

Celebrating 75 Years of Independent India

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IN FOCUS

CII Annual Meeting 2021 – India@75: Government and Business working together for Aatmanirbhar Bharat



Prime Minister urges collaboration between businesses and government for an Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

CII held the 2021 edition of its Annual Meeting, virtually, on the 11th and 12th of August 2021. It was themed *India@75: Government and Business working together for Aatmanirbhar Bharat*. It brought together eminent leaders, strategic thinkers, leading economists, young icons from various fields, captains of Industry, and media to share their views, discuss and deliberate on all that would lead to building a strong, resilient and self-confident nation. The 2021 Annual Meeting chapter recorded one of the highest participation of all time.

Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, delivered the [keynote address](#) on the first day of the meeting at the special plenary. He shared his vision for the country and urged Industry to actively participate in shaping the India of the future.

The CII Annual Meeting 2021 had a comprehensive agenda that allowed deliberations not just on aspects of economy and business but on different aspects critical to India's holistic development ranging from gender empowerment, skilling and employment to education, and defence.

VOLUNTEERING / PARTNERSHIPS / CONVERSATIONS

India@75 week: Lending a hand for a better country

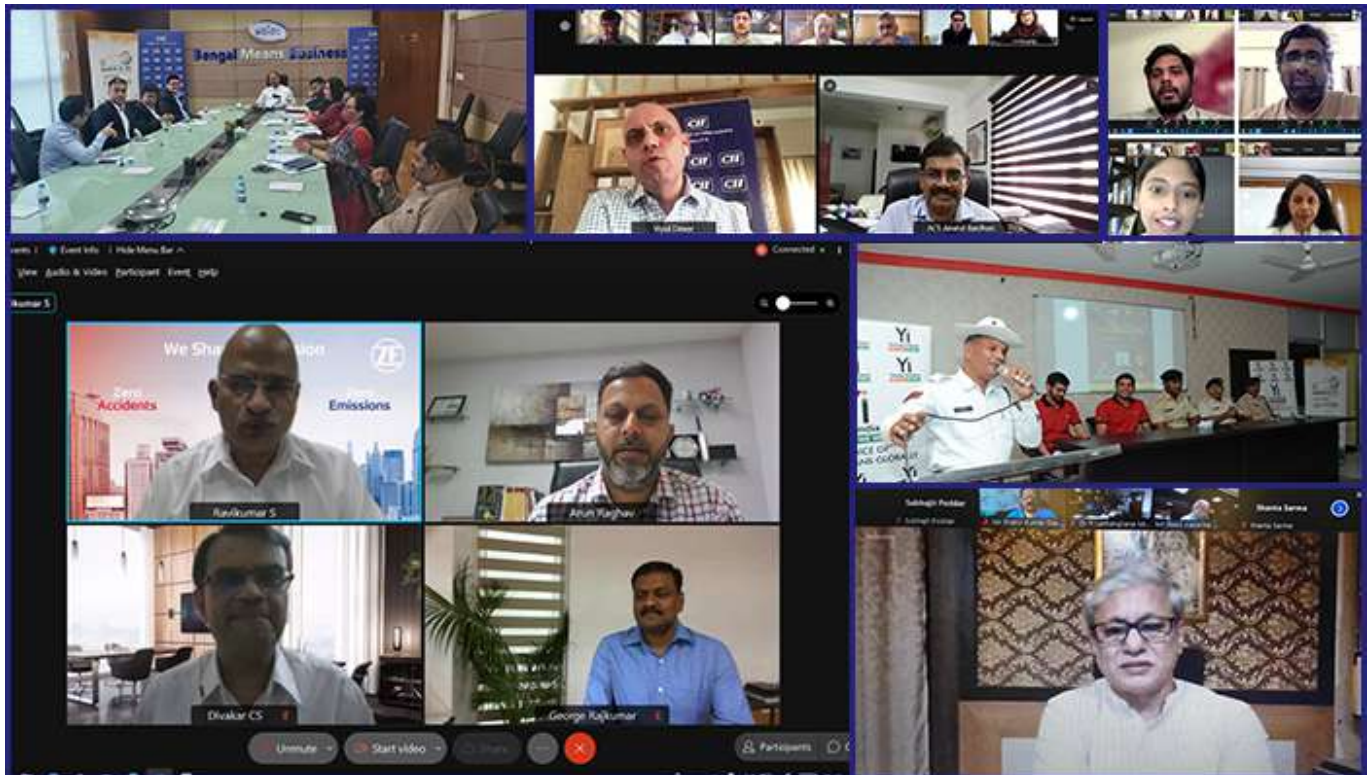


Non-profits and corporates joined India@75 to celebrate the 7th edition of India@75 week (8–14 August 2021). The partners organised on-ground and virtual volunteering activities like tree plantation, clothes distribution drive, a session on the topic of oral hygiene and dental care, paper model and puppet making with children, phone mentoring, audiobook recording, life skills workshop, digital literacy program and many others.



