

## BHARAT AERO 2026

### Conference on Indian Military Aviation Ecosystem

11 March 2026, HAL, V M Ghatage Convention Centre, Bengaluru

0830- 0915h	Registration and Networking Tea	
	<b>Session-I</b>	
0915-1015h	<b>Inaugural Session</b>	
	Welcome Remarks	Air Vice Marshal <b>Anil Golani</b> (Retd) Director General, Centre for Aerospace Power & Strategic Studies
	Opening Remarks	Mr. <b>Arun T Ramchandani</b> President SIDM
	Keynote Address	Mr. <b>Jayakrishnan S</b> , Chief Executive Officer (Bangalore Complex), HAL
	Inaugural Address	Air Marshal <b>Seethepalli Shrinivas</b> , PVSM, AVSM, VSM AOC-in-C, HQ Training Command, IAF
	Vote of Thanks	Mr <b>Neeraj Gupta</b> , Vice President SIDM
1015-1030h	<b>High Tea</b>	
1030-1100h	<b>Inauguration of Industry Exhibition</b>	
1100-1230h	<b>Session II</b>	<b>IAF Fixed Wing Aircraft-Manufacturing Ecosystem &amp; Upgrades</b>
	<b>Session Moderator</b>	Air Marshal <b>Anil Chopra</b> PVSM AVSM VM VSM (Retd) Strategic Advisor Aerospace, SIDM
	User Perspective - Sustaining Combat Effectiveness – New Programs and Upgrades	Air Vice Marshal <b>Tejpal Singh</b> AVSM, VM ACAS Plans, IAF
	CEMILAC Perspective- Upgrades and Opportunities for the Industry	Mr <b>APVS Prasad</b> , Outstanding Scientist, Chief Executive CEMILAC
	New Fixed Wing Programs & Opportunities for the Industry	Dr <b>Amitabh Saraf</b> , OS & Sc.'H', PGD (CA) & Director ADA, DRDO
	DGAQA Perspective - Quality Assurance-Way Forward for Industry.	Mr <b>Nagaraja RB</b> DG AQA
	Industry Perspective - Aircraft-Manufacturing Ecosystem & Upgrades	Dr <b>Naresh Palta</b> , Former Chair SIDM Karnataka State Chapter
	Questions & Answers - Moderated by Session Moderator	
1230-1245h	Industry Perspective on Indian Military Aviation Ecosystem	Mr <b>JS Gavankar</b> , CEO Safran India
1245-1415h	<b>Session III</b>	<b>Helicopters, UAS, Counter-UAS systems Present Ecosystem &amp; Way Forward</b>
	<b>Session Moderator</b>	Air Chief Marshal <b>Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhaduria</b> PVSM AVSM VM, (Retd) Former Chief of the Air Staff

	IAF's Unmanned Aerial Force - Accretion Plans	Air Vice Marshal <b>Ashish Singh</b> VM, VSM ACAS Ops (Remote), IAF
	MUM-T (Manned-Unmanned Teaming) Development Plans & AI driven Swarm Drones for IAF	Wg Cdr <b>Pratyush Awasthi</b> (Retd) Deputy Chief Test Pilot (Fixed Wing), HAL
	User Perspective – IAF Helicopter Programs and Upgrades & Expectations from Industry	Air Vice Marshal <b>Sanjeev Vashishth</b> , VM ACAS Ops (T&H)
	Industry Perspective - UAS	Mr <b>Sameer Joshi</b> , Founder Newspace Research.
	Industry Perspective – Counter UAS	Col. <b>Aravind Mulimani</b> (Retd), Zen Technologies.
	Industry Perspective – Helicopter MRO industry	Mr <b>GVS Bhaskar</b> , Board Director, Sika Interplant Systems Ltd
	Questions & Answers - Moderated by Session Moderator	
1415-1515h	Lunch	
1515-1645h	<b>Session IV</b>	<b>IAF Legacy Platforms – Industrial Eco System &amp; Way Forward</b>
	<b>Session Moderator</b>	Air Marshal <b>Vikram Singh</b> PVSM AVSM, VSM (Retd) Former AOC-in-C, South Western Air Command
	User Perspective - IAF's Fixed wing Sustainment	Air Cmde <b>Jino George</b> Air Cmde (Maint Planning)
	User Perspective - IAF's Rotary wing Sustainment	Air Cmde <b>Ashutosh Shrivastava</b> , VSM, Air Cmde Eng H.
	User Perspective - IAF's AD Systems Sustainment	Air Vice Marshal <b>K Sundramani</b> , VM ACAS (Ops) AD, IAF
	Industry Perspective	Mr. <b>Seenivasan Balasubramanian</b> , CEO, IAMPL
	Questions & Answers - Moderated by Session Moderator	
1645 –1650h	<b>Closing Address</b>	Air Marshal <b>Anil Chopra</b> PVSM AVSM VM VSM (Retd) Strategic Advisor Aerospace, SIDM
1650 – 1800h	B2G Interactions	SIDM-CAPSS
1800h	Dispersal	

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