

13th CII INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION AWARDS



Recognizing the Innovation Ecosystem in India

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ABOUT THE AWARDS

The Industrial Innovation Awards aim at helping the Indian Industry in assimilating a structured innovation process through the Enterprise Innovation Maturity Framework, a model developed by CII. The Awards, while recognizing the champions of innovation among Indian industry, also enhance their competitiveness for the domestic as well as global markets.

CII Industrial Innovation Awards were instituted in 2014 to identify and celebrate innovative Indian enterprises across industry segments and sectors. The Awards give an opportunity to companies to shine and be known nationally and internationally for their innovative products and services.

Between 2014 and 2025, CII Industrial Innovation Awards have recognized more than 800+ firms as champions of innovation in their respective industry sectors. These Innovation Awards have also been instrumental in the growth of business opportunities for winning firms.

THE AWARDS

TOP 100 INNOVATIVE COMPANIES OF THE YEAR

Looking at the scale and extent of innovation, the awards have been scaled up to 100 from 75. The top 100 companies will be awarded under "Top 100 Innovative Companies of 2026".

CATEGORY AWARDS — COMPANIES

Grand Award

- › The Most Innovative Company of The Year

Innovative Company of the Year — Manufacturing

- › Large Enterprise
- › MSME Enterprise

Innovative Company of the Year — Services

- › Large Enterprise
- › MSME Enterprise

TOP 10 INNOVATIVE INSTITUTION OF THE YEAR

The Top 10 Institutions will be awarded under the "Top 10 Innovative Institution of 2026".

Category Awards — Institutions

- › Grand Award — The Most Innovative Institution of The Year
- › Top Innovative Research Institution

WHY APPLY

BENEFITS FOR ALL APPLICANTS

- Access to CII Enterprise Innovation Maturity Framework — a self-assessment tool to understand the level and mode of innovation within your company.
- Learning about innovation best practices (firm level) by taking part in various stages of the award process.
- First-hand information on all innovation-related initiatives of CII.
- Featuring your organization in Compendium 2026

BENEFITS EXCLUSIVELY FOR WINNERS

- Recognition as an innovation-driven organization among business circles.
- Branding the business through the awards logo.
- Detailed case study in CII Innovation Compendium 2026, disseminated widely to Government, Media, Foreign Embassies, Industry, and all relevant stakeholders.
- Promotion through CII's website, social media, and other channels.
- Opportunity for taking a leadership role in CII's National Committee related to innovation for driving policy.

WHO CAN APPLY

Innovation should be commercialized in the year 2023, 2024, or 2025 (it does not matter how many years prior to its realization it was in the making). Companies and firms registered in India:

ENTERPRISE TYPE	INVESTMENT #	TURNOVER
MSME Enterprises	Up to ₹20 Cr.	Less than ₹100 Cr.
Large Enterprises	Above ₹20 Cr.	Above ₹100 Cr.

Note: * Enterprises engaged in manufacture/production/processing of goods. ** Enterprises engaged in providing/rendering services. # Proof of investment figure (auditor certificate) to be uploaded; CII members may use their membership certificate.

SCHEDULE 2026

ACTIVITY	DATE
Launch of Awards	February 2026
Start of Registration	February 2026
Last Date for Registration	30th April 2026
Last Date for Application Submission	1st June 2026
Preliminary Screening	July 2026
Jury Presentation	August 2026
Grand Jury	September 2026
Awards Ceremony	December 2026

* The award ceremony date is subject to change and will be announced at least one month prior.

AWARD PROCESS

01**Registration**

Create a login ID by providing basic information. Credentials will be sent to your email.

02**Online Initial Application Submission**

Fill the initial application form with an abstract about your organization and its innovations.

03**Online Initial Application Evaluation**

Jury evaluates the initial application online and shortlists for the main application phase.

04**Online Main Application Submission**

Shortlisted applicants complete the comprehensive main application form.

05**Assessor Interaction**

Online interaction with an assessor to corroborate contents submitted in the main application form.

06**First Jury Selection**

Jury evaluates main applications and determines top companies for the Grand Jury stage.

07**Grand Jury Meeting**

A grand jury comprising Indian and International experts decides the award-winning company in each category.

08**Awards Ceremony**

Physical ceremony to recognize award-winning companies.

09**Feedback Report**

Detailed feedback report on the applicant firm's innovation strengths and weaknesses made available.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

INITIAL APPLICATION

Jury evaluates the application at the initial level based on the merit and uniqueness of the innovation.

