



ASSOCHAM Odisha State Development Council

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3rd Edition of Manufacturing Conclave 2026

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Manufacturing Excellence Awards 2026

December 2026, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Call for Nominations

Last date of submission: 30th September 2026

THE AWARD

The **Manufacturing Excellence Awards 2026**, instituted under the **3rd Edition of Manufacturing Conclave 2026**, are among Odisha's premier recognitions for excellence in manufacturing, industrial innovation, logistics transformation, technology adoption, sustainability, and business leadership.

Odisha is rapidly emerging as one of India's most dynamic industrial destinations, driven by significant investments across manufacturing, infrastructure, logistics, mining, metals, defence, aerospace, electronics, textiles, food processing, renewable energy, and other high-growth sectors. As industries prepare for the next era of competitiveness powered by digital transformation, resilient supply chains, and sustainable growth, recognising excellence and encouraging continuous improvement becomes increasingly important.

The awards aim to celebrate organisations that are setting new benchmarks in operational excellence, innovation, productivity, sustainability, workforce development, customer focus, and industrial competitiveness. They seek to showcase best practices, inspire industry-wide transformation, and promote a culture of excellence across Odisha's industrial ecosystem.

The awards are based on a comprehensive Manufacturing Excellence Framework that provides a holistic approach towards evaluating and recognising organisations for their contribution to manufacturing growth, logistics efficiency, technological advancement, sustainability, and long-term economic development.

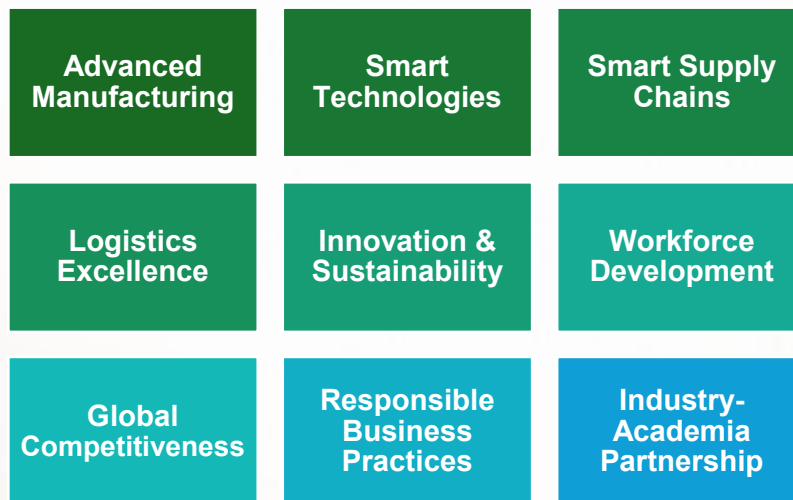
OBJECTIVES



DEFINING MANUFACTURING EXCELLENCE

Manufacturing excellence goes beyond production efficiency. It reflects an organisation's ability to continuously innovate, embrace advanced technologies, optimise operations, strengthen supply chains, develop future-ready talent, and adopt sustainable practices while delivering superior value to customers and stakeholders. It is the foundation for building globally competitive industries and driving long-term industrial growth.

Empowering Industries to drive transformation through:



WHY PARTICIPATE?

- To gain recognition for Manufacturing Excellence
- To benchmark against leading manufacturing organisations
- To gain insights into digital transformation, and smart manufacturing
- To identify opportunities for operational improvement
- To strengthen competitiveness in domestic and global markets
- To enhance brand reputation among industry, investors, and policymakers
- To showcase innovation, technology adoption, and best practices

AWARDS CATEGORIES

The **Manufacturing Excellence Awards 2026** will recognise merit in the following categories:

Award Category			
Sl. No.	Excellence Categories	Large Enterprise	SMEs
1	Best Community Practice of the Year		
2	Best Innovative Project & Product of the Year		
3	Sustainability Initiative of the Year		
4	Green Manufacturer (Product) of the Year		
5	Smart Manufacturing Excellence		
6	Safety Excellence in Manufacturing		
7	Workforce Development & Skill Excellence		
8	Logistics & Supply Chain Excellence		
9	Digital Transformation & Automation Excellence		
10	Energy Efficiency & Decarbonisation Excellence		
11	Export Competitiveness Excellence		
12	Industrial Infrastructure Excellence		
13	Employer of the Year Award		
	Sector Categories		
14	Sustainable Mining & Metals		
15	Steel		
16	Aluminium		
17	Defence & Aerospace		
18	Electronics & ESDM		
19	Textile & Apparel		
20	Food Processing		
21	Pharmaceutical		
22	Renewable Energy & Clean Technology		
23	Chemicals & Petrochemicals		
24	Engineering & Capital Goods		
25	Industrial Readiness Academia		One Award

Note: Refer to **Annexure 1** for the detailed description of each award category.

ELIGIBILITY

Companies/Firms registered in India, Indian subsidiaries of multinational corporations (MNCs), PSUs, Large Enterprises (Plant/SBU/Unit level), SMEs, and Start-ups operating in manufacturing and allied sectors are eligible to apply.

