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RM TO INAUGURATE DRDO CONFERENCE

Top DRDO scientists together with experts from three services, industry, think tanks and leading scholars from other organizations will deliberate upon strategies to further boost self sufficiency in defence sector by "Technology Consolidation Leading to Fast Track Induction". The deliberations will be a part of the "37th DRDO Directors' Conference". The three day annual event is scheduled to begin on 23rd March 2013 is slated to be inaugurated by Shri A K Antony, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, in the presence of Shri Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri, Shri ShivShanker Menon, National Security Advisor and a galaxy of dignitaries from the three services, Ministry of Defence, Industry, academia, besides senior DRDO officers.

The deliberation during the conference will cover topics related to long term requirements of our Armed Forces and a technology development plan, meeting these requirements in the broader perspective of emerging technologies. The associated manufacturing technologies required to translate technological developments into quality products will also be the subject of discussion. Another highlight of the conference will be the Round Table Discussions, one on future threat scenarios and the technologies required to meet the associated the challenges and the other one on the need to enhance the participation of private sector, with a view to accelerate indigenization. It is noteworthy that in the recent years, DRDO's sustained efforts, supported by various stakeholders have brought down the import content of defence acquisitions from 70% to around 45%.

As per the tradition, an awards ceremony will also be held during which the Young Scientists Awards and the Best Performance Awards for the year 2012 will be given away by PadmaBhushan Dr. Vijay Kumar Saraswat, SA to RM, Secretary, Dept of Def R&D and DG DRDO.

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