

AIRPORT CONFERENCE

(Concurrent to Airport Expo)
September 11th, 2026 | Conference Hall (Tejas)

Theme: Future-Ready Airports: Smart, Sustainable & Passenger-Centric Aviation Ecosystems.

PROGRAMME

TIME	PROGRAMME
0900-1000 Hrs.	Registration & Networking Tea
1000-1020 hrs	• Welcome Dignitaries • Exhibition Visit by Chief Guest
1020-1130 Hrs. Inaugural Session	• Overview Address by President SIAT • Exhibition Brief by TAFCON • Address by Guest of Honor • Address by Chief Guest
1130-1230 Hrs. Session 1	SUSTAINABLE AND SMART AIRPORTS • Air Space Management & Challenges in Flight Safety • Challenges in Managing Clean & Green Airports • Application of latest technologies in Passenger Service Chair • Mr. Vipin Kumar, Chairman, Airport Authority of India Co-Chair • Mr. Vir Vikram Yadav, Director General Civil Aviation, New Delhi Members • Capt BVJK Sharma – CEO, Navi Mumbai Airport (ADANI) • Mr. Pradeep Panicker, Managing Director, GMR Airport • Mr. Manu Gopalakrishnan Pillai, Director, Cochin International Airport • Mr. L Sridhar, AVP & Head ESG, KIAL, Bengaluru • Rep DATS. Air HQ
1230-1330 Hrs. Session 2	CIVIL DEFENCE CARGO CO OPERATION Moderator Mr. Keku Bomi Gazder, MD and CEO, Aviapro Logistic Services Pvt. Ltd. Eminent Panelists • Ms. Garima Singh – Jt. Director General, MoCA, Government of India. • Ms. Vandana Aggarwal, IAS, Former Sr. Economic Advisor, MoCA, Government of India. • Mr. Vipin Vohra, Group Chairman, Continental Carriers Group • Lieutenant General (Retd.) Dharam Vir Kalra, PVSM, AVSM, Former Director General of Ordnance Services (DGOS), Indian Army
1330-1430 Hrs.	Networking Lunch
1430-1530 Hrs. Session 3	BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES: - AIRPORT-LED ECONOMIC ZONES, AEROTROPOLIS, BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR AIRPORTS, DESIGNERS, BUILDERS & SERVICE PROVIDERS Chair • Mr. SKG Rahate, Chairman, Airport Economic Regulatory Board Panelists • Mr. Satyan Nair, Secretary General, APAO • Rep of Bangalore International Airport • Mr. R Rajesh, GM & Head Aero, Cochin International Airport • Ms. Kiran Jain, COO, Noida International Airport
1530-1630 Hrs. Session 4	CHALLENGES IN MRO SECTORS Eminent Panelists • Air Marshal K.A Ahamed Sanjeeb, Director General (Aircraft), IAF • Mr. D. Anand Bhaskar, Managing Director & CEO, Air Works Group • Mr. Sharad Agarwal, CEO, AI Engineering Service Ltd. • Mr. Bharat Malkani, CEO, MAX MRO Services • Mr. Arun Kashyap, MRO Association of India
1630-1730 Hrs. Session 5	FROM ENABLEMENT TO SCALE: BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION REGULATORY AND OPERATIONAL ECOSYSTEM FOR ADVANCED LONG RANGE AUTONOMOUS DRONE OPERATIONS IN INDIA Chair • Mr. Maneesh Kumar, Joint DG, DGCA Moderator • Mr. Smit Shah, President, Drone Federation India (DFI) Eminent Panelists • Mr. Ankit Mehta, CEO, IdeaForge Technology Ltd, • Mr. Neel Mehta, Director & Co- Founder, Asteria Aerospace Limited, • Mr. Naman Pushp, Founder & CEO, Airbound, • Mr. Anshul Sharma, Co-Founder &CEO, Redwing Labs, • Mr. Sarath Chandra, Chief Executive Officer, NeoSky, Rattan India Enterprises Ltd.
1730Hrs	Networking Tea & Visit to Exhibition

Convener for 3 Sessions – (Civil Defence Cargo Co Operation, Challenges in MRO Sectors & Drone Ecosystem) Group Capt. (R) Mr. Aurobindo Handa, Former Director General, AAIB, MoCA, GOI.