

Tribute to Dr V.S. Arunachalam



Dr Arunachalam joined the National Aeronautical Laboratory (currently, National Aerospace Laboratories, NAL) Bangalore as Assistant Director in the year 1969 after a tenure as scientist at BARC, Mumbai. He was with the Materials Science Division of NAL during 1969 to 1975. He moved to DMRL Hyderabad as the Director in the year 1975.

During his tenure at NAL, he was heading the Metallurgical Sciences group, and was instrumental in establishing several research facilities. Dr Arunachalam made significant contributions in powdery metallurgy and set-up state-of-the-art research facilities at the Materials Science Division for synthesis and consolidation of various titanium alloys by powder metallurgy. The facilities established by Dr Arunachalam paved way for several scientists to continue research on powder metallurgy of titanium alloys, and also led to establishing a rotating electrode process to produce prealloyed powders.

CSIR-NAL pays homage to Dr V.S. Arunachalam who has laid a strong foundation for materials research at the Materials Science Division during the formative years of NAL in the early 1970s.
