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Executive Summary

DefSAT 2023, India's First International Conference on Defence and Space, marked a significant milestone in recognising the convergence of these domains. The conference, organised from 27-29 April 2023 by SIA-India at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi, focused on the intersection of strategy and industrialisation of the space sector for national security. With 50 distinguished speakers, engaging sessions, keynote speeches from our special guests of honour **Shri S. Somanath, Secretary, Department of Space and Chairman of ISRO and Shri G Satheesh Reddy, Scientific Adviser to Raksha Mantri** and participation from 300 diverse stakeholders, DefSAT 2023 facilitated knowledge exchange and collaboration. Diplomatic representatives from various countries also attended the conference, highlighting its international significance.

The three-day conference was supported by esteemed organisations such as Niti Aayog, the Department of Defence Production (Ministry of Defence), the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), New Space India Ltd (NSIL), National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), and Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS). The Centre for Joint Warfare Capabilities (CENJOWS), the Centre for Air Power Studies (CAPS), the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS), and the National Maritime Foundation (NMF) served as knowledge partners, providing valuable insights into the future technology in defence and space to advance the space sector, strengthen defence capabilities, and ensure the secure and sustainable use of space assets.

This conference report highlights the significant impact and outcomes of DefSAT 2023. As we move forward, it will be of value to leverage the insights and outcomes of DefSAT 2023 to drive concrete actions and policy changes for optimising the use of national resources in the civil, commercial, and defence space programs.





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