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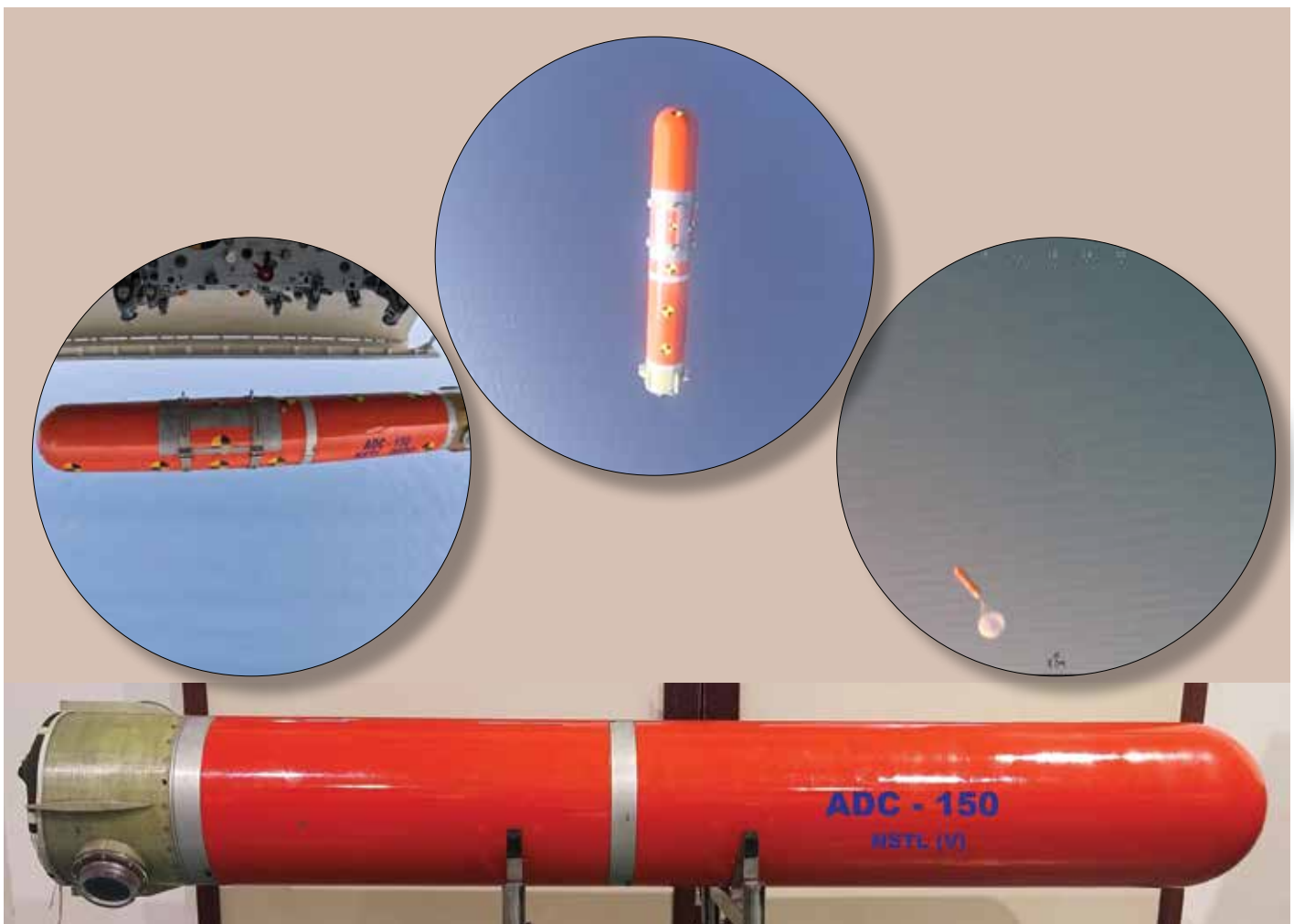
IN-FLIGHT RELEASE TRIALS OF INDIGENOUS AIR DROPPABLE CONTAINER 'ADC-150' FROM THE P8I AIRCRAFT

Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO) and the Indian Navy jointly conducted four successful in-flight release trials of the indigenous Air Droppable Container 'ADC-150' from the P8I aircraft between February 21 to March 01, 2026, at different extreme release conditions. Indigenously designed and developed to deliver 150 kg payload, the Air Droppable Container enhances the naval operational logistics capabilities

for providing quick response to naval vessels under distress, needing critical stores/equipment, medical assistance, etc. at blue sea deployed far from the coast.

The Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam is the nodal laboratory for the activity. Aerial Delivery Research & Development Establishment (ADRDE), Agra has developed the parachute system and Centre for Military Airworthiness & Certification (CEMILAC),

Bengaluru, provided the flight clearance and certification, and Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL), Hyderabad provided the instrumentation support for the trials. To meet the requirement of the Indian Navy, the ADC-150 system for the P8I aircraft was developed and qualified in a short timeframe. As all the developmental flight trials have been completed successfully, the system is expected to be inducted into the Indian Navy soon.





INDIGENOUS TACTILE SENSOR FOR STRATEGIC ROBOTIC APPLICATIONS

Research and Development Establishment (E) (R&D(E)), Pune, along with Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT), a University supported by Ministry of Defence (MoD), has developed an indigenous tactile sensor for strategic robotic applications. These sensors are capable to handle delicate and lightweight payloads along with heavy objects using its gripping and slip-detection capability. The sensors shall give the future robots a sense of touch. The technology is a precursor to develop artificial skin for future robots. Currently being deployed in DRDO humanoid robot grippers under the STAR project, the sensors can grip and hold objects using piezo-resistive materials which are made of polymer composites. They handle forces in the range of 1 N to 50

N and are well evaluated for thousands of operation cycles for their repeatability and sensitivity. The sensor arrays are supported by an electronic data acquisition system and python programming software. The sensors are developed by the group led by Prof. Sangeeta Kale from DIAT under the guidance of Dr SE Talole and Dr Kiran Akella from R&D(E).

The sensor arrays along with its electronics interface were

handed over by DIAT to R&D(E) on 9 March 2026 in an event that was graced by the presence of Dr Samir V Kamat, Secretary DD R&D & Chairman DRDO and Dr BHVS Narayana Murthy, Vice Chancellor, DIAT. The event included demonstration of the developed sensor product, which will be now integrated with the humanoid system being developed under STAR project of R&D(E).



INFRA DEVELOPMENT

INAUGURATION OF NEW TELEMETRY INFRASTRUCTURE AT ITR, CHANDIPUR

A new Telemetry Centre with state-of-the-art facilities was inaugurated in Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur. Shri U Raja Babu, Director General (MSS) in the august presence of Shri Anindya Biswas, Director, RCI, Shri K Suchendar, Director, ITR, Shri M Veera Sankar, IDSE & Chief Engineer, inaugurated the facility. During the inauguration Chief Guest Shri Raja Babu lauded the planning and forward-thinking

design of the project and wished more innovation and technological

breakthrough for the telemetry team of ITR.



DGRE INKS MOU WITH SAC-ISRO

Defence Research Geoinformatics Establishment (DGRE), Chandigarh, and Space Applications Centre (SAC), ISRO, Ahmedabad, signed an MoU for the development of geospatial technologies for monitoring and modelling of snow, terrain and glacier products, and analysis & assessment of mountain geohazards (avalanches, landslides, GLOF). Dr PK Satyawali, Director,

DGRE and Nilesch M Desai, Director, SAC signed the pact at SAC (ISRO) in Ahmedabad on 25 February 2026 for 5 years.

The MoU will strengthen the ongoing and future research projects in Himalayan and Antarctica regions.



