

First International Conference on Science & Technology (S&T) Clusters

“Making Lives Easier through S&T”

Date: 04th – 05th DECEMBER, 2025

Time: 08:30 am – 6:00 pm

Venue: Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi – 110001

Agenda

DAY – 1 (04/12/2025 – Thursday)

08:30 am – 09:30 am	Registration and Networking Tea
INAUGURAL SESSION (09:30 am – 11:15 am)	
09:30 am – 09:40 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks by Dr. (Mrs.) Parvinder Maini, Scientific Secretary O/o PSA to the GoI
09:40 am – 10:00 am	Presentation on S&T Clusters by Dr. Vishal Choudhary, Scientist-F, O/o PSA to the GoI
10:00 am – 10:10 am	Keynote Address by Prof. Ajay K. Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India
10:10 am – 10:15 am	Release of Compendiums by Hon'ble Chief Guest
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Address by 'Chief Guest' – Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Hon'ble Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office
INAUGURATION OF EXHIBITION BY CHIEF GUEST	
10:30 am – 10:35 am	Inauguration of Exhibition by Chief Guest
10:35 am – 11:05 am	Interaction with Cluster CEOs and Exploration of Exhibits and Technological Innovations.
11:05 am – 11:15 am	Ceremonial Group Photo with the Chief Guest and Ambassadors
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Tea Break – High Tea

Panel Discussion – 1: ‘Smart Agriculture’	
<i>Moderated by: BeST, Bangalore & RICH, Hyderabad</i>	
12:00 pm – 01:00 pm	<i>Context Setting by Cluster CEOs/ Chair</i>
	<i>Intervention by – Australia (Prof. Mathew Morrell)</i>
	<i>Intervention by – Switzerland (Prof. Amritbir Riar)</i>
	<i>Intervention by – Italy (Mr. Marco Pacini)</i>
	<i>Intervention by – Germany (Ms. Anandi Iyyer)</i>
	<i>Intervention by – Kenya (Prof. Jackson Kwanza)</i>
	<i>Intervention by – Spain (Dr. Luis Guash)</i>
	<i>Address by Spain Ambassador (H.E. Juan Antonio March)</i>
01:00 pm – 01:30 pm	Audience Interaction
01:30 pm – 02:30 pm	Lunch
Panel Discussion – 2: ‘Healthcare’	
<i>Moderated by: AMTZ, Vizag and PKC, Pune</i>	
02:30 pm – 03:30 pm	<i>Context Setting by Cluster CEOs/ Chair</i>
	<i>Intervention by – UK (Prof. Sir John Edmunds)</i>
	<i>Intervention by – Sweden (Ms. Geeny George)</i>
	<i>Intervention by – Australia (Ms. Caitlin Searle)</i>
	<i>Intervention by – Switzerland (Dr. Mary-Anne Hartley)</i>
	<i>Intervention by – Germany (Dr. Fabian Hecklau)</i>
	<i>Intervention by – France (Dr. Sylviane PIED)</i>
03:30 pm – 04:00 pm	Audience Interaction
04:00 pm – 04:30 pm	Tea Break
Panel Discussion – 3: ‘Environmental Sustainability (including Water Security Management & Green Energy Transitions)’	
<i>Moderated by: BCKIC, Bhubaneshwar and DRIIV, New Delhi</i>	
04:30 pm – 06:00 pm	<i>Context Setting by Cluster CEOs/ Chair</i>
	<i>Address by Norway Ambassador (H.E. May-Elin Stener)</i>
	<i>Intervention by – Norway (Mr. Sonal Kumar)</i>
	<i>Intervention by – Denmark (Mr. Ben Jorgensen)</i>
	<i>Intervention by – Slovenia (Dr. Gasan Osojnik)</i>
	<i>Intervention by – Switzerland (Prof. Manfred Max Bergman)</i>
	<i>Intervention by – Italy (Prof. Francesco Corvaro)</i>
	<i>Intervention by – Israel (Representative from Israel)</i>
	<i>Intervention by – Netherlands (Mr. Jan Reint Smit)</i>
06:00 pm – 06:30 pm	Audience Interaction
07:00 pm onwards	Cocktail reception followed by dinner – Hotel Le Meridian, New Delhi.

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DAY – 2 (05/12/2025 – Friday)

09:45 am – 10:00 am	Summarizing Day-1 Activities by Mr. Vivek Kumar, Scientist-D, O/o PSA to the GoI
Panel Discussion – 4: ‘Industry Automation & Startups’ <i>Moderated by: RICH, Hyderabad and AMTZ, Vizag</i>	
10:00 am – 11:00 am	<i>Context Setting by Cluster CEOs/ Chair</i>
	Intervention by – <i>Slovenia (Dr. Alenka Mauko Pranjić)</i>
	Intervention by – <i>Norway (Ms. Eirin Fossberg)</i>
	Intervention by – <i>Switzerland (Dr. Angela Honnegger)</i>
	Intervention by – <i>Sweden (Mr. Ola Svedin)</i>
	Intervention by – <i>UK (Mr. Brendan O'Neill)</i>
	Intervention by – <i>Australia (Dr. Julianne Biddle)</i>
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Intervention by – <i>USA (Prof. Pratim Biswas)</i>
	Audience Interaction
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Tea Break
Panel Discussion – 5: ‘Plastic & E-Waste Management’ <i>Moderated by: PI-Rahi, Chandigarh & PKC, Pune</i>	
12:00 pm – 01:00 pm	<i>Context Setting by Cluster CEOs/ chair</i>
	Intervention by – <i>Denmark (Dr. Søren Tranberg Hansen)</i>
	Intervention by – <i>Sweden (Ms. Cecilia Tall)</i>
	Intervention by – <i>Slovenia (Dr. Dragica Marinič)</i>
	Intervention by – <i>Spain (Ms. Ana L. Cudero)</i>

	Intervention by – <i>Netherlands (Mr. Jan Pieter Van Tilburg)</i>
	Intervention by – <i>EU (MSc D.Ing. Pierrick Fillon-Ashida)</i>
01:00 pm – 01:30 pm	Audience Interaction
01:30 pm – 02:30 pm	Lunch
Panel Discussion – 6: ‘Technologies Empowering Livelihood’ <i>Moderated by: JCKIC, Jodhpur and BCKIC, Bhubaneshwar</i>	
02:30 pm – 03:30 pm	<i>Context Setting by Cluster CEOs</i>
	Intervention by – <i>Italy (Prof. Anna Barbara)</i>
	Intervention by – <i>South Africa (Mr. Sedula Mashudubele Mamabolo)</i>
	Intervention by – <i>African Union (Mr. Brando Okolo)</i>
	Intervention by – <i>Germany (Dr. Johannes Barth)</i>
	Intervention by – <i>Denmark (Dr. Shannon Olsson)</i>
03:30 pm – 04:00 pm	Audience Interaction
04:00 pm – 04:30 pm	Tea Break
VALEDICTORY SESSION	
04:30 pm – 05:00 pm	MoU Signing Ceremony
05:00 pm – 05:10 pm	Closing Remarks by Dr. (Mrs.) Parvinder Maini, Scientific Secretary O/o PSA to the Gol
05:10 pm – 05:20 pm	Valedictory Address by Prof. Ajay K. Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India
05:20 pm – 05:25 pm	Vote of Thanks by Dr. Shefali Uttam, Technical Staff, O/o PSA to the Gol
