

CII CIRCULAR ECONOMY CONFERENCE 2025 – Executive Summary –

From Vision to Action: India's Circular Economy Momentum

The **CII Circular Economy Conference 2025 – "Vision to Action"** convened **international leaders, policymakers, and industry innovators** to spotlight India's accelerating transition toward **circular economy** practices. Discussions underscored the enormous **economic potential** of circularity – framed as a **trillion-dollar opportunity** – and the urgency created by global **material inefficiencies**, with **only 6.9 %** of materials currently being **reused or recycled**. The conference opened with strong **policy signals**, including India's **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)** framework and the launch of CII's report on **Circular Economy Practice in India**, emphasizing **upstream redesign, logistics transformation, and sustainable production**.

High-level dialogues with representatives from **Finland, Sweden, GIZ, and SITRA** reinforced the importance of **cross-border partnerships, education integration, and ecosystem cooperation**. A recurring theme was the required **mindset shift** from linear to **circular models**, supported by **product-as-a-service strategies**, advanced **e-procurement**, and **digital tools** such as **Digital Product Passports (DPPs)** – an area where India is already making progress in the **textile sector**.

Industry presentations showcased practical **use cases** demonstrating circularity in action – from **steel scrap digitalization to remanufacturing, recycling technologies, and sustainable packaging innovations**. The **financial sector** highlighted the need for **harmonized guidelines** to **de-risk investments** and strengthen **material-flow transparency**.

Together, these insights illustrate that circular economy adoption is becoming a **strategic necessity** – a driver of **competitiveness, resource resilience, and sustainable industrial growth** as India advances its clean-energy future.

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