DIPAS SIGNS MOU WITH INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY-ROPAR

The Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Science (DIPAS), Delhi, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology-Ropar (IIT-Ropar) for collaborative research, academic exchange, and strengthening technological innovation utilising each other's research expertise on 10 February 2026. The signing ceremony was held at IIT-Ropar in the presence of Director, DIPAS Shri Devakanta Pahad Singh, OS, and Prof. Rajeev Ahuja, Director,

IIT-Ropar. This collaboration is poised to drive innovation for human performance

augmentation, high-altitude sustenance, smart energy, and efficient waste management.



MOU SIGNED BY ITM

Institute of Technology Management (ITM), Mussoorie has signed two MoUs with IIT Roorkee and IIT Bombay for design and delivery of joint certification programmes, short term courses and customized training for DRDO employees during its Raising Day.



NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY CELEBRATION

DEBEL, Bengaluru

The National Science Day 2026 (NSD 2026) was celebrated at Defence Bioengineering & Electromedical Laboratory (DEBEL), Bengaluru on 9 March 2026. The NSD oration was delivered by Shri Srinivasan K, Sc 'E' on 'Liner-less Composite Pressure Vessels: Challenges and Opportunities for Pressure Containment'. He presented an overview of potential applications of pressure cylinder in defence, critical technology involved and fabrication process. The event was followed by presentation of science day medal and certificate to the orator by Director, DEBEL.



DGRE, Chandigarh

National Science Day 2026 was celebrated at Defence Geoinformatics Research Establishment (DGRE), Chandigarh, on 2 March 2026 with the theme 'Women in Science: Catalyzing Viksit Bharat'. The Chief Guest for the occasion, Prof. (Dr) Bhola Ram Gurjar, Director,

National Institute of Technical Teachers Training & Research (NITTTR), Chandigarh, delivered a talk on 'Scientific Approach and Management for the Benefit of the Nation'. Director DGRE, Dr PK Satyawali also addressed the gathering about the instrumental role of DRDO in celebrating 'National Science Day', Women's in Strategic Role for Defence R&D as well as 'Viksit Bharat'.

He applauded DGRE services towards geo-hazard management across entire Himalaya and motivated DGRE fraternity to think out of the box to develop various technologies and geoinformatics products to address the armed forces requirement with changing global scenario. Shri Chitesh Kumar Sharma, Sc 'D' delivered a technical talk on "Rock Slope Stability Analysis using Tree-based Ensemble Machine Learning Models". Shri Sharma was awarded with the medal and certificate for his oration.



DIHAR, Leh

The Defence Institute of High Altitude Research (DIHAR), Leh, celebrated NSD 2026 on 2

March 2026. The Centre Head, DIHAR, Dr OP Chaurasia, Sc 'G', virtually chaired the celebration. Dr Vijay K Bharti, Sc 'F', delivered the NSD oration on "Study on the Effectiveness of Yaks in Logistics Support in Super High-Altitude Areas" an R&D study on endurance exercise physiology and load-carrying capacity to develop pack animal technology for high-altitude mountain area deployment. He received the commendation certificate and medal for his work. Thereafter, brainstorming and discussion were held on how S&T activities and technology development will help India in achieving "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India) by 2047 as a common national goal.



DMSRDE, Kanpur

Defence Materials and Stores Research & Development Establishment (DMSRDE), Kanpur, celebrated NSD 2026 on 27 February 2026. The theme for NSD 2026 was "Women in Science: Catalyzing Viksit Bharat". The Chief Guest Prof. RS Verma, Director MNNIT

Allahabad, Prayagraj delivered a talk on “Bio-inspired Materials”. On the occasion, Dr Kingsuk Mukhopadhyay, OS & Director DMSRDE addressed the DMSRDE fraternity and spoke about the importance of NSD and history behind its celebration. Dr Ajit Shankar Singh, Sc ‘E’ delivered the NSD oration on ‘Phthalonitrile (PN) Resins for High Temperature Applications’. The Chief Guest presented the NSD medal and certificate to Dr Ajit Shankar Singh, Sc ‘E’. Dr Debmalya Roy, Sc ‘G’ & Head NSD coordinated the event.



HEMRL, Pune

High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL), Pune, celebrated NSD 2026 on 27 February 2026. Padma Shri Awardee Dr Krishnamurthy Balasubramanian, DS & Director, Non-Ferrous Materials Technology Development Centre (NFTDC), Hyderabad, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Shri Bikashhose, Sc ‘G’, delivered the welcome address. He informed that various competitions such as science crossword, essay writing, poster, scientific presentations, online and offline science quiz

competitions were organised. Dr AP Dash, OS & Director, HEMRL, welcomed the Chief Guest and informed about the significance of the celebration and how important is the scientific temperament and scientific progress for the country to become a developed nation. tional importance. Shri PC Rao delivered the NSD oration on “Science of Insensitive Munitions: Simulation & Experimental Study”. The Chief Guest distributed awards to the winners of various competitions. Dr SK Sahoo delivered the vote of thanks.



IRDE, Dehradun

Instruments Research & Development Establishment (IRDE), Dehradun, celebrated NSD 2026 on 2 March 2026. The theme of NSD 2026 was ‘Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat’ which focuses the crucial role of women in fostering innovation and propelling India towards becoming a developed nation. Dr Ajay Kumar, OS & Director, IRDE, inaugurated the event. The Chief Guest of the event was Dr Harender Singh Bisht, Director, Indian Institute of

Petroleum (IIP), CSIR, Dehradun. He delivered a keynote address on ‘Journey Towards Sustainable Energy and Environment’. Shri Abhijit Chakraborty, Sc ‘F’, delivered the oration on ‘Optical Telescope: Technique for RSO Detection and Way Ahead’. On this auspicious occasion, Dr Ajay Kumar congratulated the scientific community of IRDE for its quest to achieve excellence and self-reliance.



ISSA, Delhi

The Institute for Systems Studies & Analyses (ISSA), Delhi, celebrated NSD 2026 on 27 February 2026. The NSD oration was given by Ms Pooja, Sc ‘B’ on “A Modelling Approach to





Chemical Warfare in Theatre-level Wargame”.

The oration was focussed on elaborating a modelling approach for evaluation of extent of dispersion of chemical agents and their resultant causalities in formations deployed in a theatre thereby affecting effectiveness of formation. Smt Deepakshi Shah, OS & Director presented medal and commendation certificate to the orator.

LRDE, Bengaluru

The NSD 2026 was celebrated at Electronics & Radar Development Establishment (LRDE), Bengaluru, on 9 March 2026. Dr BK Das, DS & DG (ECS) was the Chief Guest and Shri M Sheik Althaf, OS & Director, LRDE presided over the function. The event commenced with welcome address by Shri Abid Hussain VA, Sc 'H' & Associate Director (Planning). Director, LRDE greeted the scientific community and briefed about the significance

of the day and elaborated about the theme “Women in Science Catalyzing Viksit Bharat”.

Dr Das delivered an inspiring lecture on “Radar–The Third Eye of Modern Warfare: From Isolated Nodes to Multi-Domain Ecosystems” highlighting the importance of autonomous sensing, multi-sensor data fusion, AI & intelligent superiority. He gave the roadmap for futuristic Radar R&D in the evolving global scenario. This was followed by NSD oration on “Electromagnetic Compatibility: Quest for Harmony from DC to Cosmic Rays” by Shri Shiva Shastha Rai A, Sc 'F'. DG (ECS) presented the medal and commendation certificate to the orator. The event concluded with vote of thanks by Shri SD Suresh, Sc 'G'.

MTRDC, Bengaluru

National Science Day 2026 was celebrated at the Microwave Tube Research & Development Centre (MTRDC), Bengaluru, on 2 March

2026. Dr Khilawan Choudhary, Sc 'F', was the orator of the event. He delivered a talk on ‘Data-Driven Lifetime Estimation of MOSFET using Supervised Learning Algorithms’. He received a medal and commendation certificate from Dr SK Datta, OS & Centre Head, MTRDC.



