Name of Award/ Honour	Year	Individual/Group	Awarding Agency	Citation & Certificate
					Attach

19. Membership/Fellowship of professional bodies.

S.No.	Year	Member type	Name of Professional Body

20. Other recognitions.

S.No.	Details of recognition	Attachments (if any)

21. Suggested citation (not more than 100 words)

--

22. Any other Information. (Maximum 200 words and / or 20 pages) (As attachment)

23. Certified that the information given above is correct and as per available record there is no Vigilance/ Disciplinary/ Criminal Case pending or contemplated against the nominee.

(I) Signature of Nominee
 Name of Nominee (Full Name).....
 Name of Organization.....
 Designation
 Office Address.....
 Telephone No.(O)(R).....
 Mobile.....Fax.....
 e-mail.....
 Place :.....
 Date (dd-mm-yyyy) :.....

(II) Signature of the Nominator.....
 Name of Nominator (Full Name).....
 Name of Organization.....
 Designation
 Office Address.....
 Telephone No.(O).....(R).....
 Mobile.....Fax.....
 e-mail.....
 Place :.....
 Date (dd-mm-yyyy) :.....

PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM OF NOMINEE
(Mandatory for Awards Carrying Cash Component)

- [illegible]

I, hereby declare that all the information provided above is correct to best of my knowledge.

(Signature of the nominee)

Name of the nominee (in Block letters)