



**National Security Preparedness  
in the Age of  
Disasters and Pandemics**  
28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021 (Virtual)

Flow of Programme

**Day One (28<sup>th</sup> Oct, Thursday)**

		<b>Time</b>	<b>Particulars</b>
<b>Inaugural Session</b> 10:20AM – 11:30AM		10:20 AM – 10:30 AM	Remarks by Convener, PDNS / <b>Lt. Gen Vinayak Patankar</b>
		10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	<i>Welcoming Remarks:</i> <b>Dr. R. A. Mashelkar</b> , President, PIC
		10:45 AM - 11:05 AM	<i>Inaugural Address:</i> <b>Shri Ajit Doval</b> , National Security Adviser, Government of India
		11:05 AM - 11:20 AM	<i>Keynote Address:</i> <b>Dr. Soumya Swaminathan</b> , Chief Scientist, World Health Organisation
		11:20 AM - 11:30 AM	<i>Vote of Thanks:</i> <b>Air Marshal Bhushan Gokhale</b> , President, Centre for Advanced Strategic Studies and Trustee, PIC

<b>Session 1</b>  12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM	<b>Disaster Risk Reduction as Part of National Security</b> <i>Session Chair: Gen. N. C. Vij, Former Vice-Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority</i> <u>Panellists:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Pradyot C. Haldar</b>, President, Policy Perspectives Foundation</li> <li>• <b>Mr. K. M. Singh</b>, Vice-President, Policy Perspectives Foundation</li> </ul>								
<b>Session 2</b>  6:00 PM– 7:30 PM	<b>External Dimensions and Future Threats</b> <i>Session Chair: Amb. Sudhir Devare, Member, PIC</i> <u>Panellists:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. S. R. Rao</b>, Vice-President, Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth University</li> <li>• <b>Col. Inderjit Singh</b>, Chief Cyber Security Officer, Vara Technology Pvt. Ltd.</li> </ul>								
<b>Day Two (29<sup>th</sup> Oct, Friday)</b>									
<b>Session 3</b>  10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon.	<b>Dealing with Future Challenges: Role of Science and Technology</b> <i>Session Chair: Dr. Sangeeta Kale, Member, PIC</i> <u>Panellists:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Sanjay Singh</b>, CEO, Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd.</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Rakesh Mishra</b>, Director, Tata Institute of Genetics and Society</li> </ul>								
<b>Session 4</b>  12:10 Noon – 1:45 PM	<b>Imperatives</b> <i>Session Chair: Lt. Gen. S. S. Mehta, Trustee, PIC</i> <u>Panellists:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Kamal Kishore</b>, Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority <i>Topic: ‘Concept of Disaster Management in India’</i></li> <li>• <b>Lt. Gen. S. A. Hasnain</b>, Member, National Disaster Management Authority <i>Topic: ‘Current Disaster Management Organisation in India’</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Krishna Vatsa</b>, Member, National Disaster Management Authority <i>Topic: ‘Policy Issues, Budget’</i></li> <li>• <b>Mr. Rajendra Singh</b>, Member, National Disaster Management Authority <i>Topic: ‘State Response and Community Response Schemes’</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra</b>, Director General of Meteorology, India Meteorology Department</li> </ul>								
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