NMRL, Ambernath

The NSD 2026 was celebrated at Naval Materials Research Laboratory (NMRL), Ambernath, on 27 February 2026 with great enthusiasm. The theme of the program was "Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat". All officers and staff of NMRL participated in the event. Dr Suman Roy Choudhury, OS & Director, NMRL, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of scientific advancements. The Science Day Oration Award 2026 was conferred upon Shri Subir Barman, Sc 'F', who delivered a lecture on "Synergistic Multilayer Coating for Corrosion Protection and Hydrogen Management in Fuel Tanks: Accelerated and Field Studies". As part of the celebrations, a science day oration and quiz competition were organized for students of 8th and





9th standard from nearby schools. A total of 11 schools participated, with approximately 42 students taking part in the program.



NPOL, Kochi

Naval Physical & Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL), Kochi observed NSD on 2 March 2026 by arranging an invited talk and a science day oration. Dr BK Das, DS & DG (ECS), the Chief Guest of the occasion delivered a talk on 'Changing War Scenarios and Our Preparation Through Best Practices'. He asserted the need for indigenisation in all fields and explained about the best practices to be followed.

The Science Day oration was by Dr Anand P, Sc 'F' on 'Towards Transparent Ocean: Addressing 4-D Ocean Variability for Enhanced Underwater Domain Awareness'. The oration



covered ocean variability in the IOR strongly influences sonar performance by altering the four-dimensional (space-time) structure of temperature, salinity, and sound speed, which control acoustic propagation and transmission loss. Dr Das presented the citation to Dr Anand P in the presence of Dr D Seshagiri, OS & Director, NPOL.

NSTL, Visakhapatnam

Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam celebrated NSD on 2 March 2026. The Chief Guest Prof. GP Raja Sekhar, Vice Chancellor, Andhra University; Guest of Honour Shri J Venkata Rao, EO (Simhachalam Devasthanam); Dr Abraham Varughese, OS & Director, NSTL addressed the gathering. Dr Varughese expressed importance of the creativity of Indian teams to build a better future where innovation has no bounds and where Viksit Bharat stands as a beacon of progress and atmanirbhar Bharat. Shri P Naga Sai Babu, Sc 'C' was awarded with a medal and a commendation certificate for his work on "Development of Solid-State Lithium-Ion Cell". On the occasion, NSTL conducted quiz and elocution competitions for the school students around Visakhapatnam.



PXE, Chandipur

The NSD 2026 was observed at Proof & Experimental Establishment (PXE), Chandipur, on 2 March 2026. Prof. Ashok Kumar Ganguli, Director, IISER, Berhampur, graced this occasion as the Chief Guest. Shri PK Sahani Sc 'E' briefed the purpose behind the celebration of the Day. Shri Devanandh S, Sc 'B' received a medal and a certificate from the Chief Guest for his oration titled 'Applications of Active Shape Model in Test Range Scenario'. Shri Subodha Kumar Nayak, OS & Director, PXE in his address highlighted role of Women scientists in research sphere. Shri RS Mohapatra, Sc 'F' & Additional Director introduced the Chief Guest to the gathering. Prof. Ganguli in his speech emphasized the impact of science in our lives and his inspiring scientific journey. As a part of the celebration, students from various schools visited the laboratory on 27 February 2026.



RAISING DAY CELEBRATIONS

ADRDE, Agra

Aerial Delivery Research & Development Establishment (ADRDE), Agra celebrated its 58th Raising Day on 20 January 2026, marking a milestone of excellence, self-reliance, and service to the nation. The day served as a tribute to the scientists and technical staff whose innovations have transformed India into a global defense power. Dr K Rajalakshmi Menon, OS & DG (Aero) gave an inspiring video message. After the message a glimpse of ADRDE various landmark achievements of 2025 was presented.

Dr Manmohan Parida, OS & Director, DRDE, Gwalior graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In a powerful keynote address he emphasized the importance of innovation, technology and community service. Dr Manoj Kumar, OS & Director, ADRDE commended the ADRDE officers



and staffs for their tireless efforts, specifically mentioning their role in the various project activities.

INMAS, Delhi

Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), Delhi, celebrated its 65th Raising Day on 13 February 2026. Dr BK Das, DS & DG (ECS), was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Dr Chandrika Kaushik, DS & DG (PC & SI), was the Guest of Honour. Dr Jaya Shanti, Director, DRDO-Industry Academia Centre of Excellence, IIT Delhi, also attended the celebrations. The other dignitaries from corporate HQs and Directors from Delhi-based laboratories also graced the occasion.

Dr Sudhir Chandna, OS & Director, INMAS, welcomed the guests and highlighted the momentous efforts made by INMAS through the live demonstration-cum-exhibition of major core capabilities of INMAS in radiation and nuclear

emergency preparedness, R&D in radiation countermeasures, radiation decontamination, and allied biomedical technologies.

Dr Kaushik commended the contributions of INMAS for the launching of the 'Vikiran Prehri Permanent Flagship Programme,' and the national program 'Vikiran Prehri' for medical teams of MHA attached with VVIPs to deal with nuclear and radiological exigencies.

Dr Kaushik appreciated INMAS for developing two de-corporating agents. The Chief Guest, Dr Das, in his address appreciated the contributions of INMAS in the fields of R&N emergency management, training, and biomedical research.

The dignitaries also released the 24th volume of 'Nucleus,' an in-house annual bulletin of INMAS, and the 28th edition of the Hindi magazine 'Prastuti'. Mementoes were also conferred to employees on successful completion of 25 years of service in DRDO.



IRDE, Dehradun

The Instruments Research & Development Establishment (IRDE), Dehradun, celebrated its 66th Raising Day on 18 February 2026 with full zeal and vivacity. Dr Ajay Kumar, OS & Director, IRDE welcomed the august gathering and congratulated officers, staff and their families on Raising Day of IRDE. He conveyed his thanks and appreciated all employees of IRDE for completion of projects during the year 2025. He strongly believed that the projects targeted for the year 2026 will be completed with the committed workforce of IRDE within the designated time frame. Dr Ajay Kumar awarded commendation certificates and badges to thirty-one IRDE employees from all the cadres for their dedication to work and showcasing great skill in their respective areas of activity. Dr Ajay Kumar also honoured Project Directors and team members of ten projects with commendation certificates for successfully completion and closing of projects during the year 2025. As part of the celebration, various sports events were conducted and winners were awarded by Dr Sudhir Khare, OS.

ITM, Mussoorie

Institute of Technology Management (ITM), Mussoorie celebrated its 65th Raising Day on 28 February 2026. The event was graced by Dr Samir V Kamat, Secretary DD R&D & Chairman DRDO, as Chief Guest and Dr Mayank Dwivedi, OS & DG (HR)



as the Guest of Honour. Shri SP Dobhal, Director, ITM delivered the welcome address and also highlighted overall performance and achievements of institute during the preceding year. The Guest of Honour highlighted the importance of additional infrastructure, personal well-being and MoU's with India's leading institutes.

Dr Kamat, in his keynote address highlighted the importance of ITM towards training of DRDO employees and to devote attention on transition

from Technology Development to Technology Management and stressed that ITM should take a lead. He also released ITM Training Calendar 2026-27, STEMS Project Compendium and ITM Hindi magazine, 'Srijan' followed by a curtain raiser event of "Society for Technology Research & Management" (STREAM).

