



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 Red Dragon in Orbit: China's Civil-Military Space Enterprise (Chinese space technologies and the CMF model)
Exhibition visit by The Chief Guest	
1015 - 1130 hrs	Inaugural Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Remarks by DG ISpA Opening Address by Vice Chairman ISpA Keynote by The Guest of Honour Lt Gen Zubin A Minwalla, UYSM, AVSM, YSM DCIDS(Ops) HQIDS Keynote by The Guest of Honour Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, SYSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM DCOAS (Strat) (TBC) Keynote Address by The Guest of Honour Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria (Retd), PVSM, AVSM, VM(Retd), Former Chief of the Air Staff Keynote Address by The Guest of Honour Dr Samir V Kamat, Secretary DD(R&D) and Chairman DRDO Inaugural Address by The Chief Guest General Anil Chauhan PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Releases / MoUs Brief by Planet and Dhruva Space Felicitation and Group Photograph
1130 - 1245 hrs	Session-2 Space as a Decisive Enabler in Modern Conflicts (Use of space in recent conflicts: an Analysis) - Panel Discussion
1245 - 1255 hrs	Industry Session-A
1255 - 1305 hrs	Industry Session-B (Pixxel)
Shamsher (Conference Room) Strategic forum: Achieving Decision Superiority Steered by Planet (By invite only)	
1315 - 1415 hrs	Networking Lunch and Exhibition Visits
1415 - 1530 hrs	Session - 3 Strategic Communications through Space and Network Centricity for Multi Domain Operations) - Panel Discussion
1530 - 1600 hrs	Networking Tea and Exhibition Visits
1600- 1710 hrs	Session - 4 Space-Based ISR and Decision Superiority in Contested Environments - Panel Discussion
1710 - 1720 hrs	Industry Session - D
1720 - 1740 hrs	Financing the Invisible Front: Investment Models for ELINT, ISR Satellites & Dual-Use Space Capabilities - Talk
1740 - 1800 hrs	Networking Tea and Exhibition Visits
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1030 -1100 hrs	Exhibition Visit by The Chief Guest and Dignitaries
	<p>Session-5</p> <p>Journeys Beyond Earth: Astronaut Experiences, Future Missions, Industry Opportunities and Strategic Pathways for the Nation - A Fireside chat with Gp Capt Shubhanshu Shukla and Gp Capt PB Nair</p>
1100 - 1145 hrs	<p>Session-6</p> <p>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)</p>
1145 -1205 hrs	Networking Tea & Exhibition Visits
1205-1325 hrs	<p>Session-7</p> <p>Mission DefSpace: Updates and Way Forward</p>
1325 -1425 hrs	Networking Lunch & Exhibition Visits
1430 - 1540 hrs	<p>Session-8</p> <p>From Policy to Payload: Enabling Defence Space Industrial Base (IN-SPACE Policies, Demand Generation, Skilling, Infrastructure support, Finance & Insurance for space missions) - Panel Discussion</p>
1540 - 1550 hrs	Industry Session – E (VyomiC)
1550 -1600 hrs	Industry Session – F
1600-1610 hrs	Industry Session - G
1610 - 1710 hrs	<p>Session-9</p> <p>Assured Navigation in Denied Environments: PNT, NavIC and Mission Continuity (PNT systems and NavIC adoption) - Panel Discussion</p>
1710- 1730 hrs	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal and Policy Review Closing Address
1735 onwards	High Tea and Networking

END OF DAY 2: IDS 2026 CONCLUDING DAY

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