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'Atmanirbharta' in Age of  
Emerging Technologies &  
Transforming Geopolitics

13 September 2024  
Hyatt Regency, New Delhi

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09:00 AM - 09:30 AM

## REGISTRATION & NETWORKING TEA

09:30 AM - 11:00 AM

### *Inaugural Session:*

#### **Atmanirbharta in Age of Emerging Technologies & Transforming Geopolitics**

##### *Welcome Address:*

**Anoop Verma**, Editor, ETGovernment - The Economic Times

##### *Keynote Address:*

**H.E. Thierry Mathou**, Ambassador, Embassy of France

**H.E. Denis Alipov**, Ambassador, Embassy of the Russian Federation

**H.E. Freddy Svane**, Ambassador, Royal Danish Embassy, Denmark

**H.E. Eric M Garcetti**, Ambassador, Embassy of the United States of America

**Dr. Vijay Kumar Saraswat**, Member, NITI Aayog

**Dr. Rajendra Kumar**, Secretary, Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India

**S. Krishnan**, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India

**Rajesh Kumar Singh**, Defence Secretary Designate, Ministry of Defence, Government of India

##### *Vote of Thanks:*

**Arpit Gupta**, Senior Associate Editor, ETGovernment-The Economic Times

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

## NETWORKING TEA BREAK

11:15 AM - 11:30 AM

### *Session on:*

**Technological Transformation of Navy in the Coming Decade by Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, PVSM, AVSM, NM**, Chief of the Naval Staff, Indian Navy

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM

### *Session on:*

**Defence R&D and the Road Ahead by Dr. Samir V Kamat**, Secretary, Department of Defence R&D, Chairman, DRDO

11:45 AM - 12:00 PM

### *Session on:*

**Peak Pods: Redefining High Altitude Habitats by Vinay Mittal**, Managing Director, Dtech 360 Innovations

12:00 PM - 12:15 PM

### *Session on:*

**Indian Army's Decade of Transformation by Lt. General N. S. Raja Subramani, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM**, Vice Chief of the Army Staff, Indian Army

12:15 PM - 12:30 PM

### *Session on:*

**Technological Innovation in IAF in the Coming Decade by Air Marshal Ajay Kumar Arora, AVSM, VSM**, Director General (Aircraft)

12:30 PM - 01:15 PM

### *Panel Discussion:*

**Atma Nirbharta: Making India Self-reliant in Defence Technology – Vision & Roadmap**

**Session Chair: Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC**

**Dr. Chandrika Kaushik**, Director General (PC&SI), DRDO

**Lt. General Raj Shukla**, Member, Union Public Service Commission

**Commodore Balbir Munjal**, Defence Advisor, Government e-Marketplace, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

**Manoj Jain**, Chairman & Managing Director, Bharat Electronics Ltd.

**Dr. Y Sreenivas Rao**, Director General, Naval Systems & Materials (NS&M), DRDO

**Dhruv Kohli**, Head of Public Sector and GovTech, HCLSoftware

**Vikas Khitha**, Vice President & Head - PES, IC Corporate Office, Larsen & Toubro

**Moderator:**

**Kartik Sharma**, Deputy Editor, ETGovernment - The Economic Times

01.15 PM - 01.45 PM

**Panel Discussion:**

**Technology Absorbption in the Indian Army**

**Lt. General Rakesh Kapoor, AVSM, VSM**, Deputy Chief of the Army Staff (IS&C), Indian Army

**Lt. Gen Vipul Singhal, AVSM, SM**, Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff, Ministry of Defence, Government of India

**Moderator:**

**Major General (Dr.) Pawan Anand, AVSM**, Head, ANBI, United Service Institution of India

01.45 PM - 02.45 PM

**NETWORKING LUNCH BREAK**

02.45 PM - 03.00 PM

**Session on:**

**Infrastructure & Technology for Border Security by Lt. General Raghu Srinivasan, VSM**, Director General & Colonel Commandant, Border Roads

03.00 PM - 03.45 PM

**Panel Discussion:**

**Defence Strategies for Viksit Bharat@2047: Shaping India's Future in an Evolving Geopolitical Milieu**

**Session Chair & Moderator: Major General B K Sharma, AVSM, SM**, Director General, United Service Institution of India

**Lt. General VG Khandare, PVSM, AVSM, SM**, Principal Military Advisor, Ministry of Defence

**Dr. B K Das**, Director General (ECS), DRDO

**Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, AVSM, VM, VSM**, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Central Air Command

**Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan**, Director General, National Maritime Foundation

**Amitabh Mattoo**, Dean, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

**Dr. W Selvamurthy**, Director General, Amity Directorate of Science and Innovation (Former DG, DRDO)

03.45 PM - 04.00 PM

**Session on:**

**Research & Development of Advanced Materials for Critical Sectors by Dr. SK Jha**, Chairman & Managing Director, Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited

04.00 PM - 04.10 PM

**NETWORKING TEA BREAK**

04.10 PM - 05.00 PM

**Panel Discussion:**

**AI, ML & Emerging Technologies: The Battleground of the Future**

**Session Chair & Moderator: Dr. Subrata Rakshit**, Director General (TM), DRDO

**Lt. General Anil Kapoor, AVSM, VSM**, Strategic Advisor Technology, Innovation & MRO

**Dr. Atul Chauhan**, Chancellor, Amity University, President, Ritnand Balved Education Foundation & CEO, AKC Group of Companies

**Major General C. S. Mann, VSM**, Additional Director General, Army Design Bureau, Indian Army

**Rear Admiral Sarath Aashirvad, VSM**, Assistant Chief of Materials (MoD), DG Naval Trails & Acceptance Authority

**Major General Harsh Chhibber, VSM**, Commandant, College of Defence Management

**Navin Sabharwal**, Chief AI Architect, HCLSoftware

05:00 PM - 05:45 PM

**Panel Discussion:**

**Securing Cyberspace: India's Leap to Defend Areas beyond Borders**

**Session Chair: Lt. General M U Nair, AVSM, SM**, National Cyber Security Coordinator, National Security Council Secretariat

**Suma Varughese**, Director General - Micro Electronic Devices, Computational Systems & Cyber Systems (MED & CoS), DRDO

**Dipti Mohil Chawla**, Additional Secretary, Department of Defence, Ministry of Defence, Government of India

**B Shanker Jaiswal**, Joint Commissioner of Police, Operations (Technology & Project Implementation Division), Delhi Police

**Lt. Col (Dr.) Anupam Tiwari**, Advisor Cyber, O/O Principal Advisor, Ministry of Defence, Government of India

**Prof. Dayanand**, Program Director, Group Head (iDEX-Navy Group), iDEX-DIO, Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence

**Nitin Gupta**, India Head Govt. and Public Sector, Fortinet

**Moderator:**

**Arpit Gupta**, Senior Associate Editor, ETGovernment, The Economic Times

05:45 PM - 06:00 PM

**VALEDICTORY SESSION**

**Address:**

**Jyotiraditya Scindia**, Hon'ble Union Minister of Communications, Minister of Development of North East, Government of India

**Closing Remarks:**

**Kartik Sharma**, Deputy Editor, ETGovernment - The Economic Times

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