



Confederation of Indian Industry

Global Summit on Technology, R&D, and IP

‘From Dependence to Dominance: Research, Deep Tech, and IP for AtmaNirbhar Bharat’

16-17 December 2025; Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi

Programme Grid

Day: I (16 Dec 2025) (Sovereign Hall)		Day: II (17 Dec 2025) (Sovereign Hall)	
Timings	Session name	Timings	Session name
0900 -1000 Hrs	Registration/ Tea & Coffee	0900 -1000 Hrs	Registration/ Tea & Coffee
1000 -1100 Hrs	Opening Session	1000 -1130 Hrs	Felicitation of CII Women in STEM Awards
1100-1130 Hrs	Media Conversation on “Innovation Nation: RDI Fund as the Game Changer”	1130 -1300 Hrs	Session 5: IP as a Strategic Asset in the Deep Tech Era
1130 – 1230 Hrs	Session 1: Tech and IP Roadmap to AtmaNirbhar Bharat – From Dependence to Dominance	1300 -1400 Hrs	Lunch
1230 -1330 Hrs	Session 2: Global Technology Trends: Where India Stands	1400 – 1500 Hrs	Session 6: Reimagining Industry– Academia Collaboration for a Global R&D and IP Economy
1330 -1430 Hrs	Special Ministerial Plenary with 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	1500-1630 Hrs	Felicitation of CII Industrial IP Awards
1430 – 1530 Hrs	Lunch	1630 Hrs	Close of Summit
1530 – 1630 Hrs	Session 3: Deep Tech Frontier: Redefining possibilities with Robotics & Automation		
1630 – 1730 Hrs	Session 4: Emerging Tech and SEPs: Preparing for the Next Frontier of IP		
1730 – 1900 Hrs	Felicitation of CII Industrial Innovation Awards		
1900 Hrs	Dinner and Close of Day 1		
-----Tech and IP Exhibition on the sidelines -----			

Other Engagements (Allure Hall)		
16 Dec 2025 (1515-1630 Hrs)	Roundtable 1	Invest in Your Future: An Intellectual Property Masterclass
17 Dec 2025 (1200-1300 Hrs)	Roundtable 2	CII-DSIR Round Table on Industrial R&D & Funding



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Day 1- 16 December 2025

Opening Session 16 December 2025, 1000 – 1100 Hrs IST		
1000 – 1005 Hrs	Welcome & Opening Address	Dr Naushad Forbes Chairman, CII National Committee on Technology, Innovation & Research & Co-Chairperson, Forbes Marshall
1005 – 1015 Hrs	Special Address	Ms Debjani Ghosh Distinguished Fellow NITI Aayog, Government of India
1015 – 1020 Hrs	Address	Mr B Thiagarajan Co-Chair, CII National Committee on Technology, Innovation & Research Managing Director, Blue Star Limited
1020 – 1025 Hrs	Address	Ms Vaishali Nigam Sinha Co-Chair, CII Women in STEM Initiatives & Co-Founder, ReNew & Chairperson, Sustainability
1025 – 1040 Hrs	Special Address	Mr Lekhan Thakkar Joint Secretary, National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), Government of India
1040 – 1050 Hrs	Launch of Flagship Reports and New Initiatives: 1. Thought Leadership Report on Deep Tech Frontier- Robotics and Automation 2. A Comprehensive Report on Indian Deep-Tech Startup IP Ecosystem 3. Report on Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property: Navigating Opportunities and Challenges in a Transformative Era 4. Report on Women in STEM- India Story 5. Women in IP Compendium: Driving India's Knowledge-Powered Economy 6. Launch of R&D Excellence Awards 7. Launch of IP Excellence Awards for Law Firms 8. Announcement of National Technology Readiness Assessment Framework	
1050 – 1100 Hrs	Close of the session and Walk Through of the Exhibition	



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16 Dec 2025 1100 – 1130 Hrs	Media Conversation on “Innovation Nation: RDI Fund as the Game Changer”
<p>India’s journey towards becoming a global innovation powerhouse requires sustained investment in research, development, and innovation. The proposed RDI Fund represents a transformative step to unlock industry-led R&D and strengthen the national innovation ecosystem.</p> <p>This special will explore how the Fund can catalyse collaboration between industry, academia, and government to translate ideas into scalable outcomes. in conversation with</p>	
<p>Mr Subhomoy Bhattacharya Consulting Editor, Business Standard</p> <p><i>In conversation with</i></p> <p>Dr Naushad Forbes Chairman, CII National Committee on Technology, Innovation & Research & Co-Chairperson, Forbes Marshall</p> <p>&</p> <p>Mr B Thiagarajan Co-Chair, CII National Committee on Technology, Innovation & Research Managing Director, Blue Star Limited</p>	