On the occasion, lab-level Commendation Certificates were presented and an employee was felicitated on completing 25 years of service in DRDO.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

DRDE, Gwalior

The Defence Research & Development Establishment (DRDE), Gwalior, celebrated International Women's Day 2026 (IWD 2026) on 9 March 2026 with a one-day workshop focused on work-life balance, bringing together women officers, staff members, students, and contractual employees of the laboratory. The workshop featured Dr Kamalpreet Likhari, Senior Ophthalmologist from RJN Eye Institute, Gwalior, who delivered an engaging talk on stress management, maintaining a healthy lifestyle, and enhancing productivity while balancing professional and personal responsibilities. The valedictory event was graced by Guest of Honour Mrs Anu Beniwal, IPS, Additional Superintendent of Police, Gwalior; Dr Manmohan Parida, Director, DRDE; and Mrs Priti Chhanda Parida.

Welcoming the guests and participants, Dr Manisha Sathe, Sc 'G', emphasized the growing contributions of women scientists in advancing chemical and biological defence technologies. Addressing the gathering, Mrs Beniwal spoke about the vital role of women in nation-building and public service, encouraging greater participation of women in both science and societal leadership. She also lauded the contribution of women to the scientific community of DRDE in developing indigenous chem bio-



defence technologies for national security. In his address, Dr Parida highlighted the laboratory's important role in strengthening India's national security through advanced defence research, while appreciating the dedication and achievements of women researchers and staff at DRDE.

ISSA, Delhi

The Institute for Systems Studies & Analyses (ISSA), Delhi, celebrated IWD 2026 on 9 March 2026. Dr Sandhya Verma, Sc 'F', from Defence Institute of

Psychological Research (DIPR), Delhi, delivered a talk on 'Managing Emotions'. The talk was focused on how to effectively manage emotions through various practical techniques with an ultimate goal of peaceful and successful life. She engaged everyone in activities related to managing emotions. Director, ISSA appreciated the speaker and mentioned that the topic of the talk was relevant since it touches everyone on daily basis and the need to manage emotions is the key to a happy society. All women



employees of ISSA and Group Directors attended the program.

NMRL, Ambernath

International Women's Day was celebrated at Naval Materials Research Laboratory (NMRL), Ambernath, with immense zeal and happiness on 9 March, 2026. Mrs Debyani Chattaraj, Sc 'F', Chairperson of the Women's Cell, highlighted the significance, history and theme of the day. Dr Suman Roy Choudhury, OS and Director, NMRL, addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of women's empowerment, rights and equality in scientific organizations. The Guest of Honour, Ms T Shirisha, Sc 'G', RCI, Hyderabad, delivered a motivational talk and presented a lecture on "Naval Anti-Ship Missile- Short Range", along with a short film on missile testing. The Chief Guest, Dr Tessa Vincent, OS, BARC, Trombay delivered an inspiring lecture on "Backend of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle" and shared her professional experiences with the audience.



NPOL, Kochi

Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL), Kochi celebrated IWD 2026 on 16 March 2026. NPOL organized an invited talk by Dr Padmavati, OS & Technical Director (Avionics), ADA. It was a journey starting with genesis of Aeronautical Development Agency and Light Compact



Aircraft (LCA). She explained the design challenges faced in Tejas MK1 and gave an overall picture of the DRDO laboratories, academic institutions and industries

participated in LCA program and the products developed by them. She shared her vast experience in developing Tejas. The second part of the talk by Dr Padmavati was more technical on "Development of Large-Scale Airborne Embedded Application for a Fighter Aircraft: a Case Study". She has described the development of large Scale airborne embedded Application in detail. Dr D Seshagiri, OS & Director, NPOL, offered felicitations on the occasion of IWD 2026. Ms Manjula P Raj, Sc 'G' & Chairperson, NPOL Women Cell welcomed the gathering.

NSTL, Visakhapatnam

International Women's Day 2026 was organized in a befitting manner on 6 March 2026 at Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam. The event was graced by a distinguished group of dignitaries including Dr Chandrika Kaushik, DS & DG (PC&SI); Prof. M Shashi, Principal (AU, College of Engineering); Dr Abraham Varughese, OS & Director NSTL; Smt R Sasi Sri, First Lady of Naval Systems & Materials Cluster; Smt Ilin Dinah Abraham, First Lady of NSTL & President MKM; Smt and Smt K Sangeeta, IDAS, IFA (R&D). In her address, she highlighted the presence of committees like the Women Cell and Internal Complaint Cell (ICC) at NSTL, which focus on women's welfare and safety in the workplace.

Dr Varughese congratulated the women employees for their significant role to the organization. He encouraged women to embrace



leadership roles in their respective fields. The Chief Guest Dr Kaushik, highlighted, Senior ladies are to mentor the younger generation coming into the organization. Prof. Shashi emphasised that both men and women take equal roles and responsibilities towards their families.

As part of the celebrations, a free medical camp was organized for all women fraternity of NSTL. More than 120 women participated in the health check-up. A charity event was also organized on the occasion.

PXE, Chandipur

A workshop for IWD 2026 was conducted at Proof and Experimental Establishment (PXE), Chandipur, under the theme 'SUSHREE', i.e. "Scientific Upliftment and Strengthening Her Research Endeavor Earnestly" during 9-10 March 2026. The workshop started with beach walkathon at Chandipur sea beach. In the inaugural session, Mrs Anu Garg, IAS, Chief Secretary of Odisha was the Chief Guest

accompanied by Prof. Geetanjali Das, Vice Chancellor of Berhampur University Odisha as the Guest of Honour. Dr Samir V Kamat, Secretary DD R&D & Chairman DRDO, Prof. (Dr) Prateek Kishore, DG (ACE), Dr K Rajalakshmi Menon, DG (Aero), Shri Subodha Kumar Nayak, Director, PXE, Chairperson of ICC-Ms Sweta Singh, Sc 'G' & Convenor, IWD-2026 Ms Smritisudha Sahoo, Sc 'F' graced the occasion. IWD 2026 Souvenir 'SUSHREE' containing all innovative technical, non-technical articles along with poems and a souvenir 'KSHITIJ',

a collection of Hindi articles were released by the distinguished dignitaries. An exhibition showcasing journey of 130 years of PXE, the culture of Odisha through food, art and craft along with stalls showcasing advanced technologies was inaugurated by the esteemed guests. The workshop hosted a session for presentation of best paper, article and poem by authors followed by felicitations of women leaders of DRDO playing the roles of Director General, Laboratory Director, Program Director and Project Director. During the technical visit to PXE technical area, all the participants experienced live firing and got opportunity to fire small arms. The plenary session covered "Challenges in Women Leadership" followed by an active discussion between audience and the esteemed speakers. An invited talk on "Cognition and Emotion" provided clarity on handling emotions in daily life. This was followed by ceremonious handing over of 'Deepalakshmi' baton to the next torchbearer DRDE, Gwalior.



RAC, Delhi

The Recruitment and Assessment Centre (RAC), Delhi celebrated IWD 2026 and National Safety Day on 9 March 2026. Ms Veena Gupta, motivational speaker, shared detailed insights on occupational safety and health activities, self-defence, industrial safety, and management. She also shared her views regarding the increasing participation of women in both private and government sectors, their effective leadership, and their valuable contributions. Additionally, a quiz competition was organized at the office to mark the occasion of National Safety Day. The winning participants were duly awarded. The event concluded with a pledge reaffirming the commitment of all personnel toward personal and industrial safety.

R&DE(E), Pune

A one-day workshop on "Empowering Women for Better Tomorrow" was conducted on 5th March 2026 at R&DE (Engrs), Pune, as a part of IWD 2026. The workshop has covered various aspects, like women empowerment, environmental

engineering, entrepreneurship, nutrition, and health, etc. through invited talks by eminent women professionals, Ms Chitralkha Vaidya, founder & CEO Varshasookt Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai;



Ms Jilma Peruvangat, co-founder Kozhnosys, Pune; Ms Varsha Pherwani, Clinical Nutritionist, Pune; Dr Gyatri Ekbote from Pune. The workshop conveyed, IWD theme 2026 "Give To Gain" by elaborating several ways for individuals and organizations to practice it for maximum benefit.

