



Confederation of Indian Industry



CII SCHOOLS' FORUM



Background and Rationale

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. CII is a non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organisation, with around 9,700 members from the private as well as public sectors, including SMEs and MNCs, and an indirect membership of over 365,000 enterprises from 318 national and regional sectoral industry bodies. With 70 offices, including 12 Centres of Excellence, in India, and 9 overseas offices in Australia, Egypt, Germany, Indonesia, Singapore, UAE, UK, and USA, as well as institutional partnerships with about 250 counterpart organisations in almost 100 countries, CII serves as a reference point for Indian industry and the international business community.

The landscape of education is rapidly evolving, with schools facing shared challenges such as frequent curriculum changes, student & teachers' mental health concerns, frequent teacher capacity-building needs, managing ever demanding parents, integration of technology and

adapting to fast changing education ecosystem. However, many schools operate in isolation, lacking structured avenues for policy advocacy, collaboration and mutual support.

In this context, a strong need has been felt to create a forum which will serve as a platform for collaboration, knowledge exchange, policy advocacy and collective growth among member schools. It aims to foster excellence in education by leveraging the collective strengths of diverse educational institutions in the country. It also aspires to take up initiatives to support the capacity building initiatives of the Central/State Government for improving the quality of educators and children in underserved areas of the country.

It is against this background, CII is launching the CII Schools' Forum to address the policy advocacy and capacity building needs of the School Education fraternity in India. The Forum will be operated from CII Headquarters in the initial years followed by opening of State Chapters' in commensurate with the Forum's membership Growth in the country in due course.

Purpose of the Forum

The purpose of the Schools' Forum is to:

- Promote collaboration and best practice sharing among member schools.
- Strengthen student development & professional development opportunities for educators.
- Support schools in policy advocacy matters (issues which are common impacting the sector rather than individual issues) and engagement with relevant authorities at Central and State Level.
- Facilitate capacity building activities, competitions, industry exposure visits, international best practices & partnership missions and events for Schools, Administrators, Educators and Students.
- Create a unified voice to address common issues and enhance school governance.
- Conduct Stakeholders' Surveys and Research for developing insights and recommendations for policy formulation/amendment

Objectives

- To create a formal network of schools within India through membership with an annual subscription mode(to be renewed every year).
- To organize regular meetings and activities (as mentioned above in the Purpose section) for member schools.
- To establish committees for policy advocacy, academic, extracurricular and administrative collaboration.
- To influence education policy (at Central & State level) through unified representation.





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- The CII Schools' Forum is a proposed initiative of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). Participation in the Forum does not constitute CII membership nor does it confer any legal rights, obligations, or entitlements upon participating institutions at this stage. The subscription structure, rules, and charter of the Forum are currently under development and will be shared subsequently, subject to approval as per CII's Memorandum of Association and applicable regulations.
- CII Schools' Forum is a proposed Forum/initiative under CII, not a formal membership structure.
- No binding commitments regarding subscription fees, rights, obligations, or governance should be included at this stage.
- This Forum provides a consultative platform only for discussing policy related matters and does not act as a representative member body of schools.
- Collaboration between CII Schools' Forum and CII may occur selectively, but schools have no automatic rights. All benefits are subject to final approval until Forum rules are finalized.

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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.



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