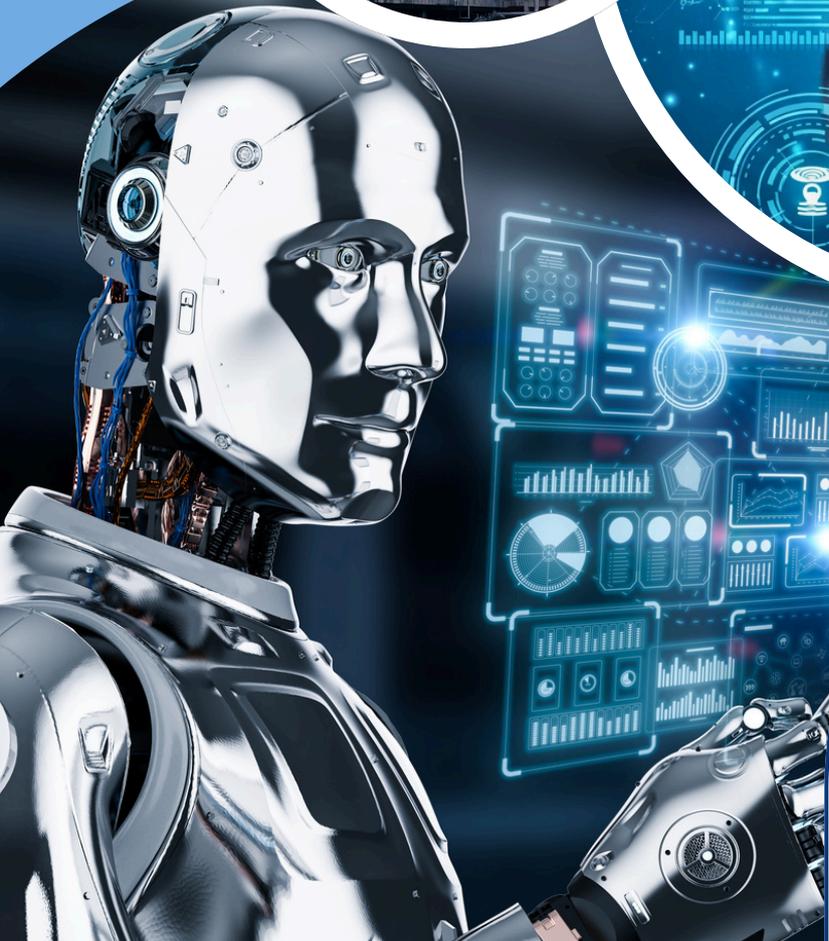




RISE

Conclave 2026



**Research, Industry,
Startup &
Entrepreneurship
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Research – Industry – Startup – Entrepreneurship (RISE) Conclave 2026

Powering India's Innovation Future

Day 1

Date: 14 February 2026

Venue: Chennai Trade Centre

Program

Session I: Panel Discussion on Science Communication

Time: 11.00 AM – 11.45 AM

12.00 Noon: LUNCH

Inauguration of RISE Conclave 2026

Time: 1.30 PM – 2.30 PM

Inauguration of Startup Expo along with Dignitaries

Time: 2:30 PM onwards

Interaction with Start-ups

Time: 3:20 PM – 3.45 PM

3.45 PM: TEA BREAK

Session II: Panel Discussion on Academy-Institute-Industry Partnership

Time: 4.30 PM – 5.30 PM

Day 2

Date: 15 February 2026

Venue: Chennai Trade Centre

Program

Session III: Academy-Institute-Industry Partnership

Time: 10.00 AM – 11.00 AM

11.00 AM: TEA BREAK

FLYERS – Pitch Battle and Keynote Address

Time: 11.15 AM – 12.00 Noon

Session IV: Industry Talks

Time: 12.00 Noon onwards

01.00 PM: LUNCH

Concluding Session: Experience Sharing from the Conclave

Time: 02.30 PM – 03.30 PM

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Chennai Trade Centre, Nandambakkam, Chennai

