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“Industry–Academia–Government collaboration is no longer an option but an essential pathway for India’s future growth. This is a defining moment in India’s rise as a global R&D powerhouse” said 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 while addressing at the CII Global Summit on Industry–Academia Partnership

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 in his keynote address underscored that industry–academia–government collaboration is no longer an option but an essential pathway for India’s future growth. He emphasised that India’s recent transformation as one of the top global performers has been possible because the country has begun to change its mindset and open itself to wider partnerships across sectors. He stressed that as India advances towards its vision for 2047, the government’s role must increasingly evolve into that of a facilitator, enabling greater participation from industry and startups in emerging areas such as space, nuclear technologies, green energy, biotechnology and deep-tech innovation.

Dr Singh further emphasised that when India talks about innovation, it must also think innovatively not only in terms of new projects and industries, but also in the way the national mindset and approach evolve. He further remarked that India’s rise to the world’s fourth-largest economy had strengthened national confidence and aspiration, fuelling the ambition to reach the top global rank.

In his address at the Opening Session, Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, emphasized that the constant struggle to enhance India’s GERD from 0.6 to 0.7 percent needs closer attention, and this ambition can be achieved only with active participation from industry. He emphasized the need for industry to move beyond viewing R&D as expenditure and treat it as investment. He also stressed that mission mode programmes can drive research that is outcome-oriented and can also result in wealth generations

Dr Shivkumar Kalyanaraman, Chief Executive Officer, Anusandhan National Research Foundation in his address at the Opening session stated that the government should act as a



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catalyst between industry and academia. He also urged industry to reach out to academia and partner, emphasising that collaboration with academia is no longer an option if we would like to be competitive.

The summit also witnessed the release of the Thought Leadership Report on Building India's Innovation Backbone: Industry–Academia Collaboration for Research-Led Growth, offering strategic insights to strengthen the national innovation ecosystem. In addition, a Compendium on Successful Case Studies of Collaboration and Co-creation between Industry and Indian Academia was unveiled, showcasing impactful models of partnership and translational research across the country.

Nearly 60 organizations are also felicitated at the 2nd edition of the CII Industry–Academia Partnership Awards, which recognize and celebrate outstanding contributions towards strengthening collaborative research, co-creation, and innovation between industry and Indian academia. Nearly 30 organizations also showcased their innovations at the FutureTech Innovation & R&D Exhibition held during the Summit.

The conference brought together over 500 delegates, including senior government officials, industry leaders, academic experts, and representatives from the research and innovation ecosystem, for focused discussions on strengthening India's innovation backbone. The deliberations centred on advancing industry–academia collaboration, enabling research-led growth, improving ease of doing research, fostering deep-tech and mission-driven innovation, and identifying policy pathways and partnership models that can accelerate national R&D outcomes.