Large Enterprise	}	Revenue: ≥ INR 250 crores Investment: Above INR 20 crores
SME	}	Revenue: Upto INR 250 crores Investment: Upto INR 20 crores

**Applicable to organisations engaged in manufacturing, processing, value addition, industrial production, logistics, infrastructure development, or related industrial activities.*

Applicants are required to submit supporting documents, project details or any other relevant evidence as part of the evaluation process. ASSOCHAM reserves the right to seek additional information wherever necessary.

PROCESS FLOW



APPLICATION FEES

ASSOCHAM Member		Non-Member	
Large Enterprise ₹50,000/-	MSMEs ₹30,000/-	Large Enterprise ₹60,000/-	MSMEs ₹40,000/-
Academia			
ASSOCHAM Member ₹50,000/-		Non-Member ₹60,000/-	

Important:

- 18% GST will be applicable on the participation fee.
- The fee is applicable per nomination category.
- Organisations may apply in a maximum of 3 award categories.
- The participation fee is non-refundable.

Bank Details for Payment:

Payment can be made by Cheque/DD/Online in favour of **The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)** payable at **New Delhi**.

Beneficiary Name	The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)
Bank Name & Address	HDFC Bank Limited, 4/48, Malcha Marg Shopping Complex, New Delhi
Bank A/c Number	05031110000062
IFSC Code	HDFC0004711
MICR Code	110240432

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Definition of Awards

Sl. No.	Award Category	Definition
1	Best Community Practice of the Year	Recognises outstanding initiatives that create measurable social impact through community engagement, CSR, livelihood generation, education, healthcare, or local area development.
2	Best Innovative Project & Product of the Year	Recognises organisations that have successfully developed and implemented innovative products, processes, or projects delivering significant business and industrial value.
3	Sustainability Initiative of the Year	Honours exemplary initiatives that promote environmental sustainability, resource efficiency, circular economy, and responsible manufacturing practices.
4	Green Manufacturer (Product) of the Year	Recognises manufacturers producing environmentally sustainable, energy-efficient, recyclable, or eco-friendly products with reduced environmental impact.
5	Smart Manufacturing Excellence	Recognises excellence in adopting Industry smart technologies including AI, automation, robotics, IoT, digital twins, and human-centric smart manufacturing.
6	Safety Excellence in Manufacturing	Honours organisations demonstrating exceptional occupational health, industrial safety, risk management, and accident prevention practices.
7	Workforce Development & Skill Excellence	Recognises organisations investing in employee training, leadership development, workforce upskilling, and future-ready talent development.
8	Logistics & Supply Chain Excellence	Recognises excellence in logistics management, supply chain optimisation, warehousing, inventory management, multimodal connectivity, and operational efficiency.
9	Digital Transformation & Automation Excellence	Honours organisations successfully implementing digital technologies, automation, ERP, AI, analytics, and smart factory solutions to improve productivity.
10	Energy Efficiency & Decarbonisation Excellence	Recognises initiatives that improve energy efficiency, reduce carbon emissions, adopt clean energy, and support low-carbon industrial operations.
11	Export Competitiveness Excellence	Recognises manufacturers demonstrating excellence in export performance, international market expansion, product quality, and global competitiveness.
12	Industrial Infrastructure Excellence	Honours organisations developing world-class industrial infrastructure, manufacturing facilities, industrial parks, logistics assets, or common infrastructure.

13	Employer of the Year Award	Recognises organisations fostering an exceptional workplace culture through employee engagement, people development, diversity, well-being, and talent retention.
14	Mining & Metals Manufacturer	Recognises outstanding performance in mineral-based manufacturing, value addition, operational excellence, sustainability, and technological advancement.
15	Steel Manufacturer	Recognises excellence in steel manufacturing through innovation, productivity, quality, sustainability, and global competitiveness.
16	Aluminium Manufacturer	Recognises outstanding achievements in aluminium manufacturing, downstream value addition, operational efficiency, and sustainable production.
17	Defence & Aerospace	Recognises excellence in manufacturing defence, aerospace, aviation, and strategic products supported by innovation and advanced technologies.
18	Electronics & ESDM	Recognises excellence in Electronics System Design & Manufacturing through innovation, localisation, product development, and technology leadership.
19	Textile & Apparel	Recognises outstanding performance in textile and apparel manufacturing through innovation, quality, sustainability, exports, and operational excellence.
20	Food Processing	Recognises excellence in food processing, value addition, food safety, quality standards, innovation, and sustainable manufacturing practices.
21	Pharmaceutical	Recognises pharmaceutical manufacturers demonstrating excellence in quality, innovation, compliance, research, and operational excellence.
22	Renewable Energy & Clean Technology	Recognises manufacturers contributing to clean energy technologies, green hydrogen, battery storage, renewable equipment, and sustainable industrial solutions.
23	Chemicals & Petrochemicals	Recognises excellence in chemical and petrochemical manufacturing through innovation, safety, sustainability, and operational efficiency.
24	Engineering & Capital Goods	Recognises manufacturers delivering excellence in engineering products, heavy equipment, industrial machinery, precision manufacturing, and capital goods.
25	Industrial Readiness Academia	Recognises academic institutions effectively bridging industry and academia through skill development, applied research, innovation, internships, and industry-ready talent.