

Indian DefSpace Symposium 2026

" Strengthening India's Defence and Space Industry Synergy "

23-24 April 2026, The Manekshaw , New Delhi

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)	
	Chief Guest Visits Exhibition	
1015-1130 hrs	Inaugural Session - Welcome Remarks by DG ISpA - Opening Address by Chairman ISpA - Keynote Address by Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhaduria , PVSM, AVSM, VM(Retd), Former Chief of the Air Staff - Keynote Address by Dr Samir V Kamat , Secretary DD(R&D) and Chairman DRDO - Special Address by Lt Gen N S Raja Subramani , PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd), Military Advisor, NSCS - Inaugural Address by General Anil Chauhan PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, Chief of Defence Staff - Releases / MoUs - Brief by Planet and Dhruva Space - Felicitation and Group Photograph	
1130 -1245 hrs	Session-2	Conference Room
	Space as a Decisive Enabler in Modern Conflicts (Use of space in recent conflicts: an Analysis) (Presentations & Discussions)	
1245 - 1255 hrs	Industry Session-A	
1255 - 1305 hrs	Industry Session-B	
1305 - 1315 hrs	Industry Session-C	(By invite)

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 - 1540 hrs	Industry Session - D
1540 - 1700 hrs	Session - 4 Space-Based ISR and Decision Superiority in Contested Environments (Panel Discussion)
1700 - 1730 hrs	Networking Tea and Exhibition Visits

Day -2: Friday, 24 April 2026

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

0900 - 0930 hrs	Registration & Tea
0930 - 1030 hrs	Plenary Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome Remarks by DG ISpA - Opening Address by Vice Chairman ISpA - Address by Air Vice Marshal Manu Midha AVSM, VM DG DSA - Keynote Address by Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari PVSM AVSM VM (Retd), Former Chief of the Air Staff - Special Address by VCNS Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, AVSM, NM - Special Address by Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, PVSM, AVSM, VM, VSM, Chief of Integrated Defence Staff - Release of IISC Tech Report - Felicitation of Indian Astronauts - Felicitation of Guests and Group Photograph
1030 -1100 hrs	Chief Guest and Dignitaries Visit Exhibition
	Fireside chat with Astronauts (Gp Capt Shubhanshu Shukla, Gp Capt PB Nair)
1100 - 1145 hrs	Session-5 - From Vision to Vigilance: India's Military Space Trajectory (A Conversation on India's Defence space sector)
1145 -1155 hrs	Industry Session - E
1155-1325 hrs	Session-6 Mission DefSpace: Updates and Way Forward (Presentations and Discussions)
1325 -1425	Networking Lunch & Exhibition Visits

1430 - 1540 hrs	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session-7</u></p> <p>From Policy to Payload: Enabling India's Defence Space Industrial Base (IN-SPACE Policies, TRL Frameworks, Finance & Insurance for space missions) (Panel Discussion)</p>
1540 - 1550 hrs	Industry Session - F
1550 - 1700 hrs	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session-8</u></p> <p>Assured Navigation in Denied Environments: PNT, NavIC and Mission Continuity (PNT systems and NavIC adoption) (Panel Discussion)</p>
1700- 1725 hrs	Closing Session
1725 onwards	Tea and Dispersal