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Dr Saraswat Honoured with ARYABHATTA AWARD

Dr V.K. Saraswat, received the prestigious **Aryabhata Award** by the Astronautical Society of India from the hands of **Sri V. Narayanasamy** hon'ble Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, during a glittering Awards ceremony of the Astronautical Society of India held at ISRO Telemetry and Tracking Network Centre (ISTRAC), Byalalu, Bengaluru on **28 May 2013 (A/N)**. The Award was conferred on him for his lifetime contributions to Missiles and Aerospace technologies and also in recognition of his pioneering contributions towards the growth of Astronautics in the country.

Dr Saraswat, currently the Scientific Adviser to Raksha Mantri, Secretary Deptt. of Defence R&D and DG DRDO is a well-known missile scientist. A champion of indigenization he has immensely contributed to the indigenous design and development of wide range of strategic and tactical missiles, as well as a unique twin layer ballistic missile defence (BMD) system in the country. Under his leadership, DRDO entered a new phase of delivery of broad spectrum of world class weapon systems, platforms and military equipment, and initiation of development of new futuristic technologies and systems.

Speaking on the occasion, **Sri V. Narayanasamy** lauded the efforts of Dr Saraswat. Dr Avinash Chander, Vice President of the ASI and Chief Controller R&D (Missiles & Strategic Systems), DRDO, recalled the contributions of Dr Saraswat in development of various missiles including those under IGMDP (Integrated Guided Missile Development Program) and making India self-reliant in the area of Ballistic Missile Defence.

Another DRDO Scientist **G. Satheesh Reddy**, Outstanding Scientist & Director of Research Centre Imarat (RCI) received the prestigious **ASI Rocketry and related Technologies Award (ASI Rocketry Award)** on the occasion.

Dr K. Radhakrishnan, Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) & President of the Astronautical Society of India besides ISRO scientific fraternity were present.



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