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## "'INSPIRE' ENABLED MILLION MINDS TO BLOOM" SAYS S. JAIPAL REDDY LAUNCHING NATIONWIDE E- MANAGEMENT AWARD SCHEME AT PRAGATI MAIDAN

Dedicating the Nationwide e- Management of INSPIRE Awards Scheme to the country, Hon'ble Union Minister of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, Shri S. Jaipal Reddy asked the young scientists to continue their quest for excellence in innovations. Appreciating for a collaborative effort of the Department of Science and Technology and India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) for the National Level Exhibition and Project Competition under the Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research, the Minister said that the present age is defined by the technology and since the ancient time, this has remained a commanding domain of superiority for the races. Sharing his experiences about a large number of science models, he expressed his happiness over a considerable participation of students almost from all the States and UTs especially from rural areas. He said that INSPIRE is a unique effort of the government to bring out the latent scientific talent from the country.

Present on the occasion were Smt. Rita Menon, Chairperson and Managing Director, ITPO, Shri T. Ramaswami, Secretary, DST, Shri Sanjiv Sharma, President ILFS Technologies and Dr. Inder Jit Singh, Joint Secretary, DST.

Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Rita Menon, pointed out that most of the scientific projects displayed at the INSPIRE 2013 event manifest a perfect fusion of functionality and ingenuity articulating the excellence of budding scientists through systematic procedures. Complementing the Department of Science and Technology, She informed that as a new initiatives ITPO has started to hold exhibitions and conventions on turnkey projects for the Central and State Ministries and Departments. Indicating a large size of INSPIRE event, she added that ITPO has been pursuing the plan for redevelopment of Pragati Maidan into a world class Convention- -cum Exhibition Centre for convenience of business and scientific community. - -cum Exhibition Centre for convenience of business and scientific community.