DELHI DEFENCE DIALOGUE-2026

PROGRAMME

DEFENCE REFORMS, *ATMANIRBHARTA,* CO-DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORTS
3-4 NOVEMBER 2026 (TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY)

Day-1 (3 November 2026): Defence *Atmanirbharta*

0900-0945 hrs	**Registration Tea/Coffee**
0945-0950 hrs	**Welcome Address:** Ambassador Sujan R Chinoy, DG MP-IDSA Video Message from Honourable Defence Minister of India and President, MP-IDSA, Shri Rajnath Singh
	Session I: *Atmanirbharta* in Defence Technologies
0950-0955 hrs	**Chair:** Ms Dipti Mohil Chawla, IDAS, Additional Secretary, Department of Defence, Ministry of Defence
0955-1010 hrs	**Keynote Address:** Air Marshal Tejinder Singh, PVSM AVSM VM, Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC) **Topic:** *Atmanirbhar* Defence Forces @ 2047
1010-1020 hrs	**Q&A**
	Session II: *Atmanirbharta* in Naval Systems @ 2047
1020-1025 hrs	**Panel Discussion - Chair**: Vice Admiral Kiran Deshmukh, AVSM VSM (Retd), Former Chief of Materiel, Indian Navy
1025-1035 hrs	**Panelist 1:** Commodore C D Balaji (Retd), Distinguished Scientist and Former Director of Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) and Former Programme Director of LCA **Topic:** Naval Aviation *Atmanirbharta* @ 2047
1035-1045 hrs	**Panelist 2:** Rear Admiral Chandrasekharan Raghuram, VSM (Retd), Chairman and Managing Director, Hindustan Shipyards Limited **Topic:** *Atmanirbharta* in Ship/ Submarine Building @ 2047
1045-1055 hrs	**Panelist 3:** Captain Nikunj Parashar, Founder, Sagar Defence Engineering Ltd. and CMD, Oceanos B.V. **Topic:** *Atmanirbharta* in Unmanned Autonomous Systems @ 2047 (Marine surface, undersurface and naval aerial unmanned autonomous systems)
1055-1105 hrs	**Q&A**
1105-1110 hrs	**Chair:** Ambassador Sujan R Chinoy, DG MP-IDSA

1110-1130 hrs	**Special Address:** Chief of the Naval Staff of the Indian Navy, Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, PVSM AVSM VSM **Topic:** *Atmanirbharta* in Naval Systems @ 2047
1130-1140 hrs	**Q&A**
1140-1155 hrs	**Tea/Coffee Break**
1155-1210 hrs	**Keynote Address:** Mr Ashish Rajvanshi, Chief Executive Officer, Adani Defence and Aerospace **Topic:** Consortium Approach for *Atmanirbharta* in Complex Technologies
1210-1220 hrs	**Q&A**
	Session III: *Atmanirbharta* in Land Systems @ 2047
1220-1225 hrs	**Chair:** Maj Gen Kirti Jauhar, AVSM VSM (Retd), Chief International Business Development & Advisor Defence Tech, Raphe mPhibr Pvt. Ltd.
1225-1240 hrs	**Keynote Address:** Lt Gen Vineet Gaur, PVSM AVSM, Director General Capability Development. **Topic:** *Atmanirbharta* in Land System @ 2047
	Panel Discussion
1240-1250 hrs	**Panelist 1:** Lt Gen J S Sidana, PVSM AVSM (Retd), Former Director General, Electronics and Mechanical Engineering (DG EME), Indian Army **Topic:** *Atmanirbharta* in Emerging Technologies for Indian Army @ 2047
1250-1300 hrs	**Panelist 2:** Lt Gen Karanbir Singh Brar, PVSM AVSM (Retd), Distinguished Strategic Advisor, IIT Madras PRAVARTAK, and Former GOC Dakshin Bharat Area & DG Armoured Corps **Topic:** Academia and Startups for *Atmanirbharta* and Defence Transformation @ 2047
1300-1310 hrs	**Panelist 3:** Brigadier Anshuman Narang (Retd), Founder and Director, Atma Nirbhar Soch **Topic:** *Atmanirbharta* in Land System @ 2047
1310-1320 hrs	**Q&A**
1320-1410 hrs	**Lunch**
	Session IV: *Atmanirbharta* in Aerospace @ 2047
1410-1415 hrs	**Chair:** Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria, PVSM AVSM VM ADC (Retd), Former Chief of Air Staff, Indian Air Force.

