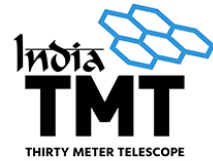




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Panel Discussion: Leveraging collaboration for Indian science and industry



- About the Panel Member:

- After graduating from IIT, Powai in Metallurgy in 1983, S.M. Vaidya chose to work in India and build his career in Welding. He was given the responsibility to set up Welding Department in Godrej Process Equipment Division (PED) in 1987 for wide Range of alloys as per international standards. In the year 1996, he was chosen to Head the special task force of Engineers and Technicians set up to contribute to India's Space & Defence programs. He is credited with developing a new Business in Aerospace – Godrej Aerospace, which has achieved important international Certification like AS9100, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001, NADCAP and ISO27001 and has become one of the trusted suppliers of critical components and assemblies to Aerospace primes like Snecma of France, Eaton and Moog, GE of US. Has been awarded by the Aeronautical Society of India for development of Cryo Engine Technology for ISRO and also Won Indira Engineering Excellence Awards as a symbol of Excellence and a tribute to leadership in March 2009. Under his leadership, Godrej Aerospace has received several accolades including the Defense Technology Absorption Award – DRDO (2009) and TPM Excellence Award “Category A” - 2013 by JIPM, Japan. As an outreach initiative, he regularly interacts with Academia and research Institutions.