TBRL, Chandigarh

Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory (TBRL), Chandigarh celebrated IWD 2026 on 10 March 2026 at Ramgarh Ranges. The event saw the presence of more than 200 women scientists, officers & staff, reflecting the

organization's commitment to women's empowerment and inclusivity.

The program was graced by Chief Guest Prof. (Dr) Renu Vij, Vice Chancellor of Panjab University, who delivered an inspiring address highlighting the importance of education, leadership and resilience among women. The Guest of Honour Dr Radhika Tripathi, CEO of iHub-AWadh IIT-Ropar, shared valuable insights on innovation, technology, startups and the increasing role of women in research and entrepreneurial ecosystems. Sh J Santhosarajan OS & Director, TBRL, in his address, emphasized the importance of rights, justice and meaningful action for women & girls. He highlighted that courage, dedication and hard work are key factors that enable women to achieve remarkable success in various fields. The program also featured talks by Advocate Baljit Singh, about legal awareness, discussed various acts and women's rights. Dr Parminder Kaur, Gynae & infertility expert, addressed important aspects related to women's health, well-being and empowerment.



RELEASE OF THE DRDO HR MANUAL-POLICIES AND PROCEDURES-2025

“DRDO HR Manual (Policies and Procedures)-2025” was released by the Secretary DD R&D & Chairman DRDO on 27 February 2026 in the presence of Dr Mayank Dwivedi, OS & DG (HR); Dr Sanjai Kumar Dwivedi, Director, DHRD; Dr SK Singh, Director, DMS; Shri SP Dobhal, Director, ITM; Smt Anita Mohindra, SC ‘G’, ITM; and Dr Mehbuba Begam, Sc ‘F’ & Head (Training), DHRD, marking a significant milestone for the organisation.

Dr Kamat appreciated and congratulated Dr Dwivedi and the entire publication and editorial committee for their sincere efforts, meticulous coordination, and dedicated commitment in preparing this comprehensive document. He expressed confidence that the Manual would

function as a comprehensive ready reckoner for all DRDO officials, enabling clarity, consistency, and informed decision-making, and it would greatly assist readers in the effective understanding and implementation of the organisation’s HR policies and procedures.

As an authoritative reference, the Manual will assist employ-

ees and administrators in ensuring regulatory compliance while enabling consistent and informed decision-making.

Its implementation represents an important step toward strengthening institutional processes and fostering a work culture that promotes accountability, professional growth, and organizational excellence.



MEETING ON ‘SEVA SANKALP RESOLUTION’ ADOPTED BY THE UNION CABINET AT DMSRDE

A meeting on ‘Seva Sankalp Resolution’ as per directives of DMS, DRDO HQrs, New Delhi was organised in the Auditorium on 3 March 2026. The event was chaired by Dr Kingsuk Mukhopadhyay, OS & Director, DMSRDE. All the officers including Additional Directors and Divisional Heads attended the meeting.

The Seva Sankalp Resolution in hindi was read by Shri Amit Saraiya, Sc ‘F’ & Head TC & HRD. Director, DMSRDE talked about the implementation of rules and regulations in executing any

project/task with honest intent will paved the path towards building ‘Viksit Bharat by 2047’. The positive work culture in

the laboratory will form the foundation for advancing India as a self-reliant nation in defence sector.





MOCK FIRE DRILL AT CVRDE

As part of 55th National Safety Day/Month a Fire mock drill was conducted at CVRDE, Chennai on 6 March 2026. Shri J Rajesh Kumar, OS & Director, CVRDE, inaugurated the event. The theme of the event was "Engage, Educate and Empower People to Enhance Safety". Various fire teams from five organisations namely Tamil Nadu Fire & Rescue Service, Ordnance Depot, Ordnance Clothing Factory, Engine Factory,



Avadi and Heavy Vehicles Factory of Avadi participated in the drill. The mock drill was conducted,

demonstrating the real fire incident and use of fire tender and fire extinguishers to mitigate different fire scenarios. Each fire tender having one leading Fire Man and Four Fire Men demonstrated their skills to put-off the fire.

During his address, Shri T Panneer Selvam, OS & Associate Director (Arjun MBT) narrated the importance of safety culture in the day today activities.

NATIONAL SAFETY DAY CELEBRATIONS AT DRDL

55th National Safety Day was organized at Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL), Hyderabad, on the 6 March 2026. Dr Ankathi Raju, DS & Director, DRDL along with management council welcomed the Chief Guest Shri Burra Venkatesham, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, Telangana Public Service Commission.

The Chief Guest delivered an insightful talk on "Personality Development-Positive Thinking and its Implication on Behavioural Safety". To promote the awareness on safety issues, the event included competitions like poster-making, slogan-writing, poems and quiz. All 320 participants were administered the safety and health pledge.



AWARENESS PROGRAM ON THE OCCASION OF NATIONAL SAFETY WEEK AT ITR

To Mark the National Safety Day-Week-2026 and to foster the idea of importance of safety in the organisation a two days awareness program was conducted at Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, during 18-19 March 2026. During the celebration, essay and poster making, slogan writing & quiz competitions were conducted along with display of

safety banners in and outside of ITR premises with the theme

"Engage, Educate, & Empower People to Enhance Safety".



COURSES AT DGRE, CHANDIGARH

Training at Basic Training Centre, ITBP, Panchkula

Defence Research Establishment (DGRE), Chandigarh, conducted comprehensive awareness training on 'Snow and Avalanche Safety and Rescue Methods' at Basic Training Centre Bhanu, Ramgarh, Panchkula (Haryana) on 12 February 2026 and during 18-20 February 2026. The training

was aimed to acquaint newly inducted ITBP personnel towards the enhancement of operational preparedness with practical skills for safe movement in high-altitude snow-bound avalanche-prone regions. During the course, newly trained ITBP personnel's participated and were briefed about the role and responsibilities

of DGRE, Snow avalanche formation, types of avalanches, failure mechanisms, methods of snow avalanche mitigation, safety precautions during any movement in avalanche-prone areas including tools and equipment's used for avalanche safety rescue and hands on experience in ground.



Course on Emerging Technologies for Early warnings of Geo-Hazards

Defence Research Establishment (DGRE), Chandigarh, organized a course on "Emerging Technologies for Early Warnings of Geo Hazards" during 18-20 February 2026. The objective of the course was to enhance the knowledge on geo-hazards and effective designing of early warning system, application of emerging AI-ML, sensor and remote sensing technologies for monitoring, detection and early warning of geo-hazards in Himalaya. A total of 21 participants attended the course. In-house experts of DGRE and eminent speakers from various institutes and academia delivered scientific

talks on hazard monitoring technologies, data processing techniques, modeling approaches, risk communication strategies. They have discussed both the opportunities and the limitations

of emerging technologies—recognizing that solutions must be context-specific, affordable, and sustainable for mountain regions. Dr PK Srivastava, Sc 'G', was the Course Director.





COURSE ON TQM AT IIM-MUMBAI

Directorate of Human Resource Development (DHRD), DRDO HQrs, Delhi, organized a three-day Management Development Programme (MDP) on Total Quality Management (TQM), for Sc 'C', Sc 'D', and Sc 'E' at IIM, Mumbai during 19-21 January 2026. A total of 25 participants from various DRDO laboratories attended the course. The program was conducted to enhance participant's understanding of modern quality practices and their application in organizational processes. The program provided a comprehensive overview of the

evolution of QM, beginning with the history of quality and quality philosophies. Participants were introduced to the seven basic quality control tools, along with the

fundamental of statistics required for quality and process control enabling them to understand data-driven decision making in operational environments.



