

RISE Conclave 2026 Concludes at Chennai; Reinforces Research–Industry–Startup Synergy for Viksit Bharat 2047

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The two-day Research–Industry–Startup–Entrepreneurship (RISE) Conclave 2026 concluded today at the Chennai Trade Centre, bringing together key stakeholders from academia, research institutions, industry and the startup ecosystem. The Conclave reaffirmed the Government's commitment to strengthening innovation-led growth and accelerating the translation of scientific research into societal and industrial applications in line with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

RISE 2026 represents a unique confluence of Research, Industry, Startup and Entrepreneurship — four critical pillars essential for transforming India into a developed nation by 2047. The Conclave was inaugurated on 14 February 2026 by the Hon'ble Minister of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh, who underscored the pivotal role of startups in driving innovation and strengthening India's research–industry ecosystem. The Hon'ble Minister also inaugurated the Startup Expo and interacted with participating entrepreneurs.

A major highlight of the Conclave was the Startup Expo, which featured more than 100 startups associated with technologies developed by CSIR laboratories including CSIR-CLRI, CSIR-CECRI and CSIR-SERC. The Expo showcased cutting-edge innovations across advanced materials, electrochemical technologies, infrastructure systems, sustainable manufacturing and deep-tech solutions, demonstrating the growing impact of CSIR's technology transfer and commercialization efforts.

The Conclave featured a series of thematic sessions aimed at deepening collaboration across sectors. A Panel Discussion on Science Communication deliberated on the importance of effective outreach in fostering scientific temper and enhancing public engagement with research and innovation. A Panel Discussion on Academy–Institute–Industry Partnership highlighted collaborative frameworks to accelerate technology translation, commercialization and industry-ready solutions, strengthening the national innovation ecosystem.

The programme also included Industry Talks by leading experts from diverse sectors, who shared insights on systems engineering, product development, engineered construction solutions and entrepreneurial experiences. The discussions reinforced the critical importance of sustained research–industry collaboration and the need for integrated innovation ecosystems to advance India's scientific and technological capabilities.

In the valedictory session, the dignitaries Dr. P. Thanikaivelan, Director, CSIR-CLRI; Dr. N. Anandavalli, Director, CSIR-SERC and Dr. K. Ramesha, Director, CSIR-CECRI felicitated awards to the winning teams of the participant startups and students. Dr. K.J. Sreeram, Outstanding Scientist and former Director, CSIR-CLRI proposed vait of thanks.

The successful conclusion of RISE Conclave 2026 marks a significant step towards fostering stronger partnerships among research institutions, industry and startups, thereby promoting technology commercialization, entrepreneurship and innovation-driven growth in alignment with national priorities.





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