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16 Dec 2025 1130 – 1230 Hrs	Session 1: Tech and IP Roadmap to AtmaNirbhar Bharat – From Dependence to Dominance
<p>India is rapidly emerging as a global innovation hub, powered by technology, R&D, and a strong IP ecosystem. With over 64,000 patent applications filed in 2023, a 15.7% rise in innovation output, and US\$11.3 billion raised by tech startups in 2024, India’s march toward technological leadership is accelerating.</p> <p>The session “Tech and IP Roadmap to AtmaNirbhar Bharat – From Dependence to Dominance” will explore how India’s technology landscape — from defence and electronics to AI, green energy, genomics, robotics and automation, and digital tech — is driving self-reliance and global competitiveness.</p>	
Keynote Address	Dr Vipin Chandra Shukla (Invited) Scientist-G, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research Government of India
Moderator	Mr Vikas Bakshi Head-Technology, Blue Star India
Panelists	Dr Subi Chaturvedi Global SVP, Chief Corporate Affairs & Public Policy Officer InMobi Group Mr Ashish Rai CEO - Decoratives JSW Paints Dr N C Ray Functional Head, Fiber & Yarn Innovation Trident Group Mr Vivek Raj Chairman & CEO Panama Corporation Mr Nagarjuna Guruguntla Deputy General Manager (R&D) TVS Motor Company



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16 Dec 2025 1230 – 1330 Hrs	Session 2: Global Technology Trends: Where India Stands
<p>With strong policy support, a thriving innovation ecosystem, and rising R&D investments, India is fast emerging as both a technology creator and adopter.</p> <p>The session will explore how global technology trends are redefining economies and assess India's positioning in this rapidly evolving landscape. It will highlight India's comparative strengths, identify opportunities for leadership in next-generation technologies, and share best practices from across the world vis-à-vis India's own innovation journey.</p>	
Keynote Address	Dr Jyoti Sharma Head, RDI Cell Department of Science & Technology, Government of India
Moderator	Mr Piyush Jain Deputy CTO, LTTS
Panelists	Mr Harsh Vardhan Head – Digital Innovation, Apollo Tyres Dr Louise Boisen Counsellor, Intellectual Property Rights Royal Danish Embassy, New Delhi Mr Sasikumar Muthusamy Senior Director – Engineering & Site Leader Collins Aerospace Dr Amit Rastogi Executive Vice President & CTO Coromandel Mr Vishal Sodha Global Head of Intellectual Property, Product Registration, and OpenAg R&D, UPL Mr Manish Deshmukh Marketing Head - India and Global, Meril Group of Companies



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16 Dec 2025 1330 – 1430 Hrs	<p>Special Ministerial Plenary: Unlocking India’s R&D Potential through landmark RDI Scheme</p> <p>India stands at a defining moment in its innovation journey. With the launch of the landmark Research, Development & Innovation (RDI) Scheme, powered by a ₹1 lakh-crore corpus and anchored by the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), the country now has an unprecedented opportunity to catalyse private-sector R&D, accelerate technology development, and build global competitiveness in strategic and sunrise sectors.</p> <p>This Special Plenary will explore how this transformative financing framework can unlock India’s latent research potential. Discussions will focus on enabling long-term, low-cost capital for industry-led R&D, strengthening academia–industry partnerships, fostering deep-tech innovation, and building institutional mechanisms that convert scientific talent into market-ready solutions. The discussion will set the direction for India’s “R&D Decade,” highlighting policy pathways, partnership models, and institutional reforms needed to position India as a global hub for research, technology, and knowledge-led growth.</p>
Chief Guest	<p>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</p>
Address	<p>Dr Naushad Forbes Past President, CII, Chairman, CII National Committee on Technology, Innovation & Research & Co-Chairman, Forbes Marshall</p> <p>Mr B Thiagarajan Co-Chair, CII National Committee on Technology, Innovation & Research Managing Director, Blue Star Limited</p>
1430 – 1530 Hrs	<p>Networking Lunch</p>



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16 Dec 2025 1530 – 1630 Hrs	Session 3: Deep Tech Frontier: Redefining possibilities with Robotics & Automation
<p>From manufacturing and healthcare to agriculture and defence, robotics and automation are driving a new era of precision, productivity, and innovation. India’s deep-tech ecosystem is expanding rapidly, with the industrial robotics market projected to reach US\$1.2 billion by 2030, growing at 18–20% annually, and the drone market expected to touch US\$3 billion by 2027. Supported by initiatives such as the PLI for Drones and the National Robotics Mission, the country is building global competitiveness in automation and advanced manufacturing.</p> <p>The session will explore how intelligent machines are transforming industries and everyday life and how India can leverage deep technologies to build global competitiveness and future-ready industries.</p>	
Keynote Address	Dr Ekta Kapoor Mission Director National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber Physical Systems Department of Science & Technology, Government of India
Moderator	Dr Ashish Mohan Executive Director, Confederation of Indian Industry
Panelists	Mr Sameer Gandhi Chair, CII National Committee on Robotics, Drones & Automation & Managing Director, OMRON Automation Pvt Ltd. Mr Ashutosh Sharma CEO, I-Hub Foundation for Cobotics Technology Innovation Hub of IIT Delhi Ms Smitha Rao Founder, OjasQuest Dr Nagahanumaiah Director, CMTI



