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There are moments in the economic journey of a State when the conversation must become bigger than business. Odisha is at one such moment. For decades, the State's economic identity has been closely associated with minerals, metals, mining, steel, power and heavy industry. Today, that foundation is being complemented by expanding infrastructure, rising investments, renewable energy, technology, logistics, manufacturing and a growing entrepreneurial ecosystem.

The opportunity before Odisha is no longer simply to attract more investment. It is to transform investment into lasting economic value, quality employment, innovation and global competitiveness. And that is where the 2nd CMD Roundtable 2026, presented by The Interview Times, assumes significance.

It is envisioned not merely as another gathering of corporate leaders, but as a powerful forum where the people who build businesses, create employment, manage institutions and drive investments come together to discuss the larger economic destiny of Odisha. Because a Viksit Odisha cannot be built without the people who build its economy. WHEN THE BOARDROOM MEETS THE BIGGER ODISHA STORY Imagine bringing some of the most influential minds of India's industrial and public-sector ecosystem around one table.

From the corporate world, the conversation reflects the extraordinary breadth of Odisha's industrial landscape—from Tata to Jindal, Rungta to JSW, Vedanta to Adani, Birla to NALCO, alongside several other established industrial houses and emerging enterprises. On the other side is the immense institutional experience of India's public-sector leadership.

The inaugural CMD Roundtable established that possibility by bringing together distinguished leadership associated with organisations such as NLC India, NSIC, MCL, Paradip Port Authority, IREL and other nationally significant institutions.The second edition seeks to raise that bar. The expected participation of senior leaders from nationally reputed organisations—including Dr. Subhransu Sekhar Acharya, CMD, NSIC; Dr. Siba Prasad Mohanty, MD, HURL; Pradeep Kumar Das, CMD, IREDA; Prasanna Kumar Motupalli, CMD, NLCIL; and Uday A Kaole, CMD, MCL, among other eminent business and institutional leaders—will bring considerable depth to the conversation. But the real strength of the Roundtable will not lie merely in the stature of those present. It will lie in what they have to say—and what can emerge from the conversation.

From Resource-rich To Value-creating

Odisha's natural resources gave it an industrial identity. Its next generation of growth must give it an even stronger economic identity. The State has an opportunity to move steadily from being primarily a resource-rich economy to a value-creating economy.

That means encouraging downstream industries, advanced manufacturing, technology-intensive enterprises, innovation, research and development and globally competitive value chains. Steel and metals will continue to remain important. But alongside them must emerge new engines of growth—green steel, renewable energy, green hydrogen, clean technology, electronics, IT, logistics, food processing, advanced manufacturing and knowledge-based industries.

The Roundtable will explore precisely this transition. Because the question for the next decade is not simply how much Odisha produces. It is how much value Odisha creates.

Where Psu Experience Meets Corporate Ambition

One of the defining strengths of the CMD Roundtable is its ability to bring two powerful dimensions of India's economic story together.

On one side are India's major PSUs and public institutions, carrying decades of experience in energy, infrastructure, mining, manufacturing and nation-building.On the other are private corporations and entrepreneurs driven by capital, innovation, competition and scale. Between them sits government and policymaking. The opportunity is to create a genuine PSU– Corporate–Government partnership. The CMD Roundtable seeks to provide that common ground.

WHY THIS ROUNDTABLE MATTERS ?



Because Odisha's next chapter requires **more than growth.**

- It requires direction, more than investment.
- It requires confidence, more than infrastructure.
- It requires innovation, more than successful companies.
- It requires responsible leadership.

The Utkarsh Odisha Business Leadership Awards celebrates exceptional leadership across **Enterprise, Innovation & Impact.**

The **CMD Roundtable** extends that philosophy beyond recognition - into conversation & create a space where these conversations can happen with openness, intelligence & purpose.



THE MOMENT

- **A ROOM FULL OF LEADERS.**
- **A TABLE FULL OF IDEAS.**
- **A CONVERSATION FULL OF POSSIBILITIES.**

And beyond that room—
an **Odisha ready for its next chapter.**

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The Leaders Behind Odisha's Next Growth Story

Every transformation has its architects. Behind Odisha's rapidly changing economic landscape are entrepreneurs who took risks, industrialists who built at scale, innovators who challenged convention and institution builders who created opportunities far beyond their own enterprises. The Utkarsh Odisha Business Leadership Awards 2026 is a celebration of these remarkable journeys.It recognises the leaders whose vision, enterprise and conviction have contributed meaningfully to Odisha's emergence as one of India's most promising centres of investment, industry and innovation.

