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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SPACE
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PLENARY SESSIONS

DAY 3 – 9 September 2026 (Jacaranda Hall)

0900 – 1000 Hrs	Arrival and Networking Tea & Coffee
1000 – 1100 Hrs	Strengthening Space-Based Defence Capabilities: From ISR to Secure Communications
1100 – 1200 Hrs	Global Collaboration for Expanding Access to Space Technology, Markets, and Exploration Innovation
1200 – 1300 Hrs	Japan-India Collaborations: Opportunities, Challenges, and the Road Ahead
1300 – 1345 Hrs	Australia's Capability Complementarity: From Innovation to Specialisation
1345 – 1415 Hrs	The Next Chapter of Space: A Conversation on Exploration, Science and Innovation <i>Captain Sunita Williams Group Captain Angad Pratap Mr Tom Shelley</i>
1415 Onwards	Networking Lunch and Closing of Programme



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Plenary Session IX

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1000 - 1100 Hrs Strengthening Space-Based Defence Capabilities: From ISR to Secure Communications

Session will explore how space assets are reshaping defence sector by enabling real-time intelligence, secure communication, and strategic decision-making. It can highlight the growing role of ISR through advanced Earth Observation, AI-driven analytics, and multi-domain integration for faster threat assessment. Discussion can also focus on resilient satellite communication systems, including encrypted networks, anti-jamming technologies, and LEO constellations for reliable connectivity. Emphasis can be placed on indigenous capabilities for assured navigation in contested environments. Additionally, it can discuss on supporting secure and resilient communications and the importance of public-private collaboration.

1000 - 1003 Hrs	<i>Opening Remarks & moderation by Session Chair</i>	Dr Anupam Sharma , Distinguished Scientist & Director General, Technology Management, DRDO, MoD, GoI
1003 - 1100 Hrs	<i>Panelists</i>	AVM Manu Midha, DG, Defence Space Agency (DSA), MoD, GoI Ms Nandini S, Associate Director, ISRO HQ Mr Vincent Kessler, CEO, Synspec SG Pte Ltd, Japan AVM Paramjit Singh Malhi (Rtd), Vice President, Tata Advanced Mr Gwenael Guillois, Executive Vice President, Satellite On-Board Electronics, Safran Space & President, Space Propulsion, Safran Space, France Mr Sandro Panagini, Vice President, International Business (Space Division), Leonardo S.p.A., Italy Mr Arpan Sahoo, Co-founder and CEO, KaleidEO

Closing Remarks by Session Chair



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Plenary Session X

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1100 - 1200 Hrs Global Collaboration for Expanding Access to Space Technology, Markets, and Exploration Innovation

Session will explore how international collaboration can accelerate innovation, improve access to space technologies and global markets, and enable the next generation of space exploration. Discussion will focus on strategic partnerships, technology transfer, joint missions, supply chain integration, investment opportunities, and harmonized regulatory frameworks to foster an inclusive, resilient, and commercially vibrant global space ecosystem that benefits all nations.

1100 – 1107 Hrs	<i>Opening Remarks by Session Chair (5 mins)</i> <i>Moderation by</i>	Dr D Gowrisankar Director, OIIC, ISRO HQ and CMD, Antrix Mr Ganesh Mohan , Deputy Director, INSPACe
1107 - 1200 Hrs	<i>Panelists</i>	Mr Sumit Kumar , Chief Manager- Launch Vehicle Building, NewSpace India Ltd, DoS. Dr Mamatha Maheshwarappa FRAeS CEng , Head- Research & Development, UK Space Agency Mr Yo Shimizu , General Manager, Asia Regional Headquarters, SKY Perfect JSAT Corporation Mr Ben Batagol , Director (Business Development)- APAC, Titomic Limited, Australia Mr Pierpaolo Pergola , Director & Head (Sales), Officina Stellare, Italy Ms Anna Thouvenin , Business Development Manager, Dawn Aerospace, The Netherlands

Closing Remarks by Session Chair

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Plenary Session XI

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1200 - 1300 Hrs Japan-India Collaborations: Opportunities, Challenges, and the Road Ahead

Session explores opportunities and challenges for Japanese and Indian space companies to build concrete business partnerships. Following JAXA's remarks and Japan Pavilion company pitches, four companies engaged in Japan-India collaboration will discuss collaboration drivers, challenges, post-MOU initiatives, and market opportunities.

