



INDIAN *DefSPACE* SYMPOSIUM

"STRENGTHENING INDIA'S DEFENCE AND SPACE INDUSTRY SYNERGY"



Day -1: Thursday, 23 April 2026

Day 1: Theme: Commercial Space: Navigating Threats and Military Employment

Time	Programme	
0900 - 0930 hrs	Registration & Tea	
0930 -1015 hrs	Session -1 (Presentation) Red Dragon in Orbit: Mapping China's Civil-Military Space Eco-System (Chinese space technologies and the CMF model) : Brig Anshuman Narang (Retd) , Founder & Director, Atmanirbhar Soch, Advisor Suhora Technologies	
	Chief Guest Visits Exhibition	
1015-1130 hrs	Inaugural Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Remarks by Lt Gen AK Bhatt PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd), DG ISpA Opening Address by Mr Rahul Vatts, Chief Regulatory Officer · Bharti Airtel, Vice Chairman, ISpA Keynote Address by Lt Gen Zubin A Minwalla, UYSM, AVSM, YSM DCIDS(Ops) HQIDS Keynote Address by Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria, PVSM, AVSM, VM(Retd), Former Chief of the Air Staff Special Address by Dr Samir V Kamat, Secretary DD(R&D) and Chairman DRDO Inaugural Address by General Anil Chauhan PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, Chief of Defence Staff Briefing by Planet (tbc) Releases Felicitation and Group Photograph 	
1130 -1245 hrs	Session-2 (Presentations & Discussions) Space as a Decisive Enabler in Modern Conflicts (Use of Space in Recent Conflicts: An Analysis and Lessons for Industry) Keynote Address: Lt Gen Dushyant Singh, PVSM, AVSM (Retd) , Director General, CLAWS Moderator: Air Vice Marshal DV Khot AVSM VM (Retd) , Principal Consultant & Director, SP, IN-SPACE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Col (Dr) Kaushik Ray (Retd), AIDSS, Amity Gp Capt Chandan Sharda VM (Retd) Former Senior Fellow, CCCS, MEA Wg Cdr Vikas Menon, DS, College of Air Warfare Mr Tanveer Ahmed, CTO and Co-Founder, Digantara 	<u>Shamsher</u> <u>(Conference Room)</u> Industry Roundtable Steered by Planet (By invite)
1245 - 1255 hrs	Industry Session-A (Eutelsat OneWeb)	
1255 - 1305 hrs	Industry Session-B (Pixxel)	
1305 - 1315 hrs	Industry Session-C (Virat Group)	
1315 - 1415 hrs	Networking Lunch and Exhibition Visits	





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1415 - 1530 hrs	<p>Session - 3 Strategic Communications through Space and Network Centricity for Multi-Domain Operations</p> <p>Chair & Moderator: Air Vice Marshal Pawan Kumar VM (Retd), Former DG, DSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gp Capt Manish Mishra, DSA • Ms Sonali Nanda, Deputy Director, PMAD, IN-SPACE (TBC) • Mr Jitender Ahuja, Head - Product & Solutions, NELCO Ltd • Mr Vikram Rathore, Regional Business Head -Govt & PSU Bharti Airtel Limited • Ms Nishtha Kapoor, Sr. Director- INDIA, SAARC, Africa EutelSat OneWeb • Mr Shivaji Chatterjee, CEO, President and Managing Director, Hughes Communications • Mr Niladri Kundu - Director of Global Commercial Programs and Solutions, Kymeta <p>(Panel Discussion)</p>
1530 - 1600 hrs	Networking Tea and Exhibition Visits
1600 - 1710 hrs	<p>Session - 4 Space-Based ISR and Decision Superiority in Contested Environments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair and Moderator: Air Vice Marshal Sanjay Bhatnagar VM(G) VSM (Retd), Former ACIDS Tech Int, HQ IDS and ACAS Ops (Offensive), Air HQ, Former Advisor BEL • Brig Aman Bains, Brig MI • Col Yaser Khan, COO(IAS), DIPAC • Dr. Chandra Prakash Singh, Deputy Director, TD, IN-SPACE • Mr Vincent Kessler, CEO & Board Director, Synspective SG Pte Ltd • Lt Col Rakesh Verma (Retd), Senior Manager for Sales & Business Development (D&I), Vantor • Mr Pranit Mehta, Co-Founder & VP - Sales Operations, Galaxeye • Mr Siddhesh Ravindra Naik, Co-Founder & CEO, ULOOK <p>(Panel Discussion)</p>
1710 - 1720 hrs	Industry Session - D (Synspective)
1720-1725 hrs	Inauguration of International Space Science Olympiad (ISSO) 2026
1725 -1740	Financing the Invisible Front: Investment Models for ELINT, ISR Satellites & Dual-Use Space Capabilities - Talk by Mr Akshat Johri, Assistant General Manager, IIFCL Projects Ltd & Mr Rajat Kumar Singh, Assistant General Manager, IIFCL Projects Ltd
1740 - 1800	Networking Tea and Exhibition Visits



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Day -2: Friday, 24 April 2026

Day-2 Theme: Empowering the Space Industry to Enhance Defence Operational Readiness

