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10:00 am - 1:00 pm
MMA MANAGEMENT CENTER

SYNOPSIS

India's manufacturing ambition demands more than scale, technology and operational excellence. It requires leaders who can anticipate change, build future-ready organisations, develop talent and navigate increasingly complex business realities.

The CFI × MMA Manufacturing Leadership Forum brings together senior manufacturing leaders for an insightful morning of research insights, keynote perspectives and panel discussions on the leadership imperatives shaping India's manufacturing future.

The Forum builds on CFI's research publication, *Realising India's Manufacturing Ambitions - Capabilities and Mindsets that Matter*. The research explores the leadership capabilities and mindsets needed for Indian manufacturing to realise its ambitions, drawing on conversations with manufacturing leaders and CFI's experience of working with leaders across the sector.

The conversation will move from the broader future of Indian manufacturing to the talent and leadership challenges facing organisations today, and finally to the role manufacturing leaders must play in building future capability and collective leadership.

CFI Research Insights - Pivots and Mindset Shifts in Manufacturing



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PROGRAMME

9:30 AM	Registration & Tea	
10.00 AM	Welcome & Introduction	Gp Capt R Vijayakumar (Retd), VSM Executive Director, MMA
10.10 AM	Keynote Address “The Future of Manufacturing in India”	Mr Josh Foulger President, IT Hardware and New Projects Dixon Technologies India Limited
10:40 AM	<i>CFI Research Insights - Pivots and Mindset Shifts in Manufacturing</i>	Mr Ganesh Chella Co- Founder & Chief Solutions Architect CFI
10.50 AM	Panel Discussion “What Will It Take for Manufacturing to Become the Sector of Choice for the Right Talent?”	Mr Ali Asger S J Director, Polyhose India Pvt Ltd Mr Lakshmanan M Executive Vice President Larsen & Toubro Ms Kanika Krishna Chief Operating Officer Sak Abrasives Limited
11.20 AM	Q&A	
11.30 AM	Tea Break	
11.45 AM	Panel Discussion “The Manufacturing Leader of the Future: What Must Endure, What Must Change?”	Mr Premendra Chief Strategy Officer ELGi Equipments Limited Mr Shyam C Raman Chief Human Resources Officer Carborundum Universal Ltd (CUMI) - Murugappa Group Ms Saroja Kannan Executive and Leadership Coach
12.15 PM	Q&A	
12.25 PM	Valedictory Address “How Leadership in Manufacturing Must Evolve”	Mr Ravichandran Purushothaman President, Danfoss India & Chair, CII Southern Region 2026–27
12.55 PM	Vote of Thanks	CFI
01.00 PM	Lunch	

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