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DRDO Bags National Intellectual Property Award-2015

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Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), has been awarded the prestigious National Intellectual Property Award 2015 in the category "Top R&D Organisations for Patents".

Dr. Satish Kumar, Distinguished Scientist & Chief Controller R&D, DRDO HQ received the award on behalf of DRDO from Smt. NirmalaSitharaman, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Commerce & Industry at a function held here today. The National Intellectual Property Awards are given on the basis of several key parameters that include number of patents granted / filed, growth in IPR portfolio in the last five years, efforts for inculcating IPR culture, contribution towards humanity at large and towards the socio-economic development of the country.

It is notable that DRDO had received Thomson Reuters India Innovation Award twice, in the year 2011 and recently in 2014, based on size of patent portfolio, success rate, extent of globalization and influence of innovation.

DRDO is the R&D wing of Ministry of Defence, Govt of India, with a vision to empower India with cutting-edge defence technologies and a mission to achieve self-reliance in critical defence technologies and systems, while equipping the armed forces with state-of-the-art weapon systems and equipment.

It has led the design, development and production of state-of-the-art weapon systems, military equipment and soldier support systems, in accordance with requirements laid down by the three Services.

DRDO's pursuit of self - reliance and successful indigenous development and production of strategic systems and platforms, have given quantum jump to India's military might, generating effective deterrence and providing crucial leverage. Led to production by DRDO, taking along Indian public and private sector industries, including SMEs, these products and technologies have resulted into overall industrial growth in this crucial segment of defence industries. Many of these technologies have found civil applications too and are benefiting the society.

DRDO's accomplishments are result of hard work and dedicated efforts of a relatively small work force comprising about 7500 scientists together with about 20,000 technical and support personnel. Innovation and IPR culture is a part of overall corporate culture of DRDO having appropriate institutional mechanism for driving, capturing, protecting and exploiting the innovations made by its scientists. National Intellectual Property Award 2015 is yet another indicator to the innovation excellence of DRDO scientific community.

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