Session I: Panel Discussion on Science Communication

14 February 2026, 11.00 AM to 11.45 AM

Time	Panel Discussion
11:00 AM – 11:02 AM (2 min)	About the Panel Discussion on Science Communication and Welcoming the Moderator
11:03 AM – 11:08 AM (5 min)	Moderator: Ms Rakhee Bakshee , Media Consultant, Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), DoPT
11:09 AM – 11:40 AM	Chair: Dr Shankar Venugopal , Vice President - Mahindra & Mahindra Panelists: Dr Saptarshi Sasmal , Scientist G, CSIR-SERC Mr Arshad Khan , Founder & Editor at Leathernews.org Dr G Mahesh , Scientist G, Head – SCDD, CSIR
11:40 AM – 11:45 AM (5 min)	Closing Remarks by Moderator followed by Q & A
12:00 Noon	LUNCH

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Inauguration of RISE Conclave 2026

14 February 2026, 1.30 PM to 2.30 PM

Time	Agenda	Speaker
01:30 PM – 01:32 PM (2 min)	Invocation	
01:33 PM – 01:36 PM (3 min)	Welcome Address	Dr K J Sreeram , Outstanding Scientist, CSIR-CLRI
01:37 PM – 01:39 PM (2 min)	Felicitation of Hon'ble Minister with Angavastram by Secretary, MoES	
	Felicitation of Guests from Industry	
01:40 PM – 01:43 PM (3 min)	About the Conclave	Dr N Anandavalli , Director, CSIR-SERC
01:44 PM – 01:47 PM (3 min)	About the Industry-Institute-Academia Partnership	Dr K Ramesha , Director, CSIR-CECRI
01:48 PM – 01:52 PM (4 min)	Inaugural Address	Dr M Ravichandran , Secretary MoES
01:53 PM – 01:57 PM (4 min)	Presidential Address	Dr N Kalaiselvi , DG, CSIR & Secretary, DSIR
01:58 PM – 02:02 PM (4 min)	Exchange of MOUs	A. Umbrella MoU between CSIR and Academic institutions with their incubators B. CSIR labs with startups / industry C. CSIR with L&T-Virtual Inauguration of COE of L&T
02.03 PM – 02.23 PM (20 min)	Chief Guest Address	Dr Jitendra Singh , Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, and MoS for PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy & Space
02:24 PM – 02:26 PM (2 min)	Presentation of memento to Hon'ble Minister by DG, CSIR	
	Presentation of mementoes to Dignitaries	
02:27 PM – 02:30 PM (3 min)	Vote of Thanks	Dr P Thanikaivelan , Director, CSIR-CLRI
02:30 PM	Visit to Start up Expo	

Guests from Industry on Dais

- **Dr R. Sri Ram**, Founder and Chairman, Sai Supreme Holding Company, Pondicherry
- **Shri Ujjwal Kanti Bhattacharya**, Managing Director, STEAG Energy Services (India) Pvt. Ltd. & Former Director and Board Member, NTPC Ltd.
- **Dr. Chockkalingam Karuppaiah**, Chief Science & Technology Officer, Ohmium International Inc. & Founder & Chief Nurturer, Vetri Labs (DeepTech Startup Incubator)
- **Mr. Giridharan**, Executive Vice President and Head Domestic Water & Effluent Treatment Business- Larsen Toubro Ltd.

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Inauguration of Start-up Expo

14 February 2026, 2:30 PM - 03:10 PM

Time	Agenda
02:30 PM - 02:32 PM	Inauguration of Expo along with dignitaries
02:33 PM – 02:54 PM	Visit to Stalls at Start-up Expo
02:55 PM – 03.00 PM	Inauguration of FLYERS (Students Start-up)
03:01 PM – 03.10 PM	Interaction with Students from Schools and Colleges and Parents

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Session II: Panel Discussion on Academy-Institute-Industry Partnership

14 February 2026, 04.30 PM to 05.30 PM

Time	Panel Discussion
04:30 PM – 04:45 PM (15 min)	A. <i>Umbrella MoU between CSIR and Academic institutions with their incubators</i> B. <i>CSIR labs with startups / industry</i>
04:46 PM – 04:48 PM (2 min)	About the Panel Discussion on Academy-Institute-Industry Partnership and Welcoming the Moderator
04:49 PM – 04:54 PM (5 min)	Moderator: Ms U Tejonmayam , Assistant Editor, The Times of India
04:55 PM – 05:25 PM	Panelists: Dr M Ravichandran , Secretary MoES Dr N Kalaiselvi , DG, CSIR & Secretary, DSIR Dr Chockkalingam Karuppaiah , Chief Science & Technology Officer, Ohmium International Inc. & Founder & Chief Nurturer, Vetri Labs, (DeepTech Startup Incubator) Prof. C Muthamizchelvan , Vice Chancellor of the SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Chennai Dr S Vaidhyasubramaniam , Vice-Chancellor of SASTRA Deemed University, Thanjavur Dr R Sri Ram , Founder and Chairman, Sai Supreme Holding Company, Pondicherry Shri Ujjwal Kanti Bhattacharya , Managing Director, STEAG Energy Services (India) Pvt. Ltd. & Former Director and Board Member, NTPC Ltd.
05:25 PM – 05:30 PM (5 min)	Closing Remarks by Moderator followed by Q & A