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16 Dec 2025 1630 – 1730 Hrs	Session 4: Emerging Tech and SEPs: Preparing for the Next Frontier of IP
<p>As technologies such as 5G, AI, IoT, and advanced manufacturing continue to evolve, Standard Essential Patents (SEPs) emerge as critical enablers of innovation, interoperability, and fair competition.</p> <p>This session will explore the interplay between SEPs and rapidly advancing technologies, focusing on how balanced IP frameworks can promote innovation while ensuring equitable access and value sharing. Discussions will also highlight global best practices, evolving FRAND commitments, and India’s growing role in shaping a transparent and future-ready SEP ecosystem.</p>	
Keynote Address	Shri Ashok Kumar Jain (Invited) DDG (IP), Department of Telecommunications Ministry of Communications, Government of India
Moderator	Mr R Saha Senior Adviser Confederation of Indian Industry
Panelists	Dr Matthias Hofmann Patentanwalt European Patent and Trademark Attorney Partner, BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT Dr Shankar Venugopal Vice President, Mahindra & Mahindra Ms Sukla Chandra Senior Director Dolby Laboratories Dr Anju Khanna Director, Patents, Lall & Sethi Mr Jeevan Telgaokar Vice President, Jio <i>Felicitatation of Value IPR 3.0 - Advance Professional Certification Program on IP Valuation and Licensing</i>



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16 December 2025 1730 – 1900 Hrs	Felicitation of CII Industrial Innovation Awards	
1730 – 1735 Hrs	Opening Address	Dr Ashish Mohan Executive Director Confederation of Indian Industry
1735 – 1740 Hrs	Welcome Remarks	Mr Vipin Sondhi Chairman, CII Industrial Innovation Awards and Former Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Ashok Leyland and JCB India
1740 – 1745 Hrs	Address	Dr Debashish Bhattacharjee Professor of Practice Indian Institute of Technology, Madras & Former CTO, Tata Steel
1745 – 1855 Hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Felicitation of CII Industrial Innovation Awards• Release of Innovation Excellence Compendium	
1855 – 1900 Hrs	Closing Remarks	
1900 Hrs onwards	Networking Dinner	



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Day 2- 17 December 2025

17 December 2025 1000 – 1130 Hrs	Felicitation of CII Awards on Excellence for Women in STEM	
1000 – 1005 Hrs	Opening Address	Dr Ashish Mohan Executive Director Confederation of Indian Industry
1005 – 1015 Hrs	Welcome Address	Ms Vaishali Nigam Sinha Chair, CII Women in STEM Initiatives & Co-founder, ReNew & Chairperson Sustainability
1015 – 1025 Hrs	Special Address	Ms Inge Buffolo Director, European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)
1025 – 1035 Hrs	Special Address	Dr (Smt) Chandrika Kaushik Distinguished Scientist & Director General, Production Coordination & Services Interaction, DRDO, Government of India
1035 – 1125 Hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Felicitation of CII Awards on Excellence for Women in STEM• Release of Coffee Table Book on Women in STEM	
1125 – 1130 Hrs	Closing Remarks	



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17 December 2025 1130 – 1300 Hrs	Session 5: IP as a Strategic Asset in the Deep-Tech Era
<p>In today's fast-evolving landscape, deep technologies are redefining industries and economies worldwide. Artificial Intelligence, robotics, quantum computing, advanced materials, and biotechnology are driving the next wave of innovation. At the heart of this transformation lies Intellectual Property (IP) — the true currency of innovation. IP is no longer a legal safeguard alone; it has become a strategic lever for growth and competitiveness. Strong IP portfolios help innovators attract investors, form global partnerships, and scale new technologies rapidly.</p> <p>The session will explore how nations can build IP-driven innovation ecosystems and how strategies for IP creation, valuation, and protection in emerging technologies are becoming the strategic assets.</p>	
Keynote Address	Shri Sudeep Shrivastava (Invited) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Government of India
Moderator	Mr Munish Sudan Head, Intellectual Property & Technology Intelligence Tata Steel
Panelists	Mr Ramesh Rao Senior Director- Engineering Qualcomm, San Diego office Mr Ignacio de Medrano Caballero Head of Promotion of the IP System, European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) Mr Vijay K. Vijayaraghavan President, Society for Technology Management (STEM) Ms Roberta Romano-Goetsch Chief Sustainability Officer, European Patent Office (EPO) Dr Sujata Sesdhanathan Co-Founder and Director - Digital Transformation Basiz Fund Service Pvt. Ltd. Mr Dinesh Narayanan Kutty Global Head, Patent Search & Analytics Clarivate



