



5th Edition of Manufacturing Conclave 2026

- Smart Manufacturing : The Power of Innovation and Growth

& Business Excellence Awards

Friday, 20th November 2026, 10.00 am, Kolkata



“Smart Manufacturing connects ecosystem and transform industry for global sustainability and future prospects”

Introduction:

The manufacturing sector is at the forefront of industrial and economic developments of a country. Globally, the sector is experiencing a significant shift, driven by technological advancements, ever – changing economic landscape, evolving consumer demands, etc. Keeping in mind the present scenario of manufacturing globally, the sector is expected to grow exponentially, which would benefit the industry fraternity, with manufacturing sector in particular.

Globally, the manufacturing industry is one of the major pillars of growth and over the years, the industry has made a major foothold in the industrial revolution, with a prime focus on increasing industrial output and economic development. Manufacturing, as a primary sector industry, has become indispensable for industrial sustenance, sustainability and future growth worldwide. The global manufacturing market is undergoing rapid transformation to meet the changing consumer demands and this has become possible mainly because of technological advancements, favourable government policies, increased investments and other key aspects.

The Indian manufacturing sector being one of the world’s fifth largest manufacturer, occupies one of the crucial positions in the global industrial ecosystem and at present the sector contributes around 3.2% of the global GDP and 16 – 17% approximately of the country’s GDP. Keeping in mind the vision of Vikshit Bharat 2047 and with the help of dedicated policy support, especially the National Manufacturing Policy, the sector is undergoing massive transformation to smart manufacturing by transitioning towards high technology production, digitalization and automation, robotics, global value chain diversification and integration, emerging manufacturing leadership, etc thus driving the country’s current manufacturing momentum and leading to further developments, innovations and growth.

The manufacturing sector, being the corner stone of industrial resurgence, in today’s industrial scenario, it is smart manufacturing that mainly drives manufacturing growth, by leveraging advancements, especially technological advancements like AI, Machine Learning (ML), IoT, automation, then making a shift from low cost labour models to global competitiveness by boosting productivity and optimizing costs, etc to become future ready and unlock new frontiers of growth and competitiveness thus strengthening the foundation and encouraging further industry expansion. It is a game changing approach which restructure the entire manufacturing processes, bring innovation and make the sector more competitive in the international market. Manufacturing has been one of the core pillars of

growth and smart manufacturing which is the key enabler, is elevating the sector and strengthening its presence in the global manufacturing hub.

Based on this overarching view, ASSOCHAM is organizing **5th Edition of Manufacturing Conclave 2026 – *Smart Manufacturing: The Power of Innovation and Growth*** on **Friday, 20th November 2026 at 10.00 a.m.** at **Kolkata**.

Kindly join us as we propel a vision for developing the manufacturing sector to encourage global industrialization.

Together, we can define the future of manufacturing with the help of technological advancements, innovations, solutions, etc which would help in transformation of business for a better future. It is now time to collaborate, show leadership, and pioneer change.

The conclave brings together senior government officials, top industry leaders, MSMEs, startups, etc representing the manufacturing industry to discuss policies and regulations, practices, business developments, innovations, management strategies, etc., to strengthen the entire spectrum of manufacturing, including allied industries.

Business Excellence Awards

On the occasion of 5th Edition of Manufacturing Conclave 2026, ASSOCHAM is organizing Business Excellence Awards to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of Corporates, MSMEs and Startups, and the best practices followed by them, leading to business transformation, sustainability and growth. The Excellence awards are highest recognition which has a significant and positive impact.

Objectives:

- To highlight the present scenario of the manufacturing ecosystem and how to transform into a most promising industrial hub for economic development.
- To showcase significant contributions of engineering and manufacturing for industrial excellence.
- To highlight the regulatory and strategic framework to drive digital transformation for sectoral growth.
- To showcase the importance and benefits of smart manufacturing operations and address the opportunities and challenges for better industrial output.
- To provide exposure on the best principles, practices, initiatives, activities and techniques, especially in areas like safety, digitalization and automation, robotics, skilling, circular economy, CSR, R&D and Innovation, and to emphasize more on advanced technology tools like AI, ML, IIoT, etc to become smart and future ready for global competitiveness.
- To highlight infrastructure developments, latest advancements and current trends, with a prime focus on optimizing efficiency and enhancing productivity, to make smart manufacturing indispensable for industrial prowess.
- To bring together stakeholders to have a viable, resilience and responsible value chain, with a key focus on manufacturing exports, leading to strong domestic and global footprints.
- To articulate an actionable roadmap to make manufacturing sustainable and growth oriented for the future.

