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Bio

Dr Narendra Kumar Arya, an outstanding Scientist is the Director, Extramural Research & Intellectual Property Rights, DRDO, Ministry of Defence. He holds a B.Tech (Hons) from IIT Kharagpur, and M.Tech from IIT Kanpur followed by Ph.D. from IIT Delhi. Dr. Arya began his career with DRDO as a Scientist 'B' in June 1990, at the Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL), in Hyderabad. He later joined Laser Science and Technology Centre (LASTEC), Delhi, where he worked in the field of Gas Dynamic Lasers. In July 2008, he was appointed Scientific Adviser to the Chief of the Air Staff. In September 2019, he became Director of Public Interface, at DRDO Headquarters, New Delhi. In February 2022 he was transferred to the Aeronautics Research & Development Board and worked as its secretary till December 2023

Dr. Arya has published several research papers in reputed journals in the areas of Composite materials, Gas Dynamic Lasers and Positive Psychology. He is a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers (India) and member of various professional societies. During his M.Tech, he was awarded the IGMDF Senior Fellowship and also qualified as a solo glider pilot at IIT Kanpur. Additionally, he is a certified Heartfulness meditation trainer and the author of the book "Happy Forever: The Art and Science of Everlasting Happiness."