COURSE ON CLOAKING MATERIALS AT DMSRDE

Defence Materials and Stores Research & Development Establishment (DMSRDE), Kanpur, organised a course on 'Stealth & Cloaking Materials for Defence Platforms' during 16-18 February 2026. The course was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr Kingsuk Mukhopadhyay, OS & Director, DMSRDE and the Guest of Honour Dr Sampat R Vadera, Distinguished Professor, IIT-Jodhpur & Ex. Director DLJ. The Chief Guest in his address spoke about importance of stealth in present scenario for

designing defence systems and products. During the course, eminent speakers from DRDO and various institutes and academia delivered scientific talks on recent technological advancement in naval warfare and cloaking

materials. The course concluded with a valedictory address by Dr DS Bag, Associate Director. Dr Himanshu Bhushan Baskey, Sc 'F' was Course Director and Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Sc 'F' was Deputy Course Director.



SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ON AI-ML APPLICATIONS IN DEFENCE SECTOR AT DTTC

A two-day specialized workshop under the skill development program on "AI/ML Applications in Defence Sector" was organized by DTTC (DMSRDE), Lucknow

during 11-12 February 2026. The program was designed to provide concept-oriented and hands-on training for both industry professionals and engineering

students. The workshop was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr Kingsuk Mukhopadhyay, OS & Director, DMSRDE and the Guest of Honour Shri Alok Kumar Dixit,



Associate Director. In his welcome address, Dr Ashish Dubey, Sc 'G', talked about DTTC and its role in supporting MSMEs and startups, and briefed the participants about the Centre's technical facilities and mandate.

A total of 23 participants various institute, primarily from CSE background took part in the program.



INDUSTRY INTERACTION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF E-CERTIFICATION

The Centre for Military Airworthiness & Certification (CEMILAC), Bengaluru, has developed an e-Certification System (e-CS) to facilitate a web-based interface for design agencies over the Internet and the Intranet. The interaction on e-certification system was conducted at CEMILAC on 14 February 2026. Approximately seventy representatives from DRDO, HAL, BEL, NAL, ADA, Services and various private industries participated along with more than three hundred fifty participants joining through Webex. The interaction was inaugurated by Director (Material

& Public Interface) giving overview of the program, followed by Director (Systems) addressing the gathering, wherein she elaborated the aim and objectives of the interaction along with its benefits.

The technical session consisted of lecture on "Operational Aspects of Design Interface and Various

Issues Faced by D&D agencies", which was delivered by Shri Ram Singh, Sc 'G'. This was followed by an extensive Q&A session, wherein participants discussed the technical know-how, application & troubleshooting aspects with the think-tank of CEMILAC e-portal team.



TALK ON MICROBES AT R&DE (E)

Research and Development Establishment (Engineers) R&DE (E), Pune, organized a talk on 'Microbes: the Invisible Superheroes' as a part of their 'The Forum' lecture series on 12 March 2026. Dr Jyutika Rajwade, Sc 'F' of Agharkar Research Institute,

Pune, delivered the lecture. She spoke about the significance and benefits of microbes in our daily life, especially their role in acting as fundamental agents for digestion, food production, agriculture, medical industry, and environmental nutrient recycling.



ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR LATERALLY INDUCTED SCIENTISTS

An orientation program for laterally inducted scientists was organized by Institute of Technology Management (ITM), Mussoorie, during 5-16 January 2026 at Metcalfe House, Delhi. The course was designed by ITM and DHRD for Scientist (C/D/E/F) who have been laterally inducted into DRDO. A total 51 participants from different clusters of DRDO participated in the course. The objective of the program was to lay the foundations for the newly inducted scientists to facilitate their seamless integration into the mainstream of DRDO and helping them in amalgamating in the organization by understanding the systems, procedures in vogue and to establish peer group networking.

The Chief Guest V Adm Kalidoss Srinivas, (Retd.), AVSM, NSM, VSM, DG (ATVP), in his address motivated the

participants to go beyond their call of duty and contribute in nation building. During the course, sessions were delivered on various topics by eminent speakers from DRDO laboratories and academia.

Shri Arvind Kumar, OS &

Director, CFEES was the Chief Guest during the valedictory function of the course. He felicitated the course participants with certificates. Shri Akshay Lakhanpal, Sc 'D was the Course Director.



COURSES AT ITM, MUSSOORIE

Certification Course on Project in Managed Environment

The PRIME-2 course was designed to equip future Project Directors and Deputy Project Directors from DRDO with essential skills in project and R&D management conducted by the Institute of Technology Management (ITM), Mussoorie, during 19 January 2026 to 13 February 2026. Shri LC Mangal, DS & DG (TM), in his address, shared his critical views on all the





important parameters of project management practices within DRDO and discussed that what all is required and critical for success of any R&D project.

Course on STEMS–25.2

The mandatory training programme ‘Specialized Training on Essential Management Skills’ (STEMS–25.2) for newly promoted Scientist 'G's was organized by Institute of Technology Management (ITM), Mussoorie, during 16-27 February 2026 at ITM, Mussoorie. A total of 67 Scientists 'G' from different laboratories/Centres/Directorates of DRDO participated in the course. The course was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr Sudhir Kamath, Director DIA-RCoE IISc Bengaluru, the Guest of Honour Dr Sumit Goswami, Director, DP & C and Director ITM Shri SP Dobhal. The Chief Guest deliberated upon the importance of DRDO-Academia-

During the valedictory function, the Chief Guest Dr Ravindra Singh, OS & DG (R&M) engaged with the participants virtually and discussed with them not only the

importance of efficient project management but also what all new could be done to improve the efficiency in delivering DRDO projects.

Industry collaborations in timely execution of the projects. Shri Dobhal, Director ITM, deliberated upon the new training policy 2025 of DRDO and importance of networking among senior scientists across laboratories and clusters of DRDO through STEMS course. Dr Goswami highlighted the roadmap of DRDO during the session in the course.

Dr Samir V Kamat, Secretary DDR&D & Chairman DRDO was the Chief Guest during the valedictory function.

He highlighted the importance of technological innovation, adaptability and strategic foresight in a rapidly changing global conflicts and war scenarios.



BRAINSTORMING SESSION WITH DRDO SCIENTISTS (PSYCHOLOGISTS) IN/AF

O/o SA to CAS conducted a brainstorming session with psychologists from IAF on 25 February 2026 at Air Force Station, New Delhi. The interactive event brought together leading psychologists of IAF to discuss the possible framework for enhancement of wellness in IAF. The session was chaired by Smt Asha Tripathi, SA to CAS who emphasized the growing importance of psychological resilience for service personnel.

Experts highlighted the need for evidence-based interventions, community awareness programme and the integration of mind education initiative into IAF training curricula. Special

focus was given for developing accessible counselling modules for IAF fraternity. The discussion also explored early intervention strategies for workplace wellness to foster a resilient workforce.





AI IMMERSION PROGRAM AT NMRL

An AI Immersion Program was conducted at Naval Materials Research Laboratory (NMRL), Ambarnath, during 5-7 January 2026, with participation from scientists of NMRL and R&DE (E), Pune, along with representatives from the Indian Navy, Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai, and NG India. The program was delivered by experts from GITAA Pvt. Ltd. in collaboration with IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation at IIT Madras, covering fundamentals of Data Science, Machine Learning, AI, Generative-AI, and Large

Language Models, along with demonstrations of AI/ML tools. The initiative aims to enhance AI-

driven research capabilities within DRDO and associated defence establishments.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS, SMART AND GREEN TECHNOLOGIES

The IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Systems, Smart and Green Technologies (ICISSGT-2026) for Defence and National Development was organised under the joint aegis of IEEE Vizag Bay Section and Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam during 6-7 February 2026. In his opening address, Dr RV Hara Prasad, DG (NS&M), highlighted that intelligent and autonomous technologies, supported by sustainable and energy-efficient solution, are becoming key enablers for next-generation defence systems.

