



Astronautical Society of India

The **Astronautical Society of India (ASI)** was set up in **1990** to foster the development of astronautics in the country. ASI is engaged in the dissemination of technical and other information related to astronautics by conducting technical meetings, bringing out technical publications and organising exhibitions. The society is also playing an active role to promote the interests of other developing countries in the field of astronautics through the **International Astronautical Federation, Paris**, in which the ASI is a voting member.

ASI has, on its roll, eminent personalities in the field of astronautics as Honorary Fellows/ Fellows. A Programme Council consisting of elected Honorary Fellows/Fellows with Chairman, Space Commission, as its Ex-officio Chairman, oversees the functioning of the Society. An Executive Council consisting of 9 members including the **President and Vice President**, Executive Secretary and Treasurer, elected by the General Body, looks after the day-to-day administration of the society.

The Aryabhata Award and the four ASI awards, instituted by ASI are aimed at recognising the talented Indian individuals who have made significant contributions in fostering astronautics in India.

Objectives

1. To promote and foster the development of Astronautics for advancement of scientific knowledge for peaceful purpose.
2. To encourage wide spread dissemination of technical and other information relating to Astronautics through various means such as seminars, publications, audio visual presentations, collaborative research, etc.
3. To stimulate public interest in and support for the multifaceted development and applications of Astronautics through any appropriate media.
4. To stimulate and encourage participation in research and applications related to Astronautics by national Institutions, Universities, Commercial and Industrial Organizations and Individual specialists.
5. To encourage and support, among members, activities related to growth in their professional knowledge on Astronautics.
6. To participate in and to foster co-operation with international institutions and associates with similar purpose and to represent internationally, the scientific and technological work of India in the field of Astronautics and to advise, as called for by appropriate government or non government organizations, on professional aspects related to the development and application of Astronautics.
7. To create and foster subsidiary associations and institutions dedicated to promote the development and peaceful applications of Astronautics.
8. To organize and arrange for meetings of the Congresses, Committees and Conferences in pursuance of its activities.
9. To secure and administer funds, grants and endowments for the furtherance of research in Astronautics and to institute awards, prizes or research grants to individuals or institutions for furtherance of advancement of knowledge in Astronautics.
10. To utilize the income of property of the Society towards the promotion and fulfillment of the objects set-forth in this memorandum. No portion of the income and property of the Society shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to any persons including the members of the Society.

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