



CII Industry–Academia Partnership

Media Dossier 2025

Connect | Collaborate | Co-Create

Foreword

India stands at a pivotal moment in its journey toward becoming a global knowledge and innovation hub. The convergence of academia and industry is no longer optional—it is **essential**. The CII Industry–Academia Partnership initiative continues to play a catalytic role in aligning education with real-world demands, fostering innovation, and preparing a future-ready workforce.

The year 2025 marks another milestone in strengthening this collaboration through impactful partnerships, recognition of excellence, and global dialogue. This dossier captures the achievements, insights, and forward-looking vision that define this journey.





CII GLOBAL SUMMIT ON INDUSTRY–ACADEMIA PARTNERSHIP (IAP) 2025

Held on 5th December 2025

ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

The CII Global Summit on Industry–Academia Partnership (IAP) 2025, held successfully on **5th December 2025** in New Delhi, was India’s pioneering platform for collaboration between academia, industry, and government. The summit showcased groundbreaking technology research and innovation, and transformative partnership opportunities, while honoring excellence through the CII Industry–Academia Partnership Awards.

This one-day Summit brought together science leaders, business pioneers, technology visionaries, VC community and public sector catalysts to:

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BREAK BARRIERS:
Overcame information asymmetry and dismantled silos between academia and industry.
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CELEBRATE EXCELLENCE:
Witnessed the IAP Awards 2025, honoring breakthrough collaborations.
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DISCOVER CAPABILITIES:
Explored the technology portfolios of leading academic and research institutions.
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SHAPE POLICY DIALOGUE:
Contributed ideas that influenced the future of industry–academia collaboration.
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FORGE PARTNERSHIPS:
Built collaborations that translated research into real-world impact.
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ACCESS CAPITAL & SCALE:
Engaged with the VC and startup ecosystem to unlock funding opportunities.
- 04

CONNECT & SHARE:
Exchanged perspectives with visionaries, innovators, investors, and policymakers.
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EXPERIENCE INNOVATION:
Visited technology showcases featuring pioneering research and solutions.
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SPOT EMERGING TRENDS:
Stayed ahead with insights into global technology and innovation roadmaps.
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EXPAND YOUR NETWORK:
Connected with CXOs, faculty leaders, government representatives, and investors.

WHO WAS THERE?	SCIENCE LEADERS	BUSINESS PIONEERS	TECHNOLOGY VISIONARIES	VC COMMUNITY	PUBLIC SECTOR CATALYSTS
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CII Global Summit On Industry Academia Partnership 2025

Key Highlights

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



Keynote Sessions

Hear from global thought leaders on the future of research, innovation, and collaboration.



Technology Showcase

Explore cutting-edge research and breakthrough innovations from leading institutions.



Partnership Opportunities

Connect with decision-makers and explore avenues for meaningful collaboration.



IAP Awards 2025

Celebrate outstanding contributions to industry-academia collaboration excellence.

SPEAKERS 2025



Chief Guest



Dr Jitendra Singh

Hon'ble Minister of Science and Technology; Earth Sciences; Prime Minister's office; Personnel, Public Grievance and Pensions; Atomic Energy; Space Government of India

Speakers



Prof Ajay Kumar Sood
Principal Scientific Advisor to the
Government of India



Dr Shivkumar Kalyanraman
CEO, Anusandhan National
Research Foundation



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Director IRIS, BITS Pilani



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CSR Leader, IBM India & South



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MD, Accenture



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CII Global Summit on Industry–Academia Partnership 2025

Summit Theme

" Catalyzing India's Rise as R&D Powerhouse: Forging Partnerships, driving Excellence "

Key Themes	Discussions
Session 1: From Conversation to Collaboration – A CXO's Guide to Forging Successful Industry–Academia Partnerships in India	This session brought together leading CXOs who had successfully bridged the industry–academia divide to share their experiences, strategies, and key lessons learned.
Session 2: From Campus to Commercialization: Academic Heads Roundtable	This roundtable brought together distinguished academic leaders to discuss how institutions could strengthen their translational research capabilities, foster entrepreneurship, and build effective frameworks for technology transfer and commercialization.
Special Ministerial Plenary – joined by - Dr Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Science and Technology; Earth Sciences; Prime Minister's office; Personnel, Public Grievance and Pensions; Atomic Energy; Space Government of India	The session featured the release of a compendium highlighting successful case studies of collaboration and co-creation between industry and Indian academia.
Session 3: Frontiers in Bio Future and MedTech Innovation: From Discovery to Deployment	This session brought together visionary leaders from industry, research, and startups to explore how cutting-edge discoveries could be rapidly translated into scalable, accessible, and impactful healthcare solutions.
Session 4: The Valley of Death Challenge: Stories of Successful Translation & Scale	This session spotlighted inspiring stories of innovators, entrepreneurs, and institutions that had successfully navigated the journey from proof of concept to large-scale deployment.
Session 5: Smart Manufacturing & Technologies: Advancing Industry 4.0 through Research and Industry Synergy	This session brought together leaders from manufacturing, technology, and academia to discuss how co-creation could accelerate the adoption of smart manufacturing solutions, strengthen R&D capabilities, and develop scalable, sustainable models for the factory of the future.
Session 6: Universities of the Future: Co-Creating with Industry	This session brought together visionary academic leaders, VCs, and industry partners to reimagine the future of higher education and research. The discussion focused on new models of collaboration, agile curricula, shared innovation ecosystems, and institutional frameworks that positioned universities as active contributors to India's innovation and industrial transformation.

Media Coverage & Visibility

The initiative and associated events received widespread media attention across digital and broadcast platforms.

Leading National
Publications

Strong Social Media
Engagement

Industry Endorsements & Expert
Opinions

CII Industry Academia Partnership Award 2025 Coverage

MAHE Honoured with Prestigious CII Industry-Academia Partnership Award

Covered in: *Business Standard*

Tata Chemicals leads the way in India's R&D push at CII Global Summit

Covered in: *Indian Chemical News*

Tata Chemicals wins CII Grand Jury Award for R&D

Covered in: *Manufacturing Today India*

Tata Chemicals Reinforces Industry–Academia Collaboration

Covered in: *Chemical Industry Digest*

Trane Technologies and CIT Collaborate to Establish Centre for Sustainable Refrigeration

Covered in: *The Wire*

Sona College of Technology Records Major Academic & Industry-Linked Advances in 2025

Covered in: *Hans India*

Summit Coverage

Industry-Academia | DD News On Air — Govt Collaboration Key for India's Research Growth

Covered in: *DD News / NewsOnAir*

India's Industry-Academia 'Golden Triangle' Gap Must Close: Reliance, HUL Leaders at CII Summit

Covered in: *Republic World*

Annexures

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CO-ASSOCIATE PARTNERS



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