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Session III: Academy-Institute-Industry Partnership

15 February 2026, 10.00 AM to 12.00 Noon

Time	Agenda	Speaker
10:00 AM – 10:02 AM (2 min)	Invocation	
10:03 AM – 10:06 AM (3 min)	Welcome Address	Dr P Thanikaivelan , Director, CSIR-CLRI
10:07 AM – 10:09 AM (2 min)	Felicitation of Hon'ble Minister with Angavastram by Secretary, DSIR Felicitation of Guests of Honor	
10:10 AM – 10:13 AM (3 min)	About the Conclave	Dr N Anandavalli , Director, CSIR-SERC
10:14 AM – 10:19 AM (5 min)	Address by Guest of Honour	Shri Aqeel Panaruna , Chairman, Florence Shoe Company Pvt Ltd, Chennai
10:20 AM – 10:25 AM (5 min)	Address by Guest of Honour	Dr. G. A. Pathanjali , Managing Director, High Energy Batteries (India) Ltd., Mathur, Tiruchirappalli
10:26 AM – 10:31 AM (5 min)	Address by Guest of Honour	Shri Aditya Kapoor , Managing Director Modern Prefab Systems (P) Ltd., New Delhi
10:32 AM – 10:37 AM (5 min)	Presidential Address	Dr N Kalaiselvi , DG, CSIR & Secretary, DSIR
10:38 AM – 10:48 AM (10 min)	Chief Guest Address	Dr L Murugan , Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs
10:49 AM – 10:50 AM (1 min)	Presentation of memento to Hon'ble Minister by DG, CSIR Presentation of mementoes to Dignitaries	
10:51 AM – 10:53 AM (3 min)	Vote of Thanks	Dr K Ramesha , Director, CSIR-CECRI
10:55 AM	TEA Break	
11:15 AM – 11:45 AM (30 min)	Flyers – Pitch Battle	Students Start-up Ideas
11:45 AM – 12:00 Noon (15 min)	Keynote Address on CSIR blueprint for Innovation and Technology Translation to Startups	Dr K J Sreeram , Outstanding Scientist, CSIR-CLRI

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Session IV: Industry Talks

15 February 2026, 12.00 Noon to 01.00 PM

Time	Agenda	Speaker
12:00 Noon – 12:10 PM (10 min)	Session Chair: Prof. Balaji Ramakrishnan, Director, National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai	
12:10 PM – 12:20 PM (10 min)	Systems Thinking and Systems Engineering - Recipe for building a successful product organization	Mr Prasanna Ramamurthy CSEP Technical Fellow - System Engineering Collins Aerospace, Bengaluru, & President, INCOSE India Chapter
12:20 PM– 12:30 PM (10 min)	Implementation of New Technologies: Challenges	Mr C.Y. Shivaji Design Head, Larsen and Toubro Ltd, Chennai
12:30 PM – 12:40 PM (10 min)	Engineered Solutions for Construction	Mr Bhargav General Manager, Dextra India
12:40 PM – 12:50 PM (10 min)	Start-up Experience	Mr Sunil S Nair Director/Co-Founder of Magic Myna
01:00 PM	LUNCH	

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Concluding Session: Experience Sharing from the Conclave

15 February 2026, 02.30 PM to 03.30 PM

Time	Agenda	Speaker
02:30 PM – 02:35 PM (5 min)	Prize Distribution to the Winners of FLYERS-Pitch Battle	
02:35 PM – 02:50 PM (15 min)	Prize Distribution to the Winners of Start-Ups	
02:50 PM – 03:15 PM (25 min)	Feedback/Experience sharing	4 to 5 Start-ups
03:30 PM	High Tea	

Chaired by: Director CSIR-CLRI, CSIR-SERC and CSIR-CECRI