



9th Edition of BSX 2026
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SPACE
Harnessing Space for Global Progress: Innovation, Policy, and Growth
7 – 9th September 2026; BIEC, Bengaluru

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 Ms. Sunita Williams Group Captain Angad Pratap Mr. Tom Shelley
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 *Opening Remarks & moderation by Session Chair* **Dr Anupam Sharma**, Distinguished Scientist & Director General, Technology Management, DRDO, MoD, GoI

1003 - 1100 Hrs *Panelists* **AVM Manu Midha**, DG, Defence Space Agency (DSA), MoD

Ms Nandini S, Associate Director, ISRO HQ

Mr Vincent Kessler, CEO, Synspective SG Pte Ltd, Japan

AVM Paramjit Singh Malhi, 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 COO, 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>	Dr D Gowrisankar Director, OIIC, ISRO HQ and CMD, Antrix
	<i>Moderation by</i>	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 Mr Naoto Nakadate Senior Director, JETRO
1250–1255 Hrs	<i>Closing Remarks</i>	



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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>	
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>	Ms Sunita Williams Former NASA Astronaut Grp Capt Angad Pratap Indian Astronaut, ISRO Mr Tom Shelley Vice President, Crew Partnerships Vast Space