



DRDO-Industry-Academia Conclave 2026

20-21 Feb 2026

SSPL Delhi.

DAY 1	February 20, 2026
Inaugural Session	10:00 to 11:30
Invocation	Team SSPL
Welcome Address & About the Event	Kishore Arora - <i>President IDST</i>
Inauguration	Dr. Chandrika Kaushik - <i>DG (PC&SI), DRDO HQ</i>
Keynote Address	Maj Gen CS Mann - <i>ADG Army Design Bureau</i>
Guest of Honour	Sh. Manoj Jain - <i>CMD BEL</i>
Chief Guest's Address	Dr. Chandrika Kaushik - <i>DG (PC&SI), DRDO HQ</i>
Felicitation of Sponsors	
Vote of thanks	Dr. Chandra Prakash – <i>Convener</i>
High Tea	11:30 to 12:00

Session 1	12:00 to 13:40
Planning and Conceptualizing Futuristic Technologies.	Dr. Anil Raj Singh - <i>DFTM DRDO HQ</i>
Strengthening DRDO-Industry Interaction	Dr. Arun Chaudhary - <i>Director IITM</i>
Role of TDF in Strengthening MSMEs & Startups	Mrs Nidhi Bansal - <i>Director TDF</i>
IDST - Role & Resources	Kishore Arora
SP 1: Oscar	Oscar
Lunch	13:40 to 14:30

Session 2	14:30-16:00
Pyrrole-based Energetic Materials.	Dr. Pradeepta K Panda <i>Dean, School of Chemistry, Uni of Hyderabad</i>
Technology Transfer for Semiconductor Materials & Devices: From R&D to Production	Dr. Rawal Sc H - <i>Associate Dir. SSPL</i>
SP 2: Bharat Forge (10) & Discussions	Open House
Tea Break	16:00 to 16:20

Session 3 (DRDO LABS)	16:20-18:00
Radar Technology	Dr. M. Sheik Althaf - <i>Director LRDE</i>
Artificial Intelligence	Dr. Ritu Raj Kumar - <i>Director CAIR</i>
Militarization of Commercial Communication Networks.	Dr. Ashok Kumar - <i>Ex Sc H, DEAL</i>
SP 3: IDSRF (10 min) & Discussions	Open House
Tea & Socializing	18:00- 18:30
Dinner	1900- 2130 (DROMI)

DAY 2	February 21, 2026
Session 4	10:00-12:00
Quantum Technology: A DRDO Initiative	Sh. Poornendu Chaturvedi - <i>Head, Quantum Technology Research Centre, SSPL</i>
Role of CoEs & Academia	Dr. Seema Vinayak - <i>Director CoE IIT Roorkee</i>
Directed Energy Weapons: Lab to Production	Sh. VB Patil - <i>Asso. Dir CHESS H'bad</i>
Advances in Armament Technology	Dr. Bhupender Singh Rawal - <i>Sc F ARDE</i>
Critical Energy and Materials Technology for Naval Platforms	Dr. BC Chakraborty
SP 4: L&T (10 min) & Discussions	
Tea Break	12:00-12:20

Session 5	12:20- 14:00
Missile Technologies.	Murali Mohan Gade - <i>Sc G DRDL</i>
Advanced Unmanned Aerial Vehicle OR Robotics	Dr. Sudhir Kamath - <i>Prof. IISc - Aero</i>
DRDO's Technology Test Centers for Industries and Startups	Dr. Ashish Dubey - <i>Project Dir. DMSRDE</i>
SP 4: Hacveda & Ambit & Discussions	Open House
Lunch	14:00-14:45

Session 6	14:45-16:00
Karunya University	
BEL	
Dynotech Instruments	
MGR University	
Open House	

Concluding Session	16:00-16:30
Dr. JC Kapoor Dr. PK Chaudhury Sh VK Singh	
Net working over Tea	16:30-17:30