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Global Summit on Industry-Academia Partnership

'Industry-Inspired University Innovation & Entrepreneurship'

Friday, 27 November 2026; Crystal Ball Room, The Lalit Hotel, New Delhi

Program Grid

0730 – 0900 Hrs	Online Registration Verification & Networking Hi-Tea
0900 – 0945 Hrs	Opening Ceremony of CII University Venture Industry Network (UVIN) Exhibition Opening, Walk Through of Exhibition, Interaction with Exhibitors
1000 - 1100 Hrs	Inaugural Session
1100 - 1145 Hrs	Session 1 - Investing in Innovation: How India Can Unlock the Next Wave of Private R&D
1145 - 1230 Hrs	Session 2 - Beyond Rankings: Building Entrepreneurial Universities for India's Innovation Economy
1230 - 1315 Hrs	Session 3 - Investing Before the Market Sees It: Why Industry and Venture Capital Must Look Inside Universities
1315 -1415 Hrs	Networking Lunch
1415 -1500 Hrs	Session 4 - Learning While Leading: Reimagining Executive Education for Industry 4.0
1500 -1630 Hrs	CII Industry Academia Partnership Award Ceremony
1630 - 1700 Hrs	Business Meetings & Networking Hi-Tea

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Inaugural Session

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1000 - 1010 Hrs	Welcome Address	**Mr Amit Gossain** Chairman, CII National Committee on Industry Academia Partnership Chairman and Managing Director, India & South Asia, KONE Elevator
1010 - 1020 Hrs	Context Setting	**Prof V. Ramgopal Rao** Group Vice-Chancellor Birla Institute of Technology & Science
1020 - 1030 Hrs	Guest of Honour	Confirmation Awaited
1030 - 1040 Hrs	Academic Perspective	**Dr Sharath K Rao** Vice Chancellor Manipal Academy of Higher Education
1040 – 1050 Hrs	Industry Address	**Mr Aniket Gandhi** Head R&D, Innovation, Strategy & Operation Hindustan Unilever
Release of thought leadership reports: 1. *Partnering with Ease: Making Industry Academia Partnerships Work in India* 2. *Unlocking India's Private R&D Potential: A Policy Framework to Amplify ANRF and RDI Outcomes* Release of Compendium: 1. *CII University Venture Industry Network (UVIN): Showcasing University Startups, Market Ready Research & Faculty Entrepreneurship*		
1055 - 1100 Hrs	Concluding Remarks	**Dr Ashish Mohan** Executive Director Confederation of Indian Industry

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1145 - 1230 Hrs	**Session 2 - Beyond Rankings: Building Entrepreneurial Universities for India's Innovation Economy** *India's academic institutions are emerging as vibrant hubs of innovation, producing world-class research with immense commercial potential. However, transforming these innovations from lab breakthroughs to market-ready solutions remains a key challenge. This session brings together distinguished academic leaders to discuss why academic leaders must see beyond the rankings and focus on building R&D centric institutions which strengthen their translational research capabilities, foster entrepreneurship, and build effective frameworks for technology transfer and commercialization.* Moderator Prof V. Ramgopal Rao Group Vice Chancellor BITS Pilani Speakers: - Prof Kamal Kishore Pant Director IIT Roorkee - Dr Sharath K Rao Vice Chancellor Manipal Academy of Higher Education - Prof Deborah Sweeney Provost Western University Sydney - Prof Raviraja N Seetharam Vice Chancellor MIT World Peace University - Dr Ranjan Banerjee Vice Chancellor Nayanta University

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1230 – 1315 Hrs	**Session 3 - Investing Before the Market Sees It: Why Industry & Venture Capital Must Look Inside Universities** *Some of the most promising technologies and breakthrough innovations are taking shape within Indian university labs, long before their commercial potential becomes visible to the market. This session will bring together industry leaders to explore how corporations and venture capital can engage more proactively with universities to identify emerging technologies, support promising research and unlock new opportunities for investment.* Moderator Dr Avantika Tomar Partner and L&D Head EY-Parthenon Speakers: - Mr Rakesh Swami Group President - Corporate Affairs Godrej Industries Group - Mr Sumit Madan Vice President, Head Formulation R&D Orals Sun Pharma - Mr Atul Bhaskar Choudhari Chief Technology Officer TATA Consulting Engineers - Mr Srinivas Peddi Senior Director and Site Leader Becton Dickinson Technology Campus, India - Cdr Navneet Kaushik Founder and Managing Partner Jamwant Ventures Presentation on Dx-EDGE Education Excellence by Mr Shivaji Sen

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1415 - 1500	**Session4 - Learning While Leading: Reimagining Executive Education for Industry 4.0** *As Industry 4.0 reshapes business models, technologies and workforce requirements, executive education must evolve beyond traditional learning formats to enable continuous capability building and organizational transformation. This session will explore how universities can work closely with industry to design flexible, industry-relevant executive education that addresses emerging skill requirements, integrate cutting-edge technologies and translate research into practical business applications.* **Moderator** Mr Aniket Gandhi Head R&D, Innovation, Strategy & Operations Hindustan Unilever **Speakers:** - Prof Manu Santhanam Dean, Industrial Consultancy and Sponsored Research IIT Madras - Prof Vivek Kumar Malik Dean, Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy IIT Roorkee - Prof Madhu Veeraraghavan Pro Vice Chancellor MAHE Manipal and MAHE Bengaluru Campus - Prof S. Gurunarayanan Director-in-Charge, Off-Campus Programmes and Industry Engagement, BITS Pilani - Prof Jaskiran Arora Dean, School of Management BML Munjal University - Prof Catherine Itsiopoulos Deputy Vice Chancellor, STEM College & Vice President Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)

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3rd edition of CII Industry Academia Partnership Awards 2026

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1510 -1520 Hrs	Special Address	**Mr Vipin Sondhi** Chairman, CII Industry Academia Partnership Awards Independent Director & Chairman NBQP Former MD & CEO Ashok Leyland & JCB India
1520 -1530 Hrs	Keynote Address	**Dr (Smt.) Chandrika Kaushik** Distinguished Scientist & Director General (PC& SI) Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)
1530 - 1625 Hrs	➢ Release of compendium ➢ Announcement of winners of 3rd edition of CII IAP Awards 2026	
1625 -1630 Hrs	Vote of Thanks	**Dr Ashish Mohan** Executive Director Confederation of Indian Industry

CII University Venture Industry Network (UVIN)

Booth No.	Facia Name
1	MANIPAL ACADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION
2	BML Munjal University
3	BITS Pilani Institution of Eminence

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7	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
8	MIT World Peace University | Pune
9	The UQ - IITD Research Academy
10	IITB-Monash Research Academy
11	GESH IIT Bombay
12	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee
13	Indian Institute of Technology Madras
14	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay | EO | TIH
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