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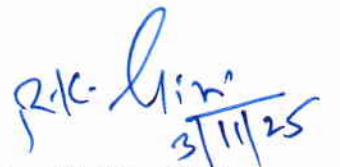
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**Subject:** Call for nominations for National Level Awards 2024-25.

Nominations are invited for two National Level Awards for the year 2024 and 2025 to recognise and honour the individuals who have exhibited exceptional research contribution in the field of Defence Science and Technology.

Detailed information regarding the call is attached herewith. Interested and eligible IMD officials may submit their nomination form, along with their Curriculum Vitae (CV) and a brief note on their major contributions (as specified in the attached document), both via email and in hard copy, to the Organisation Division by 20th November 2025, for the kind consideration of the competent authority.

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एवं  
अध्यक्ष, डीआरडीओ  
Secretary, Department of Defence R&D  
&  
Chairman, DRDO

SECY/DRDO/09/365/M/01

29 Oct 2025

Dear Secretary,

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

The following are the details of the two National Level awards each carrying a citation and cash amount of Rs. 10 lakhs:-

| <u>Sl No.</u> | <u>Name of Award</u>               | <u>No. and Amount of Awards</u>                                                                             | <u>Research and Development Field</u>             |
|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| (a)           | Dr. Kothari Defence Science Award  | 01 award each carrying a citation and cash amount of Rs. 10 Lakhs for both the years 2024 & 2025 separately | In the field of Basic Research in Defence Science |
| (b)           | Dr. Kalam Defence Technology Award | 01 award each carrying a citation and cash amount of Rs. 10 Lakhs for both the years 2024 & 2025 separately | In the field of Development of Defence Technology |

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

3. It is requested to give wide publicity to these awards in your department as well as in attached or subordinate offices, to encourage the nominations of persons whose excellence and achievement deserves to be recognised. Your active participation and involvement will enhance the diversity and quality of nominations enabling us to identify the most deserving candidates and would therefore contribute immensely to the success and credibility of these awards. 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>).

4. The nomination should contain all relevant details specified in the format including the 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 format for National Level Awards will be accepted only through the Ministry/Departments/Organisation/Private Agencies (the consent of the nominee reflected through his/her signature in Nomination Form and Personal Information Form are mandatory). The nominations directly from any individual will NOT be accepted.

5. Two hard copies (along with annexures) of duly completed nominations in the prescribed format along with year of the Award applied for need to be forwarded to Directorate of Personnel, DRDO HQ, DRDO Bhawan, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi-110011 (Email : [dte-pers.hqr@gov.in](mailto:dte-pers.hqr@gov.in) Phone : 011-23007218, Fax : 011-23014576 for query) latest by **01 Dec 2025**. A soft copy of the nomination may also be forwarded at the above email.

**(Dr. Samir V Kamat)**

**All Secretaries to the Govt. of India**