

Press Note

DRDO Directors' Conclave 2016

DRDO Directors' Conclave 2016, an annual event of DRDO was inaugurated by Dr S. Christopher, Secretary Defence R&D and Director General DRDO on 29th May 2016 at Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Auditorium, Pashan, Pune. The annual event was organized by ARDE, Pune.

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 (R&D), Directors of DRDO Laboratories, Corporate Directors of DRDO head quarters and IFAs.

Shri P K Mehta, DG (ACE) welcomed the delegates, followed by the theme address by Dr. S Guruprasad, CC R&D (PC & SI). In his inaugural address, Dr S. Christopher, Secretary Defence R&D and Director General DRDO expressed the need of innovative mechanisms for better coordination between the Laboratories, DGs and Corporate headquarters to meet the 21st century challenges of Defence R&D for protecting IPR issues of DRDO. He also emphasized the paradigm shift for inclusive User-friendly & collaborative Defence R&D with Industry & Academia to ensure a '**Productive DRDO**'.

The two-day event will include deliberations on various issues of DRDO through six technical sessions each followed by a panel discussion. Few prominent topics are - Simplification of Corporate Procedures, Leveraging Industry, DPP-2106 opportunities for DRDO, Cyber Security and DRDO Knowledge Management. The conclave is scheduled to be concluded on 30th May 2016 with the award ceremony to young Scientists.