

Frost & Sullivan Recognizes Best-in-Class Manufacturers & Sustainability Leaders at the 2025 India Manufacturing Excellence Awards (IMEA) & Sustainability 4.0 Awards

~Country's earliest assessment-driven awards program honoring excellence across manufacturing, digital transformation, and sustainability~

Mumbai, India, December 22, 2025 - [Frost & Sullivan](#) successfully hosted the **2025** edition of the [India Manufacturing Excellence Awards \(IMEA\)](#) and the [Sustainability 4.0 Awards](#), bringing together leading industry professionals for an evening of celebration, benchmarking, and inspiration.

The event took place at **ITC Grand Maratha, Mumbai**, underlining Frost & Sullivan's continued commitment to fostering manufacturing excellence and sustainability in India.

The 2025 edition reaffirmed the importance of aligning business excellence with long-term, sustainable strategies, especially as India's manufacturing landscape rapidly evolves with digital transformation, supply chain complexity, and environmental considerations.

Driving Manufacturing Excellence: IMEA 2025

Now in its **21st edition**, IMEA remains India's earliest and the most recognized and respected **assessment-based manufacturing award**. The 2025 framework evaluated organizations on **manufacturing capability**, **extended supply chain reliability**, and **technology adoption**, reinforcing Frost & Sullivan's commitment to holistic operational excellence.

At the heart of the awards is Frost & Sullivan's rigorous assessment methodology, refined over more than **2,000+ manufacturing sites**, which provides participating organizations with detailed facility scorecards, benchmarking, and actionable insights for continuous improvement.

Key Highlights:

- His Excellency **Mohammed Saeed Mohammed Abdulla Al Raqbani**, Head of the Sustainability Committee at Dubai Investments and General Manager, Dubai Investment Industries, delivered the opening keynote address.
- **MOU Exchange Ceremony** – As a significant step toward our 2026 vision, we witnessed the MoU Exchange Ceremony between **Frost & Sullivan** and the **Association of Healthcare Providers of India (AHPI)** — a strategic alliance driven by a shared purpose, national impact, and long-term value creation.
- Introduction of a new category of awards, **CEO Of the Year** and the very first award recipient was **Mr. Gurpratap S. Boparai, Suzlon Energy Limited**
- The evening celebrated major strides in digital manufacturing, Industry 4.0 implementation, and process optimization.

- Executives and thought leaders from diverse sectors came together to discuss how innovation and resilience can co-exist in India's industrial landscape.

IMEA 2025 Apex Winners:

- Indian Corporate of the Year Award: **Hindalco Industries Limited**
- Indian Manufacturer of the Year: **Vedanta Limited**
- Indian Manufacturer of the Year 1st Runner-up: **Bharat Aluminium Company Limited**
- Smart Factory of the Year: **Utkal Alumina International Limited**

IMEA's legacy continues to inspire manufacturing firms across sectors - automotive, metals, FMCG, pharma, engineering; to scale their operations, build future-ready systems, and deliver sustainable value.

Celebrating Sustainability Leadership: Sustainability 4.0 Awards

The **16th edition** of the Sustainability 4.0 Awards underscored Frost & Sullivan's dedication to recognizing organizations that integrate **purpose, people, planet, and partnership** into their core business strategies.

These awards spotlight enterprises that are not just financially successful, but also socially responsible and environmentally conscious, those paving the way for a more sustainable India.

Key Highlights:

- Recognition of systemic sustainability strategies across both service and manufacturing sectors.
- Leaders in ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) initiatives shared best practices and future roadmaps.
- The awards reinforce the critical role of sustainable innovation in driving long-term business resilience.

Sustainability 4.0 Awards 2025 Apex Winners:

- Sustainable Factory of the Year: **Royal Enfield (A Unit of Eicher Motors Ltd.)**
- Sustainable Factory of the Year 1st Runner up: **Hindalco Industries Limited, Belagavi Works**

Aroop Zutshi, Global Managing Partner & Executive Board Member, Frost & Sullivan, welcomed the gathering, saying *"The future of Indian industry will be defined by organizations that combine operational excellence with transformational growth. Together, IMEA and Sustainability 4.0 provide a structured roadmap to help enterprises lead this transformation. As India advances toward becoming a global manufacturing powerhouse, success will depend not just on scale and efficiency, but on how intelligently and sustainably value is created across the ecosystem."*

Rahul Sharma, Vice President & Global Head, Digital Transformation & Sustainability, highlighted *"The next phase of manufacturing excellence will be defined by using analytics and AI to embed sustainability and decarbonization into core operations. IMEA and Sustainability 4.0 together provide a structured pathway for intelligent, responsible growth. As Indian industry scales globally, leadership will be determined by how*

effectively data, digital technologies, and decarbonization priorities are translated into measurable outcomes across the manufacturing value chain.”

The awards program was supported by **Dassault Systèmes** as **Technology Partner**, **Cavin InfoTech** as **Next-Gen Digital Transformation Partner**, **emotii.ai** as **Emotionally Intelligent Multilingual Communication Partner**, and **Medeon** as **AI Startup Partner**. The official media partners for the event were: **MOTORINDIA + EV Tech News**, **Industrial Automation**, **ESG News** and **Sustainability Next**.

Supporting Frost & Sullivan’s vision for IMEA and Sustainability 4.0 Awards for the fourth consecutive year, **Mr. Chinmaya Hardas**, DELMIA India Sales Director at **Dassault Systèmes India**, says, *“As a Technology Partner for Frost & Sullivan’s India Manufacturing Excellence Awards & Sustainability 4.0 Awards, Dassault Systèmes reaffirms its commitment to advancing digital transformation and sustainable growth across India’s manufacturing ecosystem. The collaboration reflects a shared vision for building future-ready factories driven by innovation and intelligence.”*

Ms. Usha Guru, Managing Director & Business Head at **Cavin Infotech Pvt Ltd.** believes, *“Our partnership with Frost & Sullivan reinforces Cavin Infotech’s vision to be a trusted digital transformation partner. By combining strategic consulting with our implementation expertise, we deliver measurable, technology-led outcomes across industries.”*

Mr Sumit Sachdeva, Founder and CEO at **emotii.ai**, also took the opportunity to say, *“Partnering with Frost & Sullivan for the IMEA & S4.0 Awards aligns with emotii.ai’s vision of connecting innovation with inclusion. The collaboration highlights how technology can break communication barriers and enable deeper understanding across global organizations.”*

For more information on the 2026 editions E-mail: nimisha.iyer@frost.com

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