1415-1435 hrs	**Special Address:** Prof G Satheesh Reddy, Former Chairman, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Distinguished Senior Professor, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, BITS Pilani (Hyderabad Campus) **Topic:** *Atmarnibharta* in Defence Space Technologies @ 2047
	Panel Discussion
1435- 1445 hrs	**Panelist 1:** Air Marshal Sandeep Singh, PVSM AVSM VM (Retd), Former Vice Chief of Air Staff, IAF, and former Military Advisor to the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) **Topic:** *Atmarnibharta* in Aeronautics @ 2047
1445-1455 hrs	**Panelist 2:** Mr Sameer Joshi, CEO & Director, NewSpace Research & Technologies **Topic:** *Atmanirbharta* in UAVs @ 2047
1455-1505 hrs	**Panelist 3:** Gp Capt H V Thakur VM (Retd), Chief Test Pilot (Fixed Wing), Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) **Topic:** *Atmanirbharta* in Combat Aerial Teaming Systems @ 2047
1505-1515 hrs	**Q&A**
1515-1545 hrs	**Security Check (Tea)***
1545-1550 hrs	**Welcome Address:** Ambassador Sujan R Chinoy, DG MP-IDSA
1550-1605 hrs	**Inaugural Address:** Honourable Defence Minister of India, Shri Rajnath Singh
1605-1610 hrs	Vote of Thanks: Dr O P Das, Research Fellow, MP-IDSA (In Hindi)
1610-1615 hrs	Photograph of Speakers with Honourable RM
1615-1645 hrs	**Tea/Coffee Break**
	Session V: *Atmanirbharta* in Futuristic Tech
1645-1650 hrs	**Chair:** Mr Vikas Khitha, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Astra Advisory Partners LLP, former VP and Head at the Precision Engineering & Systems, Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T)
1650-1705 hrs	**Keynote Address:** Mr Arun T Ramchandani, President, Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) and Senior Vice President & Head, L&T Precision Engineering & Systems **Topic:** An Ecosystem for *Atmanirbharta* in Future Technologies
	Panel Discussion

1705-1715 hrs	**Panelist 1:** Prof Hideshi Tokuchi, President, Research Institute for Peace & Security (RIPS), Japan, and former Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs, Japan. **Topic**: India-Japan Defence Cooperation Elevating to a Higher Level by Defence Industrial Partnership
1715-1725 hrs	**Panelist 2:** Dr Sanjay Badri-Maharaj, Independent Defence Analyst & Security Consultant, Attorney-at-Law, Trinidad and Tobago. **Topic:** Future of Manned-Unmanned Aerial Systems *(Online)*
1725-1735 hrs	**Q&A**
1900 hrs	**Dinner- By Invitation Only**

*** All Guests are requested to vacate the auditorium to facilitate the security check prior to Honourable Raksha Mantri's arrival**

Day-2 (4 November 2026)
Defence Reforms, Co-development Collaborations and Export

	Session VI: Building Globally Competitive Defence Industry
0900-0905 hrs	**Chair:** Ambassador Sujan R Chinoy, DG MP-IDSA
0905-0925 hrs	**Special Address 1:** Dr Samir V Kamat, Former Chairman, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) **Topic:** Defence *Atmanirbharta*: Industrial Corridors, Corporatization, Defence Economics and Exports
0925-0945 hrs	**Special Address 2:** Mr Baba Kalyani, Chairman and Managing Director, Bharat Forge Limited **Topic:** Building a Globally Competitive Defence Industry
0945-1000 hrs	**Q&A**
	Session VII : India-Russia Defence Co-development Collaborations
1000-1005 hrs	**Chair:** Air Vice Marshal Anil Golani (Retd), Former Director General, Centre for Aerospace Power and Strategic Studies (CAPSS)
1005-1015hrs	**Panelist 1:** Dr Sergey Ermakov, Head of the Center for Military and Political Studies, The Russian Institute for Strategic Studies (RISS), Moscow **Topic:** India-Russia Defence Cooperation in a Changing Geopolitical and Security Environment
1015-1025hrs	**Panelist 2:** Dr Abhay A Pashilkar, Director, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-National Aerospace Laboratory (CSIR-NAL) **Topic:** Prospects for India-Russia Defence Co-development Collaboration
1025-1035hrs	**Panelist 3:** Mr Aleksei Filimonov, United Shipbuilding Corporation, St. Petersburg, Russia (*Online*) **Topic:** Propulsion Systems and the Possibilities for Co-development between India and Russia
1035-1045hrs	**Q&A**
1045-1115 hrs	**Tea/Coffee Break**
	Session VIII: Defence Co-Development Collaborations
1115-1120 hrs	**Chair:** Lt Gen (Dr) Subrata Saha, PVSM UYSM YSM VSM** (Retd), Former Member, National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) & Former Deputy Chief of Army Staff (DCOAS)