1200 - 1203 Hrs	<i>Opening Remarks on Japan-India Space Cooperation</i>	Mr Koji Ina , Manager- Strategic Planning Division, Space Strategy Fund Dept
1203 - 1206 Hrs	<i>Special Address on Japan-India Space Cooperation</i>	Dr Vinod Kumar , Director, Promotion Directorate, IN-SPACe
	<i>Moderated by</i>	Mr Naoto Nakadate , Senior Director, JETRO
1206–1224 Hrs	<i>Short Pitches by Japan Pavilion Exhibitors</i>	Mr Masaya Ochiai , General Manager, ArkEdge Space Mr Masayuki Urata , Regional Manager, Asia Pacific Sales, ispace Mr Vaibhav Katiyar , CIO, New Space Intelligence Mr Koya Taniguchi , Regional Sales Manager, SKY Perfect JSAT Mr Tatsuo Omichi , General Manager, Super Resin Mr Vincent Kessler , CEO, Synspective SG
1224–1250 Hrs	<i>Panel Discussion with messages</i>	Mr Andy Fry , Director. Customer Development, Infostellar Mr Keyur Gandhi , Director - Space Regulatory, Dhruva Space Mr Naruo Kanemoto , CEO, SPACESHIFT Mr Joshua Rajkumar , CEO, MEMCO
1250–1255 Hrs	<i>Closing Remarks</i>	Mr Naoto Nakadate , Senior Director, JETRO



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Plenary Session XII- Australia

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1300 - 1345 Hrs Australia's Capability Complementarity: From Innovation to Specialisation

Australia and India's economic complementarity runs deep, and the space sector is no different. 'India has built significant upstream strengths, while Australia brings complementary strengths in areas such as advanced manufacturing and downstream capabilities such as space domain awareness, remote sensing, Earth observation and advanced manufacturing. Together, these strengths create opportunities to strengthen the global space ecosystem and develop competitive, end-to-end space capabilities through technology collaboration, research partnerships and supply chain integration.

1300 – 1303 Hrs	<i>Context setting & moderation</i>	Mr Nathan Davis , Trade and Investment Commissioner Australian Trade and Investment Commission
1303 – 1307 Hrs	<i>Keynote Address</i>	Mr Steven Connolly , Consul-General at the Australian Consulate-General, Bengaluru
1307 – 1345 Hrs	<i>Panelists</i>	Mr Jacob Flentri , Chief Scientist, Space Angels Mr Rajat Kulshrestha , Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Space Machines Company Mr Raviteja Duggineni , Founder and CEO, ResearchSat Mr Herve Astier , Chief Executive Officer, Neumann Space Private Limited

Closing Remarks by moderator



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Special Session: In Conversation with Space Pioneers

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1345 - 1415 Hrs The Next Chapter of Space: A Conversation on Exploration, Science and Innovation

A conversation on the evolving frontier of space, its exploration, the future of human presence in space, emerging opportunities in the global space ecosystem, and the role of innovation, collaboration and young talent in shaping the next chapter of humanity's journey into space.

1345 – 1347 Hrs	<i>Moderated by</i>	Mr Anand Rajagopalan , Executive VP, TakeMe2Space
1347 – 1415 Hrs	<i>In Conversation with</i>	Captain Sunita Williams , US Navy (retired), NASA Astronaut, Vast Astronaut Advisor Grp Capt Angad Pratap , Indian Astronaut Mr Tom Shelley , Vice President, Crew Partnerships, Vast Space

1415 Hrs Networking Lunch



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PARALLEL COUNTRY AND FOCUED SESSIONS

The United Kingdom Session: Cassia Hall

Day 2 : 8 September 2026 : Cassia Hall, BIEC, Bengaluru

1030 - 1130 Hrs UK and India: Driving Growth in the Space Economy

1030 – 1040 Hrs	<i>UK Space: Capability, Ecosystem & Global Collaborations</i>	Ms Jaya Choraria, Deputy Trade Commissioner for South Asia, British High Commission Ms Kaoutar Abousmir, Head- International Space Policy & Global Governance, UK Space Agency <i>Moderated by</i> Ms Nicholas Gribit, First Secretary – Trade, British High Commission
1040 - 1130 Hrs	<i>UK Company Presentations</i>	Mr Richard Adams, Sales Director, Bright Ascension Mr Peter Stoken, Director of Business Development - APAC & MEA, Filtronic Mr Paul Haselgrove, Sales Director, Cambridge Vacuum Engineering Mr Vishnu Srinivasamurthy, Co-founder & CSO, Mass Balance Mr Sivaram Kurapati, Senior Engineer, MDA Space UK Mr Amjad Khan, Head of Production, Orbital Astronautics Mr Paul Day, Requirements and Capabilities – Space, Raytheon UK Mr Vedaprabhu Basavarajappa, Founder & CEO, Beamgrid Technologies



