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Inauguration of Missile Park at Science City, Kolkata

The Missile Park has been developed jointly by CMSDS, a unit of DRDO and Science City, a unit of NCSM

Today, on National Technology Day, a 'Missile Park', developed in the Science City was opened to the public. The missile park has been designed and developed to showcase the missile development programme of India through the life-size replica of missiles. Visitors can take a breath-taking view of the life-size models of six flagship missiles of India, namely BrahMos, Prithvi, Mission Shakti, Akash, Astra and Nag. An added attraction of the park is a statue of India's Missile Man, the former Indian President Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, who spearheaded India's missile development programme during its nascent years. An audio commentary automatically starts to give an overview of the Indian Missile Programme the moment the visitor stands in front of his statue.

India's Missile development programme started in the 1960s through Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). Later, the 'Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme' (IGMDP) commenced under the leadership of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam at DRDL, Hyderabad in 1983 gave a boost to the missiles programme. Surface-to-surface strategic missiles Prithvi and Agni, surface-to-air missile Akash and anti-tank guided missile Nag were developed under this programme. The development of BrahMos, the Supersonic Cruise Missile and Mission Shakti, the anti-satellite weapon has made India a world leader in missile technology. *technology*

Ms Madhumita Chakravarti, Director, CMSDS, a unit of DRDO, said - "*The development of missiles involves sophisticated and it is a matter of pride that India has developed the technology required for the propulsion, navigation control, guidance, avionics and advanced materials for the missiles indigenously. India's fleet contains missiles of every type and is thus ready to face any external threat. India is a country to reckon with in all the advanced fields of missile technology, thanks to the vision of our leaders and the hard work of our scientists in DRDO*".

"What the people usually see on their TV sets on the occasion of Republic Day parade, can now be seen live during their visit to Science City. We have set up a Missile Park with life sizes replicas of missiles to enthuse the visitors about the great strides India has made in the field of missile technology. We expect that the missile park would be able to encourage young minds to take up

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science and technology as their career. Entry to the Missile Park is free with the entry ticket to the Science City". – said, Shri Anurag Kumar, Director, Science City, Kolkata.

The 'Missile Park' has been developed jointly by Centre for Millimeter-wave Semiconductor Devices and Systems (CMSDS), Kolkata, a unit of DRDO, and Science City, Kolkata, a unit of the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM).

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