

Jillelamudi Manjula, DG (ECS)



Jillelamudi Manjula is the first ever female Director General of Defence Research Development Organisation. She has had a brilliant career: DRDO Performance Excellence Award in 2006, DRDO Scientist of the Year Award in 2011, India Today's Woman in Science Award in 2014, AoC's Best Contributor in EW Award in 2015, and Marie Curie Mahila Vijnana Puraskara Award in 2015 from Swadeshi Vijnana Andolana - Karnataka.

Ms Manjula has a PG degree in Electronics & Communication Engineering from Osmania University. She initially worked for Electronics Corporation of India Ltd, then joined Defence R&D organization in 1987. Her responsibility was state-of-the-art systems development for the Tri-Services in Electronics Warfare for operations in plains, semi-deserts, mountains, jungles, airborne and ships.

In July 2014, she was appointed as Director for Defence Avionics Research Laboratory, and since September 2015, she serves as Director General for Electronics & Communication Cluster, with laboratories developing Electronics, Radar, Electro optics equipment and systems for Tri services.