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Prime Minister
MESSAGE

It is heartening to learn about the 82nd Foundation Day of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the presentation of Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize to the winners on the occasion. Greetings and best wishes to everyone associated with CSIR and all the award winners.

The Council has been serving the nation admirably by furthering scientific and industrial research in the country. CSIR and its laboratories have taken rapid strides in optimising science and technology for the benefit of the people.

For centuries, science has played a crucial role in finding solutions to seemingly intractable problems and unlocking new potential. Science and technology have helped transform every sphere of activity, be it medicine, communication, space, transportation, infrastructure, agriculture or knowledge. The mega-exhibition of CSIR showcasing the technological achievements of last ten years will inspire one and all.

CSIR has played a prominent part in serving the society, industry and the nation. The aroma mission, strides in floriculture, the Purple Revolution ushered in through Lavender cultivation in Jammu and Kashmir, laying of Steel Slag roads along border areas of the country are just some instances of CSIR's contribution in meeting national aspirations.

The 82nd Foundation Day holds a special relevance for CSIR, following the success of Chandrayaan-3, since CSIR was among the many different organisations that made significant contributions to the mission. The indefatigable efforts of our space and science ecosystem has showcased to the world that even the sky is not the limit for us. We are making every effort to complement the efforts of scientists by providing all the resources and also fostering a dynamic and favourable research ecosystem.

Our nation and its people have always been blessed with a scientific temper and an inquiring mind. The speed as well as the scale of research and innovation by our scientists and technologists, particularly during the pandemic, has convinced the world of our unlimited potential to work for global good.

The period till 2047 when we will celebrate the centenary of our independence, is an opportunity to fulfil the vision of building a strong, inclusive and self-reliant India. It is in this context that the role of institutions such as CSIR assumes greater relevance.

Best wishes for the success of the 82nd CSIR Foundation Day. I once again extend my heartiest congratulations to all the winners of Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize.

(Narendra Modi)

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