Dr Abraham Varughese, OS & Director, NSTL, highlighting the role of the laboratory, remarked that's remains committed to



advancing cutting-edge research, testing and evaluation in support of naval and defence systems. Prof. Debabrata Das, Director IIT, Bangalore delivered a keynote address on "Information Scheduling Protocol Evolution and 6G Network Slicing" during the conference.

ICISSGT-2026 witnessed

participation from senior DRDO officials, scientists, academicians, industry experts, and research scholars from across the country. Eminent experts delivered keynote addresses and technical presentations covering defence oriented and dual-use applications of intelligent, smart, and green technologies.



DIPAS ORGANIZES USER INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

The Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Science (DIPAS), Delhi, organized a one-day user-interactive workshop, "Technologies for Habitability and Sustenance in Extreme Environments," on 27 February 2026. Director, DIPAS, in his inaugural address, stated the importance of user interaction and feedback in maintaining the operational relevance of technological interventions. Shri Sangeet Singla, IDAS, IFA (R&D), was invited as the Chief Guest along with Dr Arindam Basu (ex-DG, NITRA) as the Guest of Honour. Director LIC, DRDO Hqrs was also attended the workshop. Over 25 participants

from the armed forces (including MGS Branch, Armoured Corps, CE, AFMS, RVC, etc.) and CAPF (including CRPF, ITBP, SSB, BSF, CoBRA forces) participated in the workshop. DIPAS showcased its products to the users. The workshop highlighted the

importance of structured follow-up activities, including one-on-one engagements with user agencies, to ensure clearer requirement mapping, enhance responsiveness, and maintain strong, ongoing partnerships with industry and operational stakeholders.



WORKSHOP ON BEST PRACTICES IN RECRUITMENT AND ASSESSMENT AT RAC

The Recruitment and Assessment Centre (RAC), Delhi, organized a three-day workshop on best practices in recruitment and assessment during 25-27 February 2026. Subject experts from various prestigious organisations like DoAE, ISRO, BEL, TCS, SSB, Advisor (Cyber), DHTI, National Law University, etc. were invited as eminent speakers to share their respective organisational practices on AI tools for R&A, psychological tools, cybersecurity & DPDP Act, legal aspects in R&A, etc. The participants included scientists from various DRDO laboratories and other allied organizations, including ADA, AFMC, ATVP, CME, WESEE, DOAE, and SSB.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Dr VK Saraswat, Member NITI Aayog & Former Secretary DRDO, as Chief Guest, and Dr Mayank Dwivedi, DG (HR), as Guest of Honour while Dr Samir V Kamat, Secretary DDR&D & Chairman DRDO, joined the ceremony as Distinguished Guest through VC mode. Dr Saraswat

emphasized tapping the talent having 'intellectual capability,' providing the focused induction training, and thereafter placing them in the right job.

The event was successfully organised under the able guidance of Smt KV Prabha, OS & Director RAC, and Dr Atul Dev, Sc 'H', as Convener of the workshop.





CBRN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COURSE FOR NDRF

A Specialised CBRN Emergency Management Training Course for the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) was conducted during 19-23 January 2026 at Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), Delhi. Sixty NDRF personnel from various battalions participated in the program. In the inaugural session, Dr Himanshu Ojha, Sc 'F', provided an overview of the course and fundamentals of CBRN defence. Experts from DRDO laboratories and other agency as NIDM, delivered lectures on diverse CBRN aspects,



with special focus on medical management, decontamination, psychological impact, and stress management. Hands-on training using advanced equipment and an on-field radiation source search exercise were conducted, followed

by competency evaluation exercise. The valedictory session highlighted mutual appreciation and reaffirmed continued collaboration to strengthen NDRF's CBRN preparedness and response capabilities.

MHA-DRDO COLLABORATION: SIXTH APEX COUNCIL MEETING

The sixth annual meeting of the Apex Council Steering the MHA-DRDO collaboration was held on 2 March 2026 at DRDO HQs, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by the Union Home Secretary Shri Govind Mohan, IAS & Co-chaired by the Secretary DD R&D & Chairman, Dr Samir V Kamat. It witnessed participation from senior officers of MHA, CAPFs, Delhi Police, NSCS, NDRF and BPR&D. Dr (Mrs) Chandrika Kaushik, DS & DG (PC&SI) and Member Secretary of the Apex Council, highlighted the progress across various DRDO laboratories, including QR formulation, joint trials and successful collaboration. The key achievements included field evaluation of Man-Pack SDR, Compact Trans Horizon Communication System and

Border Surveillance System (BOSS). She also informed about prototype development of Digital Hand Held Radio Sets and Radio Frequency-Counter Drone Systems by DRDO laboratories DEAL and DLRL, respectively. These projects had received AoN in earlier council meetings. Additionally, AoNs were

accorded for two new projects, viz. Border Domination Games Software (Seema Prahari) and Mortar Locating Radar, assigned to DRDO laboratories ISSA and LRDE, respectively. The Council reviewed progress of various advanced technological solutions presented by Shri Sangita Rao Achary Addanki, Director DLIC.





FORMER DIRECTOR DONATES BOOKS TO DGRE

DGRE, Chandigarh, had the privilege of hosting a book dedication ceremony in honor of Dr Ashwagosh Ganju, Former Director, DGRE, who generously donated a valuable collection of books (300 Nos) to the DGRE library. The donated books cover important domains relevant to snow and avalanche research terrain analysis, and scientific advancement. Dr PK Satyawali, Director, DGRE, expressed deep appreciation for this thoughtful gesture.



SPECIAL SALARY ACCOUNT PACKAGE CAMP AT DMS

A special salary account package camp was successfully organized by DMS, DRDO HQrs on 24 February 2026 in association with twelve Public Sector Banks (PSBs). The camp was conducted in line with the initiative of the Ministry of Finance, which has launched the "Special Salary Account Package for Central Government Employees" across all 12 Public Sector Banks. The initiative aims to provide enhanced banking benefits, improved service delivery, and customized financial solutions to cent. govt. employees.



TALK ON FINANCIAL AWARENESS AT NPOL

Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL), Kochi, organized financial awareness class titled "Importance of Financial Planning in Service Life" on 17 February 2026. Dr Remadevi M, Sc 'G' welcomed the gathering and briefly introduced the topic. The awareness class

were conducted by SBI, Union Bank of India and IDBI on the subject "Benefits of Central Govt. Salary Account Packages". Miny G, Sc 'H' and Director (Technology), delivered the felicitation address and highlighted the importance and benefits of financial planning in service life.





RASHTRIYA KARMA YOGI JAN SEVA PROGRAM AT CABS

A one-day Rashtriya Karma Yogi Jan Seva Training Program was conducted at Centre for Airborne Systems (CABS), Bengaluru during the months of September 2025 to January 2026 in six batches. A total of 287 employees were registered

and completed the one-day training programme and got their certificates.

All the participants contributed with enthusiasm while sharing their role models, karmayogi moments, shared their contributions towards nation

building for a Viksit Bharat 2047 and key learnings. Ms P Santhya, OS & Director, CABS, appreciated the untiring efforts put in by Ms Anasuya Sahu, Sc 'F', CABS, Ms J Gayathri, Sc 'F', CAIR and Shri Suresh Babu, Sc 'E', GTRE who were the master trainers.



