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Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Presents National Awards on Technology Day 2012

The Former President of India, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam gave away National Awards on Technology to the industrial/individual concern for developing indigenous technology here today. The Awards are instituted by Department of Science & Technology and Department of Bio-Technology to the successful commercialization of indigenous technology by an industrial/individual concern.

The National Awards have two components: (i) to the industrial concern, which has successfully commercialized indigenous technology and (ii) to the developer / provider of such technology. Each component carries a cash Award of Rs. 10.00 lakhs along with the Trophy. In addition to this Technology Development Board (TDB) has introduced cash Award of Rs. 5.00 lakhs to be given to maximum three SSI units which have successfully commercialized a technology based product.

The National Awards of Rs. 10.00 lakhs for the year 2012 was awarded to M/s Scanpoint Geomatics Limited, Ahmedabad, Gujarat for indigenous development and commercialization of Integrated GIS and Image Processing Software: IGiS developed jointly in collaboration with Space Applications Center, ISRO, Satellite, Ahmedabad.

Award to SSI units 2012 of Rs. 5.00 lakhs each was awarded to two companies, M/s Zen Technologies Limited, Sanathnagar, Hyderabad and M/s Diaonics Automation (I) Pvt. Limited, Nasik Road, Nasik for developing and commercialization of product. The DBT award was given to M/s Perfint Healthcare Pvt. Ltd., Chennai. The award for the best technology business Incubator was given to SIDBI Innovation and Incubation Centre (SIIC), IIT Kanpur.

In the function, the Chief Guest, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam also launched two new programmes in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. The "Global Innovation and Technology Alliance (GITA)" is a programme jointly created by DST and CII which seeks to leverage innovations taking place around the world by enhancing technology competitiveness of Indian Industry & Institutions through joint development, technology transfer and joint ventures. Whereas "Millennium Alliance" programme is jointly created by India and U.S. and here DST is partnering with USAID & FICCI to promote cost-effective and rigorously tested solutions for critical development challenges that have the potential for sustained global impact.

On the occasion, The Union Minister of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh emphasised that country needs technological self reliance, affordable innovations and global competitiveness in critical technology areas. He said that Technology Development Board has developed fruitful partnerships with the private sector. This needs to be further strengthened. He said, greater participation of Indian industry in R&D and development of new technologies is a must. The Government would encourage public-private partnerships as a catalyst for achieving this objective.

The Minister of State for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Ashwani Kumar also addressed the function.

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