



Confederation of Indian Industry

CII Industry Academia Global Partnership Delegation to Australia

Proposed by: Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) – National Forum on Industry–Academia Partnership

Programme: CII Industry Academia Global Partnership Delegation to Australia

Destination: Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney | **Duration:** Mon, June 15 – Fri, June 26, 2026

Australia and India share a strong and growing **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**, emphasized by deep cooperation across defense, critical and emerging technologies, renewable energy, education, and trade and investment. The relationship is characterized by sustained leadership engagement, including annual Prime Ministerial Summits, regular ministerial dialogues and close coordination through multilateral platforms such as the **Quad, G20, and East Asia Summit**.

This strategic background provides an opportunity to advance **industry-led, implementation-oriented engagement** that complements government-to-government initiatives.

The delegation is envisaged as a platform to deliver **tangible, implementable outcomes**—including MoUs, joint research roadmaps, pilot projects, and industry-academia collaboration models—directly supporting Australia–India strategic, economic, and innovation objectives.

Focus Area:

The delegation will focus on priority sectors of strategic relevance to both countries, including Artificial Intelligence, Deep Technologies, MedTech, Bio-futures, Advanced Mobility, Clean Energy, Critical Minerals, Healthcare, Technology, Agriculture, alongside youth engagement, skills development, and the creation of future-ready R&D talent. These focus areas align closely with India–Australia commitments to deepen



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collaboration across science and technology, maritime cooperation, trade and investment, defense engagement, and education.

Objectives:

1. Translate the Australia–India Strategic Partnership into actionable industry–academia collaborations that support shared priorities in innovation, skills, and economic growth.
2. Deepening the cooperation in renewable energy, critical minerals, and clean technologies by connecting Indian industry leaders with Australian research institutions and enterprises.
3. Strengthening the trade, investment, and supply-chain linkages with a focus on advanced manufacturing, health, and technology sectors.
4. To advance education, research, and talent mobility partnerships.
5. To support government-led strategic and defense cooperation by bringing together industry and academia to contribute to maritime security, emerging technologies, and a resilient Indo-Pacific.
6. Benchmark global and Australian best practices in industry–academia collaboration
7. Identify opportunities for joint research, co-development, and technology transfer

Delegation Profile:

The delegation will be jointly led by **Professor V. Ramgopal Rao**, Group Vice Chancellor, Birla Institute of Technology & Science and Former Director, IIT Delhi, Vice Chair (Academia), CII Industry–Academia Partnership Forum, and **Mr. Amit Gossain**, Managing Director, KONE Elevator India & South Asia.

The delegation will further comprise senior decision-makers from across the innovation ecosystem, including:



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- Vice Chancellors, Directors, and Deans from leading universities and research institutions
- CEOs, COOs, CTOs, and Heads of R&D from industry, research parks, and innovation hubs
- Heads of corporate innovation, technology commercialisation, and open innovation platforms
- Leaders of incubation centers and accelerators
- Investors, deep-tech founders, and key ecosystem enablers

Proposed Engagements: (indicative and subject to refinement based on delegate profiles and program alignment)

The delegation proposes structured engagements with leading Australian research institutions, universities, and industry partners, including:

1. University of Melbourne
2. Monash University
3. CSIRO
4. RMIT
5. Federation University
6. University of Canberra
7. Australian National University
8. Visit to Ambassador and to Federation Parliament
9. Kone R&D Centre
10. University of Sydney
11. University of New south Wales

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