

DRDO Directors' Conclave: 2-day discussion on defence challenges



The conclave being inaugurated by Dr Christopher, Secretary of Defence R&D and Director General, DRDO.

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Directors' Conclave 2016, an annual event of the organisation, was inaugurated by Dr S Christopher, Secretary of Defence R&D and Director General, DRDO on Sunday at Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Auditorium in Pashan. The annual event was organised by Armament Research and Development Establishment, (ARDE) Pune.

A press release from the Defence PRO said, "The objective of the two-day conclave is to evolve innovative methods and procedures to synergize between DRDO Head Quarters, DG (Technology Clusters) and various DRDO laboratories across the country. The theme of the conclave is 'Productive DRDO' and is being attended by more than 110 top Officials of DRDO including Director Generals of various Technology Clusters, Chief Controllers (Research and Development), Directors of DRDO Laboratories, Corporate Directors of DRDO head quarters and Integrated Financial Advisors."

In his address, Dr Christopher expressed the need for innovative mechanisms for better coordination between the laboratories, DGs and corporate headquarters to meet the new challenges of defence research and development. He also emphasised the paradigm shift for inclusive user friendly and collaborative research and development with industry and academia to ensure a 'Productive DRDO, the release stated.

The two-day event will include deliberations on various issues of DRDO through six technical sessions each followed by a panel discussion. Some topics that would be discussed are — simplification of corporate procedures, leveraging industry, defence procurement plan 2016 opportunities for DRDO, cyber security and DRDO knowledge management. The conclave is scheduled to be concluded Monday with an award ceremony for young scientists.