

DST received "Most interactive pavilion award" at Pride of India Expo

The "Pride of India-Science Expo-2017" was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu on 3 January 2017 at the Sri Venkateswara University Campus, Tirupati. The five-day event has been organized as part of 104th Indian Science Congress (ISC-2017) inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

The mega science expo was organised to describe and display the latest innovations and applications of Science and Technology to the general masses including students who visited the Expo. Department of Science & Technology (DST) participated in "Pride of India-Science Expo-2017" held from 3-7 January, 2017. This stall of DST received the "**Most interactive pavilion award**".

There were many stalls in DST pavilion. One of them was "Braille Atlas", which won an award from Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi for its innovation. The Atlas was created especially for the blind to identify the location. The Atlas has been printed in "Braille" language using some special printing techniques and it consists of 20 maps to assist them further.

There was a stall which gave the detailed information about the endangered species and the need to conserve them. The vision of the stall was to establish a centre of excellence focussing on biodiversity law and that caters the need of national and international rule making and subsequent implementation on the issue of biodiversity. There were many other stalls like coastal and marine ecosystem, solar energy, etc.

DRDO pavilion has been a major attraction at the Pride of India Expo amongst visitors and students. 40 DRDO laboratories are participating at the expo to showcase state-of-the-art military systems and technologies at the DRDO Pavilion which narrate the saga of Self-reliance & National Pride with the "Make in India" spirit. Star attractions of the outdoor exhibits include the Long Range Surface-to-Surface Ballistic Missile Agni-5, Akash Weapon System, Shaurya Missile, the model of the Brahmos missile, Remotely Operated Vehicle Daksh Robot etc.

The other organisations like DAE, CSIR, DSIR, Ministry of Earth Sciences and other S&T Departments and Agencies also had their exhibits along with some stalls from the state governments and other private industry. All of them were based on the themes implied by the Government of India like Swachh Bharat, Make in India, Digital India etc, which inspired people to innovate and further improve science and technology for the betterment of mankind.