



# 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	<b>Session -1</b> (Presentation) Red Dragon in Orbit: Mapping China's Civil-Military Space Eco-System (Chinese space technologies and the CMF model): <b>Brig Anshuman Narang (Retd)</b> , Founder & Director, Atmanirbhar Soch, Advisor Suhora Technologies	
	Chief Guest Visits Exhibition	
1015-1130 hrs	<b>Inaugural Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome Remarks by <b>Lt Gen AK Bhatt PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd)</b>, DG ISpA</li> <li>Opening Address by <b>Mr Arun T. Ramchandani</b>, Chairman ISpA, EVP &amp; Head of L&amp;T Precision Engineering &amp; Systems</li> <li>Keynote Address by <b>Lt Gen Zubin A Minwalla, UYSM, AVSM, YSM</b> DCIDS(Ops) HQIDS</li> <li>Keynote Address by <b>Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria, PVSM, AVSM, VM(Retd)</b>, Former Chief of the Air Staff</li> <li>Special Address by <b>Dr Samir V Kamat</b>, Secretary DD(R&amp;D) and Chairman DRDO</li> <li>Inaugural Address by <b>General Anil Chauhan PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM</b>, Chief of Defence Staff</li> <li>Briefing by Planet (tbc)</li> <li>Releases</li> <li>Felicitation and Group Photograph</li> </ul>	
1130 -1245 hrs	<b>Session-2</b> (Presentations & Discussions) Space as a Decisive Enabler in Modern Conflicts (Use of Space in Recent Conflicts: An Analysis and Lessons for Industry) Keynote Address: <b>Lt Gen Dushyant Singh, PVSM, AVSM (Retd)</b> , Director General, CLAWS Moderator: <b>Air Vice Marshal DV Khot AVSM VM (Retd)</b> , Principal Consultant & Director, SP, IN-SPACE	<b>Shamsher</b> <b>(Conference Room)</b>  Industry Roundtable Steered by Planet  (By invite)
	<b>Industry Session-A (Eutelsat OneWeb)</b>	
	<b>Industry Session-B (Pixxel)</b>	
	<b>Industry Session-C (Virat Group)</b>	
1315 - 1415 hrs	<b>Networking Lunch and Exhibition Visits</b>	



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

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



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