1120-1135 hrs	**Keynote Address:** Dr Vivek Lall, Chief Executive Officer, General Atomics Global Corporation and Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution **Topic:** India-US Defence Co-development Collaborations *(Online)*
	Panel Discussion
1135-1145 hrs	**Panelist 1:** Commodore (Dr) Peter Leavy AM CSM (Retd), President, Australian Naval Institute **Topic:** Prospects of India-Australia Defence Co-development collaborations
1145-1155 hrs	**Panelist 2:** Mr Nick de Larrinaga, Sales & Business Director, MBDA **Topic:** India-UK Defence Co-development Collaborations: Opportunities & Way Forward
1155-1205 hrs	**Q&A**
	Session IX: *Atmanribharta* and Co-development in Propulsion Systems and Aero Engines
1205-1210 hrs	**Chair:** Mr Saurav Jha, Founder, D Propulse
1210-1220 hrs	**Panelist 1:** Dr S. V. Ramana Murty, Director, Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) **Topic:** Propulsion Systems: *Atmanirbharta* and Co-Development
1220-1230 hrs	**Panelist 2:** Mr Philippe Errera, Executive Vice President International Development & Government Affairs, Safran **Topic:** Propulsion Systems: *Atmanirbharta* and Co-Development
1230-1240 hrs	**Q&A**
1240-1345 hrs	**Lunch**
	Session X: Defence Technology Cooperation
1345-1350 hrs	**Chair:** Mr Sandeep Unnithan, Consulting Editor, India Today Group, and Editor-in-Chief, Chakra News
1350-1410 hrs	**Special Address:** Maj Gen Rene Suñga Diaz PAF (Retd), Undersecretary for Defense Technology Research and Industry Development, Department of National Defense, Philippines (*Online*) **Topic:** Prospects of Philippines-India Defence Technology Cooperation
1410-1420 hrs	**Panelist:** Dr hab Dorota Domalewska, Director of the Doctoral School, War Studies University, Warsaw, Poland **Topic:** Poland and India in the Defence Sector: Innovation, Industry and Emerging Opportunities

1420-1440 hrs	**Q&A**
1445-1450 hrs	**Session XI: Defence Reforms** **Chair:** Ambassador Sujan R Chinoy, DG MP-IDSA
1450-1510 hrs	**Special Address:** Mr Rajesh Kumar Singh IAS, Defence Secretary, Ministry of Defence (MoD). **Topic:** A Decade of Defence Sector Reforms
1510-1520 hrs	**Q&A**
1520-1550 hrs	**Tea/Coffee Break**
	Session XII: Stimulating Defence Exports
1550-1555 hrs	**Chair:** Ambassador Sujan R Chinoy, DG MP-IDSA
1555-1615 hrs	**Special Address:** Mr Sanjeev Kumar IAS, Secretary, Department of Defence Production (DDP), Ministry of Defence (MoD) **Topic:** Stimulating Defence Exports
1615-1620 hrs	**Panel Discussion - Chair:** Mr Snehesh Alex Philip, Editor, Defence and Diplomacy, The Print.
1620-1630 hrs	**Panelist 1:** Dr Tigran Grigoryan, Director, Regional Center for Democracy and Security (RCDS), Armenia **Topic:** Prospects for Deepening Armenia-India Defence and Security Cooperation
1630-1640 hrs	**Panelist 2:** Prof Gustavo Alejandro Cardozo, Doctor in Regional Development and International Relations Scholar, Universidade Regional do Noroeste do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul (UNIJUI), Brazil. **Topic:** Between Washington and Beijing: India's opportunity in the Southern Cone
1640-1650 hrs	**Panelist 3:** Prof Abraham Ename Minko, PhD, Professor of Political Science and International Relations, PanAfrican University, Cameroon **Topic:** Beyond Government-to-Government Deals: Reforming India's defence export policy, financing and certification architecture to capture Africa's emerging procurement market
1650-1700 hrs	**Q&A**
1700-1730 hrs	**Session XIII: Valedictory Session**
	Chair: Ambassador Sujan R Chinoy, DG MP-IDSA

	Valedictory Address: Prof Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Advisor, Government of India
1730-1740 hrs	**Vote of Thanks:** Gp Capt (Dr) R K Narang VM (Retd), Senior Fellow, MP-IDSA