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MESSAGE

I am glad to know that IDST is organising a Conclave of DRDO-Industry-Academia 2026 at SSPL Auditorium Delhi on 20-21 February 2026. I consider it as a very important event, especially in the context of current national and international scenario, that these three wings of knowledge to product creation pool viz academics, defence R&D and Industry have gathered here in this Conclave, to deliberate on exploring avenues to work together for being self-sufficient in defence sector.

Future wars will be algorithm centric wars, and at the heart of it all is the small piece of hardware we know as CHIP. This is emerging as the major area of modern warfare. These will definitely demand tremendous efforts by all of us to anticipate future denial technologies and evolving our own to counter and blunt the adversaries. These major trends are defining the current geopolitical war and are indicative of pivots around the Future of Warfare.

India stands at a crucial juncture in its journey towards technological self-reliance and innovation-driven growth. Defence Research & Development Organisation continues to lead the nation's efforts in defence technology, innovation and research.

I convey my appreciation for the Conclave Organising Committee and wish a huge success over the next two days.

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