

CSIR Diamond Jubilee Technology Award

CSIR instituted the CSIR Diamond Jubilee Technology Award, to be given annually, in commemoration of its Diamond Jubilee from the year 2003. This award is instituted to acknowledge the most outstanding technological innovation that has brought prestige to the nation. It is hoped that it will become the hallmark for Indian technological excellence in the years to come.

The award consists of a cash prize of Rs. 10 lakh, a citation and a shield. It is given to a technology that is developed in the country by Indian innovators and meets the highest global standards. Technologies leading to commercially successful products, processes and services, which give India a sustainable competitive advantage, are considered for the award.

The Shield

The shield has been conceptualized and designed in association with the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad.

A strong foundation in research is the basis for achieving excellence. The solid, stable base of the shield is a metaphor for this strong foundation. Building on the foundation are the Processes and Products, which run the company and are responsible for its very existence. The two Ps are represented by the twin halves of the memento, in mirror finished gold and silver reflecting excellence.

The circle represents perfection. And the sphere, being an extension of the circle, symbolizes super perfection. The toothed wheel on the face of the silver half is an accepted symbol for industry and industrial progress. The rotating disc at the centre of the toothed wheel represents the continuity of self-betterment and innovation, which alone leads to eventual excellence.

The well-integrated form towers to an apex, its sail-like silhouette emphasizing the constant search to do better and reach higher.

Gold and silver, being precious metals, are ideal symbols of the prestige that is associated with this award.

Selection Procedure

Applications for the award are invited through a press advertisement as well as personal letters to leading industrial firms/organizations within the country. The selection of the winner is through a stringent two-tier scrutiny. At the first level a committee of eminent experts representing diverse disciplines shortlists the most suitable applications. The shortlisted applications are then considered by a high-level expert committee comprising eminent experts for the selection of the final winner. The Award is usually announced on 26 September, CSIR Foundation Day, every year.