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17 December 2025 1400 – 1500 hrs IST	Session 6: Reimagining Industry–Academia Collaboration for a Global R&D and IP Economy
<p>In a world shaped by rapid technological shifts, strong industry–academia collaboration is essential for building globally competitive innovation ecosystems. This session brings together leaders from research institutions, industry, and government to explore new partnership models that accelerate R&D, nurture deep-tech talent, and convert research outcomes into market-ready solutions.</p> <p>It will examine how universities can become engines of discovery aligned with industry’s evolving needs, how companies can co-invest in research and talent pipelines, and how policy frameworks can enable more flexible engagement. By reimagining these collaborations, India and the world can unlock the next wave of breakthroughs in AI, semiconductors, robotics, biotechnology, sustainability, and frontier technologies.</p>	
Moderator	Dr Anuradda Ganesh Director Arantree Consulting Services Pvt Ltd
Panelists	Mr Vasant Jain Chief Engineer, Myelin Foundry Mr Tito Kishan Founder, ProInn Mr M Faisal General Manager and Global Head, IPR Tata Motors Ltd. Ms Archana Surana Founder & Director Arch College of Design & Business Prof Akshay Dwivedi Professor of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering IIT Roorkee



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17 December 2025 1500 – 1630 Hrs	Felicitation of CII Industrial IP Awards	
1500 – 1505 Hrs	Opening Address	Dr Ashish Mohan Executive Director Confederation of Indian Industry
1505 – 1510 Hrs	Welcome Address	Mr Arvind Thakur Former Chairman, CII National Committee on IP, and Member, Board of Management at NIIT University, Former CEO, Vice Chairman & Managing Director at NIIT Technologies Ltd.
1510 – 1515 Hrs	About the Awards	Mr R Saha Senior Adviser, Confederation of Indian Industry
1515 – 1525 Hrs	Special Address	Professor Ashutosh Sharma Chairman, CII Industrial IP Awards President, Indian National Science Academy & Professor, IIT Kanpur
1525 - 1625 Hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Felicitation of CII Industrial IP awards• Release of Compendium on India's leading IP driven organizations• Announcement of IP Excellence Awards for Law Firms	
1625 – 1630 Hrs	Closing Remarks	



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16 December 2025 1515-1630 hrs	Invest in Your Future: An Intellectual Property Masterclass The programme is designed to equip Indian Entrepreneurs with the strategic knowledge and tools required to successfully navigate the European Union’s Intellectual Property (IP) ecosystem) and scale their presence in global markets. About the Masterclass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the EU IP framework and protection mechanisms • IP strategy development for global market readiness • Enforcement practices and commercialization in the EU • Real-world case studies and expert insights from IP practitioners 	
1515– 1520 hrs	Opening Remarks & Presentation on Indian IP Ecosystem and Its Growing Importance	Mr R Saha Senior advisor Confederation of Indian Industry
1520-1535 hrs	Global Strategy for IP Protection Focusing on the interplay between Indian and European IP systems, and strategic patent filing from IP rep perspective	Dr Matthias Hofmann Patentanwalt European Patent and Trademark Attorney Representative before the UPC Partner, BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT
1535-1550 hrs	Presentation on European Trademark & Design Protection	Mr Ignacio de Medrano Caballero Head of Promotion of the IP System, European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)
1550-1605 hrs	Presentation on Navigating the European Patent System.	Ms Roberta Romano-Goetsch Chief Sustainability Officer European Patent Office (EPO)
1605-1625 hrs	Presentation on challenges and opportunities faced by Indian MSMEs when taking protection on innovations in Europe	Dr Avinash Kumar Former Associate Director (IPR), DRDO HQ, New Delhi Former Professor & Head IPR Cell, Sharda University
1625-1645 hrs	Q&A (Moderated discussion focusing on audience questions and key takeaways)	
1645 hrs	Close of Master Class	



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17 December 2025

17 December 2025 1200 – 1300 hrs IST	CII-DSIR Round Table on Industrial R&D & Funding
<p>India's Research and Development (R&D) ecosystem plays a pivotal role in driving innovation, productivity, and global competitiveness. While notable progress has been made in promoting industrial R&D through government initiatives and public investments, there remains a pressing need to strengthen funding mechanisms, de-risk innovation, and enhance collaboration across stakeholders.</p> <p>This roundtable will bring together industry leaders, policymakers, researchers, and innovators to deliberate on actionable strategies for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthening of industrial R&D ecosystems and partnerships• Expanding and streamlining funding mechanisms for innovation• Enabling collaboration between government, industry, and startups• Enhancing India's R&D competitiveness in global value chains	