

preached and translated into practice himself.'

Connection with the Asiatic Society

The association of Pramatha Nath with the Asiatic Society extended as far back as 1883. Taking an active part in the affairs of the Society for over fifty years he wrote a monograph surveying the development of scientific research in India during the hundred year period between 1784 and 1884.

The Society instituted a Pramatha Nath Bose Memorial Medal for recognizing conspicuously important contributions to geology, with special reference to Asia. The award is triennial, the first award being made in 1950. Many eminent geologists including West, Auden, Krishnan, L. Rama Rao, Pichamuthu and Gansser have been the recipients of this award in earlier years.

'Let us pay tribute to this pioneer scientist and geologist of India, from

whose work so much good has resulted.' In these words Pandit Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, praised Pramatha Nath Bose and his services to the country. Let us not forget our early benefactors.

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The Physical Research Laboratory makes four awards called 'Shri Hari Om Ashram Prerit Dr Vikram Sarabhai Research Awards', every two years from funds kindly provided by Pujya Shri Mota of Hari Om Ashram of Nadiad. These awards will be made to Indian scientists, who are below 45 years of age, on 1 January 1997 for original work in the following fields:

1. Space Sciences (including Astronomy, Astrophysics, Planetary and Atmospheric Sciences).
2. Space Applications (in the areas of Meteorology, Hydrology, Remote Sensing and related ground truths).
3. Electronics, Informatics, Telematics and Automation.
4. Systems Analysis or Management including non-linear, non-equilibrium systems in natural and social sciences and technology.

Although the overall work of the candidates would be taken into account, the work done in India would be given prime consideration.

The candidate should have to his credit at least one or more of the following achievements:

1. Significant achievement in scientific research.
2. Important and successful adaptation of new technology.
3. Planning, development and implementation of systems in the context of science and technology.

The selection for the year 1997 will be completed by January 1998 and the awards presented on 12 August 1998.

The last date for receiving nominations is **15 September 1997**. Sponsors are requested to send a two-page note (12 copies) summarizing the contributions and achievements of the sponsored candidate together with his/her biodata, complete list of publications (with the names of the authors in the order in which they appear in the publications), reprints of five most important publications during the last five years (6 copies) in a cover marked 'confidential', addressed to the **Director, Physical Research Laboratory, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad 380 009**.

More detailed information will be asked for by the Selection Committee, if considered necessary.