



Confederation of Indian Industry



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With rapid technological advancements, evolving product designs, and increasing global competition, manufacturing organizations must continuously innovate to remain future-ready. In this context, CII is launching the Second Edition of the "National Best Practices Award on Future Ready Manufacturing".

This Award aims at recognizing and measuring the efforts by industry and outcome(s) achieved in adopting future ready technologies and technology solutions in their manufacturing process(es), thus encouraging and facilitating organizations to accelerate continuous improvement in manufacturing.

About the Awards

Objectives

- ▶ To recognize the role of emerging technologies in shaping the future of manufacturing in India and businesses that have successfully adopted cutting-edge technologies and innovative solutions.
- ▶ To drive Smart Manufacturing Excellence with special focus on technology and innovation.

Focus Areas



Smart Manufacturing Initiatives to improve Operational Efficiency (adoption of latest manufacturing technologies and technology solutions)



Resilience and ability to adopt (Strengthening Cybersecurity)



Leveraging Technology for Maintenance in Manufacturing



Stabilizability and ESG (strategic journey of innovation, resilience, and measurable impacts.)



Future Ready Workforce



Winners of the Inaugural Edition of the Awards, New Delhi, 2025

Why Participate?

The Awards will measure

Use of technology and innovation for next wave of transformation in Manufacturing

Increased Revenue (through R&D of new products and services, enabled revenue streams by these innovative manufacturing practices)

Increased Productivity (through the adoption of innovative manufacturing practices and smart manufacturing technologies)

Job Creation (future-ready manufacturing attracts the next generation of talent)

Improved Energy Consumption (reduction in energy usage through the adoption of sustainable manufacturing practices and technologies)

Capex Avoidance and Cost Savings (achieved through the implementation of efficient manufacturing processes and optimized supply chain management)

Improved Safety (enhancements in workplace safety, leading to a reduction in safety incidents)

Award Categories

Small Scale Enterprises

- ▶ Turnover **Less than INR 100 Crores**
- ▶ Investment **Less than INR 25 Crores**

Medium Scale Enterprises

- ▶ Turnover **Less than INR 500 Crores**
- ▶ Investment **Less than INR 125 Crores**

Large Scale Enterprises

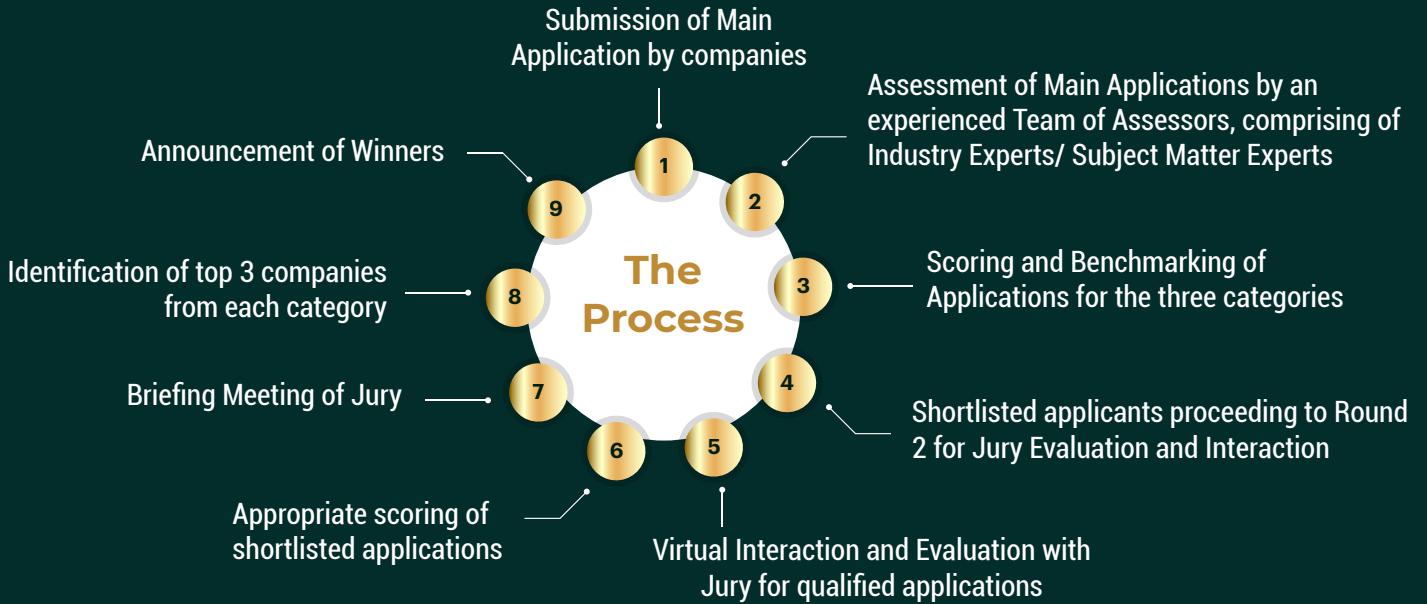
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Note: as per CII Membership classification

Timelines

Announcement of the Second Edition of the Awards	Wednesday, 4th February 2026
Last date for submission of Registration Form and Participation Fees	Wednesday, 25th March 2026
Last date for submission of Main Application Form (and related documents)	Monday, 13th April 2026
Evaluation of Application Form by Assessors : Round 1	Mid April 2026 onwards
Announcement of Shortlisted Companies	Tuesday, 28th April 2026
Online Jury Interactions : Round 2	Thursday, 30th April 2026 onwards
Jury Meeting : FINAL	Tuesday, 5th May 2026
Announcement of Winners	Wednesday, 6th May 2026
Felicitation Date	To be announced

Process



Who can Apply?

CII Member Companies in the following categories:

Indian registered Companies/Firms operating as legal entities

MNCs may apply through their Indian Subsidiary

Medium and Large Scale Enterprises are eligible to apply at the Plant / SBU / Unit Level

Small Scale Industries (SSIs) are eligible to participate

Categories

Benchmarking scores (for shortlisting)

Large Scale Enterprises	More than 75%
Medium Scale Enterprises	65% - 75%
Small Scale Enterprises	More than 60%

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. 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. With its extensive network across the country and the world, CII serves as a reference point for Indian industry and the international business community.

In the journey of India's economic resurgence, CII facilitates the multifaceted contributions of the Indian Industry, charting a path towards a prosperous and sustainable future. With this backdrop, CII has identified "Accelerating Competitiveness: Globalisation, Inclusivity, Sustainability, Trust" as its theme for 2025-26, 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.

Winners

Winners were felicitated by Mr. Suman Bery, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog; Mr. Rajiv Memani, President CII and Chairman - India Region and Chairman, Growth Markets Council, Ernst & Young LLP and Mr. Dilip Sawhney, Chair, CII Committee on Smart Manufacturing and Managing Director, Rockwell Automation India Private Limited

Large and Medium Enterprises

WINNER



TVS Motor Company Limited (Haritha Plant, Hosur, Tamil Nadu)

1st RUNNER UP



Larsen and Toubro Limited - Heavy Engineering Division (Surat Plant, Gujarat)

2nd RUNNER UP



Hindustan Unilever Limited (Pondicherry Factory)

Small Scale Enterprises

WINNER



Sharify Services Private Limited (Gurgaon, Haryana)

1st RUNNER UP



Tamboli Castings Limited (Bhavnagar Plant, Gujarat)

2nd RUNNER UP



Fronius India Private Limited (Pune Plant, Maharashtra)

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