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Europe Session: Cassia Hall

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1145 - 1245 Hrs Europe- India Space Connect: Building Partnerships for the NewSpace Economy

Europe and India share a strong and growing partnership in the space sector, driven by technological innovation, commercial opportunities, and a shared vision for sustainable space development. With Europe's advanced space capabilities and India's rapidly expanding NewSpace ecosystem, there is significant potential for collaboration across satellites, launch services, Earth observation, communications, space exploration, and emerging technologies. Strengthening industry-to-industry partnerships can unlock new markets, accelerate innovation, and build a more resilient global space economy. This will explore opportunities for collaboration, innovation, technology partnerships, investment, and market access, shaping a more connected and competitive global space ecosystem.

1145 - 1148 Hrs	<i>Context setting & moderation</i>	Mr Devanshu Ganatra , Partner, GraySpace
1148 - 1153 Hrs	<i>Address</i>	Professor Sergio Ledda , Italian Scientific Attaché to India
1153 - 1200 Hrs	<i>Address</i>	Mr Jean Claude Souyris , Director (Strategy), CNES, France
1200 - 1245 Hrs	<i>Panel Discussion</i>	Mr Gianpietro Marchiori , President, EIE GROUP, Italy Mr Paulo P , Founder & Managing Director, SSIP, Switzerland Dr Siddharth Pandey , Space Systems Engineer and Strategic Partnerships Lead (Asia Pacific), Fugro , The Netherlands Mr Fabien Ghez , Chief Sales Officer, CAILABS, France Mr Navneet Singh , Chief Executive Officer, Kepler Aero



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Investor- Startup Connect

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1500 - 1700 Hrs Investing in Infinity: Boosting Ideas to Orbit

Step into India's Space Revolution at "Investing in Infinity: Boosting Ideas to Orbit", a curated session where visionary founders and sharp-eyed investors come together to shape the next decade of the Indian Space Economy. As Space Reforms unleash unprecedented entrepreneurial momentum and a wave of cutting-edge NGEs across launch, satellites, downstream services and beyond, this session offers a rare, front-row seat to the "Next Big Ideas" poised to go global. From sharp strategic insights and insider perspectives to live startup pitches and interactive investor-founder engagement, this is the room where bold capital meets breakthrough innovation and where India's space ecosystem starts to take commercial flight.

1500 – 1505 Hrs	<i>Opening Address</i> <i>India's Space Inflection Point</i>	AVM D V Khot (Retd.) , Director, Strategy & Planning, IN-SPACE
1505 – 1510 Hrs	<i>Chairman's Remarks</i>	Dr Pawan Goenka Chairman, IN-SPACE
1510 – 1515 Hrs.	<i>Address</i> <i>Space Sector Investments</i>	Shri Manish Chadha Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce
1515 – 1535 Hrs.	<i>SME Talk : "Backing Space Unicorns Before They Take Off"</i>	Mr Vishesh Rajaram Founding Partner, Speciale Invest
1535 – 1640 Hrs.	<i>Pitch Arena: "Rules of Engagement"</i> <i>Pitch Arena</i>	AVM D V Khot (Retd.) , Director, Strategy & Planning, IN-SPACE Thrustworks Dynetics GalaxEye Grahaa Space Sanyark Gimbal Space India Private Limited MistEO Kessler Dynamics TakeMe2Space Serendipity Space Inbound Aerospace Private Limited
	Investor Jury	Panel Feedback
1640 – 1655 Hrs.	<i>Open House</i>	Moderated Open House
1655 – 1700 Hrs.	<i>Summary & Closing Remarks</i>	AVM D V Khot (Retd.) , Director, Strategy & Planning, IN-SPACE