MAIN APPLICATION — FOUR PILLARS

Innovation Culture

Innovation within an organization is a function of how people at all hierarchies collaborate and support the journey. This section captures the flow of innovation in spirit and as a function within the organization.

Innovation Management

Innovation is effective management of chaos to achieve tangible results. This section seeks to understand your expertise in navigating through such efforts.

Inputs to Innovation

Innovation needs tangible and intangible inputs to grow. This section captures details of investments of both kinds made by the organization.

Results of Innovation

The goal of any effort is a tangible, measurable outcome. This section assesses the results that have accrued to your organization from the innovation effort undertaken.

APPLICATION FEES

An applicant must pay the fee while submitting the application form. The fee includes online facilitation by CII, honorarium of an expert for assessment, and delegate fee for two to the Award Ceremony.

INDUSTRY SEGMENT	APPLICATION FEE**
Large Enterprise	Rs. 1,00,000/- + 18% GST
MSME	Rs. 45,000/- + 18% GST

Note: *The application process requires active collaboration among all departments of a company.*

LEADERSHIP



Vipin Sondhi

*Chairman, CII Industrial Innovation Awards 2026 &
Chairman CII National Forum on Industry-Academia
Partnership*



Kris Gopalakrishnan

*Founder, CII Industrial Innovation Awards; Chairman,
Axilor Ventures & Co-Founder, Infosys Ltd*



Mr. Alok Nanda

*Co-Chairman, CII Industrial Innovation Awards 2026;
CTO, GE South Asia & CEO, GE India Technology
Centre*



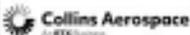
Prof. Rishikesh T Krishnan

*Co-Chairman, CII Industrial Innovation Awards 2026;
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GLIMPSE — AWARD CEREMONY



PREVIOUS WINNERS

TESTIMONIALS

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In Indian industry's journey to be globally innovative, CII's focus and advocacy on firm level Innovation capability building has remained outstanding, which is truly reflected through its Industrial Innovation Awards Initiative. The Award Framework has encouraged many Indian firms to remain competitive in domestic as well as in global markets.”

S. Gopalakrishnan

Founder, CII Industrial Innovation Awards; Chairman, Axilor Ventures & Co-Founder, Infosys Ltd

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Firms participating in various stages of the award process of the CII Industrial Innovation Award get detailed feedback on their maturity level on various innovation indicators, giving them an edge over their competitors and others to embrace/explore new business opportunities. I am very confident that firms getting the Innovation Award will be recognised as innovation driven companies among the business community.”

Rajan Navani

VC and MD, Jetline Group of Companies

BY WINNERS

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Innovation is the lifeline of Indian industry which is heavily reliant on the ability to create evolving solutions for customers. At Mahindra, innovation is guided by our Rise philosophy. Our products and services have always been designed with innovation at its core. I would like to thank CII for the Innovation Awards platform which will help nurture and encourage a culture of innovation within India.”

Dr. Pawan Kumar Goenka

Managing Director, Mahindra & Mahindra

ABOUT CII

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, partnering Industry, Government and civil society through advisory and consultative processes.

CII is a non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organization, with around 9,700 members from the private as well as public sectors, including SMEs and MNCs, and an indirect membership of over 365,000 enterprises from 318 national and regional sectoral industry bodies.

For 130 years, CII has been engaged in shaping India's development journey and works proactively on transforming Indian Industry's engagement in national development. CII charts change by working closely with the Government on policy issues, interfacing with thought leaders, and enhancing efficiency, competitiveness, and business opportunities for industry through a range of specialised services and strategic global linkages. It also provides a platform for consensus-building and networking on key issues.

Through its dedicated Centres of Excellence and Industry competitiveness initiatives, promotion of innovation and technology adoption, and partnerships for sustainability, CII plays a transformative part in shaping the future of the nation. Extending its agenda beyond business, CII assists industry to identify and execute corporate citizenship programmes across diverse domains, including affirmative action, livelihoods, diversity management, skill development, empowerment of women, and sustainable development, to name a few.

For 2025-26, CII has identified "Accelerating Competitiveness: Globalisation, Inclusivity, Sustainability, Trust" as its theme, prioritising five key pillars. During the year, CII will align its initiatives to drive strategic action aimed at enhancing India's competitiveness by promoting global engagement, inclusive growth, sustainable practices, and a foundation of trust.

With 70 offices, including 12 Centres of Excellence, in India, and 9 overseas offices in Australia, Egypt, Germany, Indonesia, Singapore, UAE, UK, and USA, as well as institutional partnerships with about 250 counterpart organisations in almost 100 countries, CII serves as a reference point for Indian industry and the international business community.

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