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DRDO Conducts the 4th Young Scientists Meet

The 4th Young Scientists Meet (YSM), organized by the Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), New Delhi along with other Delhi based laboratories of the DRDO, commenced here today. DRDO provides a platform to its young scientists in the form of YSM to interact, network, discuss and share their scientific ideas that help them unleash their creative and innovative potential. Complete autonomy was given by DRDO headquarters to the organizing team comprising young scientists under the age of 35, right from the inception and planning to execution of the event. Also, the opportunity was given to young scientists to share the dais with the head of their organization.

YSM 2016 is a two-day technical event with participation of around 200 young scientists of DRDO coming from various laboratories from all over India. The program emphasizes on making each and every scientist to enthusiastically take part in various open competitions and team building activities. Various talks delivered by eminent speakers from inside and outside DRDO were organized to motivate the young minds.

The programme was inaugurated by Secretary Department of Defence (R&D) & Chairman, DRDO Dr. S Christopher. In his keynote address, Dr. Christopher encouraged his younger colleagues to be upright and never change their goals in the journey of their career.

The core theme of the event was Convert Challenges into Opportunities. The Chairman, DRDO interacted with the young scientist individually and discussed their research areas. All the events starting from innovative ideas, poster presentation, team building activities, interactive quiz, open interaction and discussion amongst the scientist received tremendous responses from the participants. Scientists from different laboratories presented their work and shared their aspirations with the head of the organization.



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DRDO TT tourney inaugurated

The DRDO Central Zone table tennis tournament was inaugurated by Scientist G and Director of NSTL O.R. Nandagopan at the Pitchaiah indoor stadium on the premises of NSTL here on Wednesday.

Eight teams, Advanced Systems Laboratory(ASL), Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory(DMRL), Defence Research and Development Laboratory(DRDL) and Research Centre Imarat (RCI) from Hyderabad; Solid Fuel Complex(SFC) from Jagdalpur; and Proof and Experimental Establishment(PXE) and Integrated Test Range(ITR) from Chandipur/Balasore (Odisha) along with NSTL are participating in the league-cum-knockout tournament.

Team and individual events will be held for men and women.

Scientist G S.M. Bhave, , chairman of the Sports Committee T. Venkata Ratnam, secretary P. Appayya, and others were present.

Defence minister, Dr Bhamre inaugurates 58th Conference of International Military Testing Association (IMTA)

The Minister of State for Defence Dr. Subhash Bhamre has said that stress-related manifestations in soldiers are on the rise and has expressed the need to take adequate steps to counter them. He said with rapid pace in technological advancement and information warfare gaining in strength day-by-day, these factors are taking a heavy toll on the human element.

Dr. Bhamre was inaugurating the 58th Conference of International Military Testing Association (IMTA) organised by Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR), a Delhi based laboratory of DRDO, here on Tuesday.

Dr. Bhamre stated that insurgencies, terrorism and fundamentalism are the threats that an Indian soldier faces within the country and handling adversaries from within are a big hurdle. He opined that to select, train and sustain the military in such a hostile environment needs good selection, training and nurturance.

The Minister said that an event such as this conference would provide an excellent platform for all delegates to share the unique challenges that soldiers face in their respective countries and the novel methods based on scientific principles that have been evolved to mitigate those problems.

Appreciating the theme of the 4-day conference 'Psychological Assessment: Shaping the future Soldier' the Minister said that the shaping could take place by optimizing the soldier's performance. He called upon the delegates that their vision statement should be "Soldier preparedness and well-being of the soldier" for mental and physical well-being of the soldier.

Complimenting the DIPR, Dr. Bhamre said the assessment system, methodologies, techniques and tests developed by the Institute are being used by 20 Services Selection Boards spread over the country. He further stated that it is a matter of pride that India's Armed Forces, which are the world's third largest are scrutinized through tests developed by DIPR.

Over 127 delegates from 21 countries including hosts India are participating in the conference. Secretary R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr. S Christopher and Chair of the IMTA and Director General Military Personnel Research and Analysis (DGMPPRA) of the Canadian Department of National Defence, Ms Susan Truscott also spoke on the occasion.