Vikram lander will land on Moon as a Tribute

Context

The centenary celebration of the birth anniversary of the founding father of ISRO – Dr. Vikram Sarabhai kicked off in Ahmedabad in the presence of dignitaries from ISRO, Department of Space, Department of Atomic Energy and members of Sarabhai Family.

About – Dr Vikram Sarabhai

Sarabhai was considered as the Father of the Indian space program; He was a great institution builder and established or helped to establish a large number of institutions in diverse fields.

He was instrumental in establishing the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) in Ahmedabad: after returning from Cambridge to an independent India in 1947, he persuaded charitable trusts controlled by his family and friends to endow a research institution near home in Ahmedabad.

The establishment of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) was one of his greatest achievements.

He successfully convinced the government of the importance of a space programme for a developing country like India.

Homi Jehangir Bhabha, widely regarded as the father of India’s nuclear science program, supported Dr. Sarabhai in setting up the first rocket launching station in India.

This center was established at Thumba near Thiruvananthapuram on the coast of the Arabian Sea, primarily because of its proximity to the equator.

Sarabhai started a project for the fabrication and launch of an Indian Satellite. As a result, the first Indian satellite, Aryabhata, was put in orbit in 1975 from a Russian Cosmodrome.

National Youth Awards

The Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports (I/C) Shri Kiren Rijiju conferred the National Youth Awards on individuals (aged between 15-29 years) and organizations for excellent work and contribution.

About the award

The objective of the awards given by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Department of Youth Affairs is to:

Motivate young persons to achieve excellence in the field of national development and social service
To encourage young people to develop a sense of responsibility to the community and thus to improve their own personal potential as good citizens.

To give recognition to the outstanding work done by voluntary organizations working with the youth for national development including social service.

The Ministry is organizing various programmes to motivate youth, the National Youth Awards Function is one such programme.