

## **CSIR-CSIO wins unprecedented five Skoch Awards including Gold-Skoch Transformational Innovation award**

CSIR-CSIO technology entitled, 'Aviation Cockpit Display Validation Platform' has been awarded two awards on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 at Constitution Club of India, New Delhi:

1. **'Gold-Skoch Transformational Innovation award 2017'** which is conferred highest independent honour in India
2. **'Skoch-Order-of-Merit-Award 2016'** for qualifying amongst top 30 transformational innovation projects in India

SKOCH award is aimed at bringing scientific innovations and technologies that have been tested in labs, excelled in their respective fields that may be ready for the market. This also includes innovations and technologies that have been commercialised but await proliferation. SKOCH Awards, since 2003, have been recognising such successes and practices that have become the only non-partisan benchmark of best practices and best innovations in India. This technology has been transferred by CSIR-CSIO recently on 19/12/2017 to BEL, Panchkula. Prof. Sinha, Director CSIR-CSIO while congratulating the scientists of CSIO said that this technology will help in establishing self-reliance in strategic sector and is in line with Gol's 'Make in India' and 'Innovate in India' initiative. Each aircraft squadron would require one set of MAHP and BSS and hence an estimated FOREX saving of about Rs 50 Crores per aircraft type is estimated and its production will provide ample revenue generating opportunities to the smaller industries

Besides this three more Skoch order of merit awards for qualifying amongst top 30 transformational innovation projects in India have also been bagged by CSIR-CSIO. These are:

1. Seismic Detection for target recognition applications
2. Divya Nayan : A personal reading machine for the visually impaired people
3. Design and Development of patient specific implant

These technologies are a spinoff of Fast Track Translational projects which were envisioned recently by CSIR so that the technologies are developed at a fast pace and its impact reaches the society quickly. Prof. R. K. Sinha said on this occasion that the year 2017 has been an eventful year for CSIO which brought many prestigious awards from NRDC, IETE etc besides making it possible to successfully transfer 10 technologies to the industry.