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0900 - 0930 hrs	Registration & Tea	
0930 - 1040 hrs	Plenary Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Remarks by Lt Gen AK Bhatt PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd), DG ISpA Keynote Address by Dr Anupam Sharma, Director, DSP, DRDO Keynote Address by Air Vice Marshal Manu Midha AVSM VM, DG DSA Keynote Address by Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh, SYSM, PVSM, AVSM, NM, PhD (Retd), Director General USI, Former Vice Chief of Naval Staff Special Address by Lt Gen Vikas Rohella, AVSM, SM**, Engineer-in-Chief (E-in-C), Indian Army Special address by Lt Gen R S Raman, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, DGMI, Indian Army Special Address by Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari PVSM AVSM VM (Retd), Former Chief of the Air Staff Release of IISC Tech Report Felicitation of Indian Astronauts Felicitation of Guests and Group Photograph Announcements by IN-SPACe (PD) 	
1040 -1110 hrs	Chief Guest and Dignitaries Visit Exhibition	
	Session-5 Journeys Beyond Earth: Astronaut Experiences, Future Missions, Industry Opportunities and Strategic Pathways for the Nation - A Fireside Chat with Indian Astronauts Air Cmde Prasanth B Nair, Kirti Chakra and Gp Capt Shubhanshu Shukla, Ashoka Chakra (TBC) Anchor: Ms Devika Diwan , Senior News Editor, NewsX	
1110 - 1155 hrs	Session-6 From Vision to Vigilance: India's Military Space Trajectory - Hits and Misses (A Conversation on India's Defence space sector and Defence Vision 2047) (Fireside Chat) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air Mshl SP Dharkar PVSM AVSM SM VSM (Retd), Former Vice Chief of Air Staff, Former DG, DSA Dr Ranjana N, Director DFTM DRDO Dr. Sudheer Kumar N, Former Director CBPO ISRO, VP Manufacturing, Supply Chain & Global Strategy, XDLINX Spacelabs Anchor: Chethan Kumar , Senior Assistant Editor - Space & Science, The Times of India	<u>Shamsher</u> <u>(Conference Room)</u> Industry Roundtable Steered by Synspective (By invite)
1155 -1215 hrs	Networking Tea & Exhibition Visits	



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1215-1325 hrs	<p>Session-7: Mission DefSpace: Updates and Way Forward Chair & Moderator: Air Marshal BR Krishna PVSM AVSM SC (Retd), Former CISC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cdr D Nautiyal (Retd), Program Director (Space), iDEX DIO • Gp Capt HN Prasanna, Defence Space Agency • Wg Cdr Sahil Deep, Dte of Ops (Space), Air HQ • Col R Jithendra (Retd), VP (Global Strategy, Special Projects & PMO) XD Linx • Mr. Bharath Simha Reddy Pappula, Assistant General Manager - Azista Space • Capt Vishal Kanwar (Retd), Partner-Aerospace, Defence & Space, PwC India (Presentations and Discussions)
1325 -1425	Networking Lunch & Exhibition Visits
1430 - 1540 hrs	<p>Session-8 : From Policy to Payload: Enabling Defence Space Industrial Base (IN-SPACe Policies, Demand Generation, Skilling, Infrastructure support, Finance & Insurance for space missions) Chair & Moderator: Dr. Vinod Kumar, Director, Promotion Directorate, IN-SPACe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Surbhi Dalmia, Director and Head of India office, Novaspace • Mr Keyur Gandhi, Director-Space Regulatory, Dhruva Space • Mr Noel Ballot, Executive Vice-President Sales & Marketing, Safran Space • Mr Sandro Panagini, VP Marketing & Business Development, Leonardo Space Division • Mr Takehiro Sanoh, Executive Officer & Head of Corporate Strategy, Synspec Inc • Mr BM Raghavendra, Jt. GM - Marketing & Business Development Space segment, L&T Precision Engineering & Systems (Panel Discussion)
1540 - 1550 hrs	Industry Session - E (Walchandnagar Industries)
1550 -1600 hrs	Industry Session - F (VyomIC)
1600 - 1710 hrs	<p>Session-9: Assured Navigation in Denied Environments: PNT, NavIC and Mission Continuity (PNT systems and NavIC adoption) Chair & Moderator: Air Vice Marshal Rahul Gupta ACAS Ops (Space), Air HQ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr P Sajith, Associate Director SCNPO,ISRO • Col Vivek Gopal, Defence Specialist, NSCS • Mr Anurag Garg, Chief Strategy and Marketing Officer, Thales Group • Mr Ankit Kankane, Senior Sales Manager -APAC, SAFRAN- Navigation & Timing • Mr Vibhor Jain, Co-Founder and CBO, Vyomic • Mr Akhileshwar Reddy, Co-Founder, CTO, Sanyark Space Technologies • Mr Roberto Simonetti, Chief Representative Officer, India, ELT Group (Panel Discussion)
1710- 1730 hrs	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Remarks by Mr Arun T Ramchandani, Chairman ISpA • Legal and Policy Review by Dr Ranjana Kaul, Partner Dua Associates, Vice President IISL • Special Address by Dr W Selvamurthy (President ASTIF & AFSTIA, Amity University) • Closing Address by Vice Admiral SN Ghormade PVSM AVSM NM ADC (Retd), Former Vice Chief of Naval Staff
1735 onwards	Tea and Dispersal