CII State offices also organised 24 volunteering activities during India@75 Week across. The activities were designed to contribute to environment protection and included [tree plantation](#) and sapling distribution drives. A few offices also distributed masks to local police personnel and organised painting and skit competitions on the theme of India@75.

Planning for the future: CII offices hold state level summits and visioning exercises during the India@75 Week



The States held state-specific summits during the India@75 Week (8-14 August) 2021 to introspect and plan for their future. The themes for deliberation at these summits ranged from *The role of*

women & youth entrepreneurs in building New India to Industrial Investments, Economic Development-Challenges, Opportunities and The Way Forward.

The state summits were addressed by senior government leaders like Dr. (Smt.) Tamilisai Soundararajan, Governor of Telangana and Lt. Governor of Puducherry; Shri Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister of Goa; Shri Tarkishore Prasad, Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar; Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, Dy Chief Minister, Tripura; Shri Mekapati Goutham Reddy, Minister for Industries, Commerce, Information Technology, Skill Development and Training, Infrastructure and Investments, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh; Shri Aaditya Uddhav Thackeray, Minister of Tourism, Environment and Protocol, Government of Maharashtra; Ms Vini Mahajan, Chief Secretary, Govt of Punjab; Mr Anand Vardhan, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand and many other eminent leaders from across the sectors.

Global diaspora helps heal India



India@75 in partnership with Indiaspora organised a panel discussion on the role played by diaspora to catalyse help for India during the pandemic and how both could collaborate to strengthen the healthcare system. Watch the archived session [here](#).

The Future Youth Conclave 2021: The role of youth in planning for future India



The Conclave included an exclusive session titled 'India@75' which revolved around the active participation of youth in the planning process. The youth are the leaders and decision makers of tomorrow. They need to come forward and help shape the vision for the India of their dreams. Do watch the archived session.

Hoisting flags to flagging goals: CII State Offices Celebrate India's 75th year of Independence



On 15 August 2021, India entered its 75th year of Independence. CII State Offices celebrated this special occasion by hoisting Indian Flag with participation of Industry, Civil Society & Government officials.

Indo Pacific Business Summit: Collaborating for better business



CII in association with the Economic Diplomacy Division, Ministry of External Affairs organised the first of its kind **Indo Pacific Business Summit** from 6–8 July, for businesses of the region. The CII Indo Pacific Business Summit 2021 through 19 sessions covered the issues of trade, infrastructure, logistics and connectivity, trade facilitation, blue economy, healthcare, development finance, green financing, startups, digital transformation, women’s empowerment, employment, clean energy, MSME, tourism, and disaster management.

COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH

On the horizon: CNBC TV 18 holds a special session on CII's India@75 journey towards India@100



CII organized a panel discussion titled ‘CNBC TV18-CII Vision Board’ to India@100. The discussion

was anchored by Shereen Bhan and aired on CNBC TV. [Watch the video](#)

#EkKaamDeshKeNaam: Business leaders call for people to do something small but meaningful for the country

India@75 launched a campaign titled **Ek Kaam Desh Ke Naam** in which eminent industry leaders called for people to hoist the flag and resolve to do something for a better country.

COMING UP

- National Security Guard (NSG), with support from India@75, CII and Tata Motors will be flagging off a cavalcade on 2nd October 2021 as a part *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*.
- India@75 in collaboration with different stakeholders has designed a programme named 'Digital Volunteers'. This will leverage volunteers to ensure 100% functional literacy (digital & financial) across India. It will be launched by September 2021.
- Functional Literacy programme (FLiP) phase III will be initiated at 22 locations across the country in October 2021. The target is to reach approximately 6,000 individuals from the Economically Weaker Sections in India.
- CII has initiated a podcast series. The first podcast themed 'India@75', has Mr TV Narendran, President, CII, in conversation with Mr Rajan Navani, Chair, CII Council on India@75. The link to the podcast will be shared in the next issue.

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