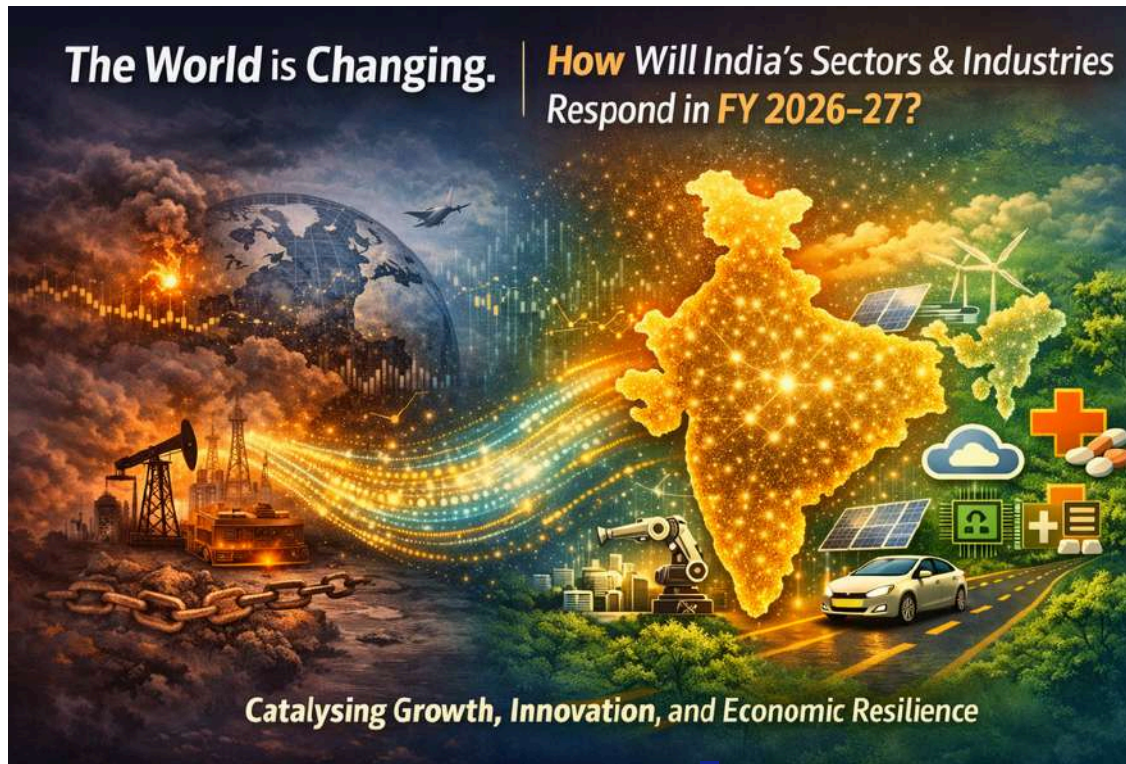


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VIRTUAL ROUND TABLE

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The Virtual Round Table organized by the Indian Council for Technical Research and Development (ICTRD) on April 10, 2026, brought together a diverse group of experts, academicians, and industry professionals to deliberate on one of the most pressing questions of our time: how India will respond to a rapidly transforming global landscape. At a time when the world is witnessing structural shifts driven by geopolitical realignments, technological disruptions, climate pressures, and evolving economic dynamics, the discussion highlighted that Financial Year 2026–27 will be a defining period for India's growth journey.

From Growth to Global Leadership: A Structural Shift

A key theme that emerged across discussions was the transition from traditional growth models to a more resilient and innovation-led framework.

Experts highlighted that nations are no longer competing solely on cost efficiency, but on their ability to innovate, sustain, and respond to disruptions. India's demographic strength, digital infrastructure, and policy initiatives such as Make in India and Digital India position it uniquely in this transformation. However, the focus is gradually shifting from vision to execution where speed, precision, and collaboration will determine long-term success.

Technology as the Core Driver of Transformation

Across sectors, technology emerged as the most significant force shaping the future. Artificial Intelligence, data analytics, cloud computing, and emerging technologies like quantum computing are redefining industries from IT and manufacturing to agriculture and healthcare. The discussion also highlighted a transition from labor-driven models to intelligence-driven systems, where innovation, automation, and digital capabilities are becoming central to growth.



A Changing Global Landscape and India's Position

Opening the session, Siddharth Roy, Director of Communication, said global changes are interconnected and are reshaping industries and economies. He emphasized that India must respond with agility, as all sectors—from MSMEs to large enterprises—need to adapt to uncertainty, innovation, and competition.

Dr. Ketan Mohitkar, Member Secretary, added that the world is undergoing a major transformation and India is at a critical stage with strong domestic growth and global linkages. He noted that FY 2026–27 will test India's ability to adapt and lead with resilience, innovation, and strategic clarity.

Voices from the Round Table

Mr. Mahesh Prasad Mishra highlighted the importance of execution, innovation, and sustainability in shaping India's growth.

Dr. Amol Bhagwat Kasture emphasized adaptability in the face of rapid technological and global shifts.

Dr. Nunna Venkata Ramana underlined the need for balanced sectoral growth and stronger focus on education and research.

Mr. Akhil Garg spoke about continuous learning and adapting to AI-driven transformation.

Mr. Sumit Kumar Ghosh reflected on the growing impact of emerging technologies and renewable energy.

Dr. Anshuman Sharma highlighted the evolution of India's service sector and the importance of skills and digital infrastructure.



Workforce, Skills, and Adaptability

Another central theme was the evolving nature of work.

As industries adopt advanced technologies, the demand for new-age skills is rising rapidly. Technical expertise in AI, data science, and digital systems is becoming essential, but equally important are soft skills such as adaptability, creativity, and continuous learning.

Experts emphasized that organizations must invest in upskilling and reskilling their existing workforce, ensuring that growth is inclusive and sustainable. The future workforce will not just be defined by knowledge, but by its ability to adapt to constant change.

Sustainability and Responsible Growth

Sustainability emerged as a key pillar across discussions. From renewable energy adoption and electric mobility to ESG-driven business models, there is a clear shift towards environmentally responsible growth. Experts noted that sustainability is no longer just a compliance requirement, but a competitive advantage in the global economy. The transition towards renewable energy systems and efficient resource utilization reflects a broader commitment to long-term resilience and environmental balance.

Participants also highlighted the growing importance of green technologies and circular economy practices. Overall, sustainability is now seen as a key driver of innovation and future-ready growth across industries.



Meet the Speakers

Mr. Mahesh Prasad Mishra, Project Director-Technical

Dr. Amol Bhagwat Kasture, Associate Professor

Dr. Nunna Venkata Ramana, Lecturer in Botany

Mr. Akhil Garg, Lead Software Engineer

Mr. Sumit Kumar Ghosh, Freelancer (Digital Marketing)

Dr. Anshuman Sharma, Professor and Director of Research

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