Topics to be Covered:

- Present scenario and outlook
- Regulatory landscape for excellence in smart manufacturing
- Sustainable strategies for economic growth: A step towards globalization
- AI and Technological Advancements: The Key Enabler for Next Level of Manufacturing
- Infrastructure transformation and growth of downstream industries

Target Participants:

The conclave is designed for senior and mid level executives, pertaining to large scale corporates, MSMEs and Startups like Owners, Presidents, Senior Vice Presidents, Vice Presidents, Managing Directors, Directors, Factory Heads, Production Heads, Heads of Engineering and Manufacturing, Managers, Superintendents, Supervisors, Engineers, etc. then policy makers, innovators, experts, specialists, consultants, investors, exporters and importers, service providers, consumers, researchers, academicians and others, as relevant.

Session Deliverables:

- Raise Awareness on Smart Manufacturing and its impact on the sectoral growth
- Provide knowhow on smart manufacturing transformation and strengthening global value chains (GVCs)
- Exposure to regulatory and strategic roadmaps for future led growth
- Apprise on reform measures for boosting sustainable manufacturing for global competitiveness
- Provide actionable insights on value addition for economic growth
- Strengthening business linkages and collaborations for a healthier manufacturing ecosystem

Partnership Opportunity:

The conclave provides a host of sponsorship, branding and advertising opportunities, suited to meet your brand objectives. From thought leadership positioning, networking opportunities to high visibility branding and advertising campaigns, our packages are designed to maximize benefits and ensure high returns on your investments. The partnership deliverables are enclosed along with this brochure. Be at the forefront to make this conclave a grand success.

Award Categories

(Nomination Fee: Rs 12000/- plus GST @18% per award category)

(for participation please refer to nomination form)

Award for Excellence in Manufacturing Operations with Special Focus on Sustainability of the Year
Best Rural Outreach and Community Engagement Project of the Year Award
Award for Excellence in Manufacturing process of the Year
Award for Excellence in Productivity of the Year
Award for Best Manufacturing Export of the Year
Award for Excellence in Production Planning of the Year
Award for Best Product and Service customization/personalization of the Year
Excellence in Customer Centric Approach of the Year Award
Award for Best Industrial Re - engineering of the Year
Award for Best Corporate Governance Transformation of the Year
Award for Excellence in Digitalization and Automation of the Year
Award for Best Contribution to Circular economy of the Year
Award for Best Employee Engagement of the Year
Award for Best Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives of the Year
Award for Best Distribution Strategy and Sustainable Supply Chain Framework of the Year
Award for Best Practices, Activities, Initiatives and Techniques with special focus on ESG of the Year
Excellence in Research & Development and Innovation of the Year Award
Award for Excellence in Workforce Management of the Year
Award for Best Innovative Product and Innovative Project of the Year
Award for Best Expansion/Diversification of the Year
Best Energy Saving Initiatives of the Year Award
Award for Best Innovator in Manufacturing of the Year
Award for Excellence in Operations and Quality Manufacturing of the Year
Award for Business Excellence of the Year
Best Cost Optimization Initiatives of the Year Award
Award for Best Safety and Health Culture of the Year
Award for Excellence in Smart Waste Management Initiative of the Year

Award for Excellence in Machine Health Monitoring of the Year
Award for Most Sustainable Manufacturing Unit of the Year
Best Green Manufacturer of the Year Award
Award for Excellence in Contract Manufacturing of the Year
Employer Brand of the Year Award
Best Banker of the Year Award
Award for Best Emerging or Leading Manufacturer of the Year
Excellence in Supply Chain Management of the Year Award
Award for Best Smart and Future Ready Factory for Strengthening Global Partnership of the Year

Glimpses of Past Events





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