

Press release

techUK and Confederation of Indian Industry Publish UK-India Technology Security Initiative (TSI) Report to Deepen Innovation, Trade, and Talent Links

LONDON/NEW DELHI, 15 July 2025 – techUK and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) have today launched a new joint report, outlining an ambitious roadmap to advance innovation, safeguard critical technologies, and strengthen high-tech trade and talent flows between the UK and India.

The report sets out a shared vision for building a trusted, secure, and innovation-led tech corridor between the two countries, grounded in mutual interests across sectors including semiconductors, artificial intelligence (AI), quantum computing, and telecommunications. It is the product of extensive consultation since March 2025 with leading businesses, academic institutions, and policymakers on both sides. The report follows techUK's first ever members delegation to India in February 2025.

At its core, the report issues five high-impact recommendations for both countries' governments aimed at turning strategic alignment into practical, scalable cooperation across both economies.

- **Incentivise Innovation**

Create a joint R&D roadmap focused on co-developing technologies and targeted product segments. This would unlock opportunities for UK and Indian enterprises and universities to jointly build future-ready tech solutions in areas like AI safety, compound semiconductors, and edge computing.

- **Nurture Talent**

Enhance mobility between the UK and India by reforming the UK's High Potential Individual (HPI) visa to enable a more flexible and innovation-driven flow of talent. This would help create a bridge of next-generation technologists, researchers, and entrepreneurs between the two nations.

- **Promote Trade**

Expand the UK's Open General Export Licence (OGEL) regime to include more dual-use technologies and grant India access to the UK's GEA001 licence. These changes would significantly ease high-tech exports, improve supply chain security, and enable more agile technology transfers between trusted partners.

- **Jumpstart Collaboration**

Explore the establishment of a deep-tech "Catapult-style" centre in India to accelerate joint product development and commercialisation between UK and Indian tech ecosystems. This would give UK innovators a platform to test, scale, and collaborate with Indian counterparts in priority sectors.

- **Track Progress**

Create a Track 1.5 Industry-to-Government dialogue to ensure regular, accountable, and action-oriented engagement on the UK-India tech agenda. This channel would allow key stakeholders to monitor delivery, share intelligence, and ensure continued momentum behind TSI goals.

The report stresses that these actions must be implemented with urgency and focus, particularly as both countries seek trusted international partners to de-risk supply chains and lead in the responsible development of emerging technologies.

The second half of the report focuses on technology-specific recommendations, with a focus on Artificial Intelligence, Semiconductors, and Telecoms.

Julian David OBE, CEO of techUK, said:

"The UK-India partnership is critical to techUK's members and to both nations' digital ambitions. With the landmark UK-India Free Trade Agreement now concluded and the exciting Technology Security Initiative signed last year, we have an unprecedented platform from which to deepen cooperation on next-generation technologies.

"Our new policy paper translates that momentum into a practical agenda both governments can act on now; spanning joint R&D and streamlined export controls to talent mobility and the creation of stronger, more interconnected AI, semiconductor and telecoms ecosystems."

Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, CII said:

"The India-UK Technology Security Initiative and the Free Trade Agreement are pivotal steps in the India-UK relationship towards deepening our bilateral economic partnership and our shared commitment to an open, secure and resilient digital future. As global partners, India and the UK are uniquely positioned to shape international standards, protect critical infrastructure, and foster innovation in several critical technology areas.

"CII is pleased to collaborate with techUK in this important strategic initiative, and this collaboration reflects our mutual belief that technology partnerships can serve as a force for economic growth and strategic resilience in an increasingly volatile and complex global environment."

Notes to Editors

The full report can be downloaded [here](#).

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About techUK

techUK is the technology trade association that brings together people, companies and organisations to realise the positive outcomes of what digital technology can achieve.

With over 1,000 members (the majority of which are SMEs) across the UK, techUK creates a network for innovation and collaboration across business, government and stakeholders to provide a better future for people, society, the economy and the planet.

By providing expertise and insight, we support members, partners and stakeholders as they prepare the UK for what comes next in a constantly changing world.

About the CII

The 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.

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.