RAJBHASHA ACTIVITIES

RAJBHASHA WORKSHOP IN DRPPI

The Directorate of Rajbhasha, Parliament & Public Interface (DRPPI) conducted a one-day workshop on 11 February 2026 at DRDO HQrs. Shri Vipin Kumar Kaushik, OS & Director, DRPPI, welcomed the guest speaker Shri Rajendra Prasad Verma, Deputy Director, Central Hindi Training Institute, Pune. The session began with an introductory address highlighting the importance of Hindi in the modern technological era and the role of technology in the progress of Hindi by Director DRPPI. The workshop, highlighting the important technical tools for Hindi, was organised with the objective of promoting the effective use of the Hindi language in the

digital and technical environment.

The workshop witnessed participation from scientists, officers, and administrative staff who were interested in enhancing

their digital skills in Hindi. More than 50 participants have attended the workshop. The workshop was coordinated by Ms Arun Kamal (AD OL).





SECOND JOINT OFFICIAL LANGUAGE S&T SEMINAR 2025-26 OF SSS CLUSTER

The Second Joint Official Language Scientific & Technical Seminar 2025-26 of Soldier Support System (SSS) cluster was organized by Defence Bioengineering & Electromedical Laboratory (DEBEL), Bengaluru on 13 February 2026. O/o DG (SSS), Laboratories/Establishments/Centers of SSS cluster were Co-organizers of this seminar. The seminar was inaugurated in the presence of Dr UK Singh, DS & DG (SSS) as Chief Patron, Shri Sanjeev Singh, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax (TDS), Bengaluru as the Chief Guest and Shri Sangeet, IFA (R&D) as the Guest of Honor.

The theme of the seminar was “Contribution of Soldier Support Systems in Modern Bharat” with sub-themes on biotechnology, life-support systems, human adaptation in space and underwater environments,

physiological monitoring, rajbhasha and scientific areas of DRDO. A total number of 54 scientific papers and 11 posters on the above areas were presented during the seminar by authors from different clusters of DRDO.



RAJBHASHA SEMINAR OF ECS CLUSTER AT IRDE

Instruments Research & Development Establishment (IRDE), Dehradun, organised ‘All India S&T Joint Rajbhasha Seminar’ of Electronics and Communication Systems (ECS) cluster of DRDO during 25-26 February 2026. The theme of the seminar was ‘DRDO’s Contribution and Challenges for Modern Warfare Skills’. The sub-them was ‘Contribution of Modern Technology in Effective

Implementation of Rajbhasha’. The Chief Guest of the Seminar was Dr BK Das, DS & DG (ECS). Shri Lal Chand Mangal, DS & DG (TM); Dr Ravindra Singh, OS & DG (R&M); In his inaugural address, Dr BK Das highlighted the importance of using Hindi for writing scientific articles and encouraged the participants to continue promoting Hindi in their academic and professional endeavours. Dr Das and other

dignitaries released IRDE annual Hindi magazine ‘Sankalp’. In the valedictory session, outstanding paper presenters were awarded with commendation letters and delegates of different labs were awarded with mementos. A total of 194 participants attended this seminar. Dr Sudhir Khare, OS & Additional Director, IRDE was the Chief Seminar Coordinator while Dr Lalit Mohan Pant, Sc ‘G’, IRDE was the Seminar Coordinator.





HINDI WORKSHOP AT ISSA

The Institute for Systems Studies & Analyses (ISSA), Delhi, conducted one-day Hindi workshop on 23 February 2026. Shri Kamlesh Kamal, Public Relation Officer, ITBP was invited to deliver a lecture on “Karyalay Hindi: Shuddh Prayog”. He elaborated the fundamental principles of word etymology, word formation in Hindi and analyzed the underlying meanings of linguistic structures. He also discussed, common errors frequently observed in official noting, drafting and correspondence.



SPORTS ACTIVITIES

DRDO NATIONAL LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics (CAIR), Bengaluru, organized DRDO National Lawn Tennis Tournament for the year 2025-26 during 5-8 January 2026. The opening ceremony was held on 5 January 2026. Dr Narayan Panigrahi, Sc ‘H’, CAIR inaugurated the event in the presence of Dr Rakesh Sahu, Sc ‘F’, EMO and Ms Taniza Roy, Sc ‘F’, LRDE, Chairperson, South Zone Sports Council. The tournament includes various categories of events: Team Championship; Women’s Singles and Men’s Singles; Men’s Singles (veteran) and Doubles (veteran); Men’s

Doubles and Mixed Doubles 33 players (6 Females and 27 Males) from 4 different zones of DRDO participated in the event. Shri

Prasanna Kumar, OS & Associate Director, CAIR distributed the prizes to the winners and runners.



VISITORS TO DRDO LABORATORIES

CAIR, Bengaluru

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence (SCoD), led by Hon'ble Chairman Shri Radha Mohan Singh visited Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics (CAIR), Bengaluru, on 19 January 2026. Chairman and member delegation comprising of 16 Hon'ble Members of Parliament and 7 Officials from Lok Sabha Secretariat and Ministry of Defence undertook a study visit to CAIR. Dr Samir V Kamat, Secretary DD R&D & Chairman DRDO, Smt Sheena Rani R, DS & DG (MCC), Shri Ravindra Singh, OS & DG (R&M), Shri Vipin Kumar Kaushik, Director DPARO&M, Dr Rituraj Kumar, OS & Director CAIR, Shri Prassana Kumar, OS & Associate Director, Shri Sanjeev Gupta, Sc 'G' welcomed the Chairman and member delegation.

The committee witnessed several CAIR developed products and technologies, through demonstrations made by CAIR scientists. Chairperson, SCoD appreciated the presentation made and the clarifications provided to the queries.

HEMRL, Pune

Admiral Karambir Singh, PVSM, AVSM (Retd.) Hon'ble Advisor to Secretary DDR&D and Chairman DRDO visited High Energy Materials Research Laboratory, Pune, on 27 February 2026. During the visit, presentations were made by the



Senior Scientists on Indigenization of Pyro Cartridges, Indigenous development of Insensitive Munitions (IM), Signal Flares (Green and Red) & Anti-Sonar Decoy, IR Flare, Smoke Flares (Red & Green), Development of Propellants, Igniters and Pyro Cartridges and Development

of Insensitive Munition (IM) technology for General Purpose (GP) bomb.

He interacted with senior scientists and discussed on various aspects of projects related to Indian Navy. He appreciated the contribution of HEMRL to Indian Navy.



IRDE, Dehradun

Shri Ravinesh Kumar, IDAS, PCDA (R&D) visited Instruments Research & Development Establishment (IRDE), Dehradun, on 19 February 2026. He was welcomed by Dr Ajay Kumar, OS & Director, IRDE. Dr Ajay Kumar presented major R&D initiatives taken by IRDE and technologies developed by IRDE.

He also briefed about various products of IRDE which have been developed and inducted into the Services. Shri Ravinesh Kumar appreciated the efforts of IRDE in developing state-of-the-art systems.



MTRDC, Bengaluru

A group of student officers from Army Air Defence (AAD) on 3 February 2026 and a group of 28 Air force personnel from 16 TS on 25 February 2026 visited Microwave Tube Research & Development Centre (MTRDC), Bengaluru, as part of their industrial demonstrative tour to know about EMI/EMC and technical electronic warfare related facilities.



NMRL, Ambarnath

Col. Abhishek Kumar, SC, Director DSC (MG&G), Mumbai Area, visited Naval Materials Research Laboratory (NMRL), Ambarnath on 12 February 2026. During the visit, he conducted physical fitness tests of the DSC troops to assess their operational readiness and discipline.

A "Sainik Sammelan" was organized wherein he addressed

the troops, emphasizing discipline, vigilance and professional standards in the discharge of DSC duties. The interaction provided an

opportunity for personnel to raise concerns and receive guidance. A total of 30 NMRL DSC Jawans participated in the program.