MORE THAN AN AWARD The Awards are not simply about celebrating business success. They are about recognising the impact behind that success. A successful enterprise creates value. A visionary enterprise creates possibilities. A responsible leader creates an ecosystem.

From manufacturing and infrastructure to technology, services, entrepreneurship and emerging industries, Odisha's business landscape is being shaped by leaders who understand that growth is ultimately about creating a stronger future. The Utkarsh Odisha Business Leadership Awards 2026 brings these stories into the spotlight.

WHEN LEADERSHIP BECOMES LEGACY

Perhaps it is something larger—the ability to think ahead, build with purpose and create an impact that outlives the balance sheet. That is the spirit behind the Utkarsh Odisha Business Leadership Awards. It honours Enterprise. Innovation. Leadership. Impact. And it celebrates those who have transformed challenges into opportunities and opportunities into lasting institutions.

A NEW CHAPTER. A NEW GENERATION OF LEADERS.

Odisha stands at an important moment in its economic journey. With growing investments, expanding infrastructure, industrial diversification, technological advancement and increasing global interest, the state has the opportunity to move from being a destination of potential to becoming a destination of consequence. That journey needs leadership.

Leadership that can attract investment. Leadership that can create employment. Leadership that can embrace technology. Leadership that can build sustainably. Leadership that can connect Odisha with the world. The Utkarsh Odisha Business Leadership Awards 2026 celebrates precisely this leadership.

THE AWARDS MEET THE CONVERSATION

The 2026 edition gains an even larger significance as it becomes part of the 2nd CMD Roundtable 2026, bringing together some of the most influential voices from business, industry, governance and society.



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8. Best Fashion and Textile Brand Of the year
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10. Best Artificial Intelligence Firm of the year
11. Best Woman Entrepreneur of the Year
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13. Best Young Entrepreneur of the Year.
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16. Best Architecture of the Year.
17. Best Banker of the Year.
18. Best Automobile Retailer of the Year.
19. Best Construction Company of the Year.
20. Best Company for Corporate Excellence.
21. Best Company For Corporate Social Responsibilities
22. Best Diary Firm of the Year
23. Best Educational Institute Of the Year
24. Best Engineering House of the Year.
25. Best Food and Beverages Company of the Year.
26. Best Performing Govt. Corporation of the Year.
27. Best Hospital of the Year
28. Best HR Professional of the Year
29. Best Insurance company of the Year.
30. Best Information & Technology Co. Of the Year.
31. Best Jewellery Group Of the Year.
32. Best Logistic Company of the Year
33. Best Manufacturing Company of the Year.
34. Best Micro-Finance Agency of the Year.
35. Best Mine Owner of the Year.
36. Best Performing Marine Company Of the Year.
37. Best Promoter For Solar power of the Year.
38. Best Pharmacy Company of the year
39. Best Plastic And Polymer Company of the year
40. Best PSU Of the Year

Inaugural CMD Roundtable Glimpses





















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I'm deeply honoured to host the 2nd CMD Roundtable a pivotal platform that not only ignites youth leadership and shapes transformative policies but also accelerates the vision of Viksit Odisha and Viksit Bharat. This is where the future is forged.

Dr. Rabindra Narayan Behera
MP - Jajpur



Having closely associated with Interview Times over the years. I've seen their consistent efforts to inspire Odisha's youth and drive meaningful development. The 2nd CMD Roundtable is a visionary step that will play a key role in positioning Odisha as a leading industrial and innovation hub in the country.

Dr. Sujeet Kumar
MP Rajya Sabha



Girish Chandra Murmu
Former C&AG, India & Lt. Governor, J & K



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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our **distinguished speakers, esteemed participants, partners and well-wishers** for being a part of the **2nd CMD Roundtable 2026.**

Your insights, ideas and participation have made this platform **meaningful, impactful and inspiring.**



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From insightful interviews to impactful initiatives, from stories that inspired to platforms that connected — our journey of 15 years is built on **trust, credibility and a commitment to meaningful conversations.**
Here's to many more years of informing, inspiring and igniting change!

MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS | POWERFUL NETWORKING | ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS | LASTING IMPACT

Together, let's continue the conversation and work towards building a **stronger, brighter** and more **prosperous** Odisha and India.

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TOWARDS NATION BUILDING.

SEE YOU AGAIN!