

World Food India 2025 Tentative Agenda

Date: September 25th – 28th 2025 | Venue: Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan New Delhi

DAY 1: Thursday, September 25, 2025	
Time	Session
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Inaugural Session <i>Venue: Plenary Hall, Bharat Mandapam (Level 3)</i>
01:00 PM – 03:00 PM	Closed Door High-Level CEO Roundtable <i>Venue: Summit Room, Bharat Mandapam (Level 2)</i>

Time	Session	Meeting Room No.
03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Session I (Parallel Slot 1): Gujarat (Partner State)	MR 10
	Session II (Parallel Slot 2): Punjab (Partner State)	MR 15
	Session III (Parallel Slot 3): Uttar Pradesh (Partner State) - “Food Processing for Prosperity: Reducing Post-Harvest Losses and Creating Employment Opportunities in Uttar Pradesh” Sub-topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment Generation in Food Processing Sector • Reduction of Post-Harvest Losses • Farmer-Centric Growth, Sustainability and Inclusivity • Policy and Investment Promotion in Uttar Pradesh Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Nimit Singh, Founder, Madhumakhiwala • Dr. Komal Kirad, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University • Dr. B.P Ram, Director, Department of Horticulture and Food Processing • Dr. M.P Singh, Deputy Director, Department of Horticulture and Food Processing 	MR 16
	Session IV (Parallel Slot 4): AbinBEV/ The Brewers Association of India (3:00 – 4:30 pm)	MR 17
	Session V (Parallel Slot 5): Russia (Focus Country) – (3:00 pm – 6:00 pm)	MR 6
	Session VI (Parallel Slot 6): Department of Fisheries (Partner Ministry) – (3:30 pm – 6:00 pm)	MR 18
	Session VII (Parallel Slot 7): Ministry of Rural Development (Partner Ministry)	MR 19

04:30 PM – 05:00 PM	Session Break	Meeting Room No.
05:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Session VIII (Parallel Slot 1): USISPF	MR 10
	Session IX (Parallel Slot 2): Andhra Pradesh (Partner State)	MR 15
	Session X (Parallel Slot 3): MoFPI CXO Session - CXO Panel Discussion on From Local to Global: Taking Indian Food to Every Dining Table Sub-topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catering to Global Taste Palettes: Importance of Innovation & R&D. Strategies to Build Brand Recall & Shelf Presence in Global Markets: Leveraging the Indian Diaspora Opportunity. Supply Chain & Export Readiness – Ensuring Quality, Safety, and Efficiency. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Rajneet Kohli, Executive Director, Foods, Hindustan Unilever Ltd Mr. Hemant Malik, Executive Director ITC & Div CEO, ITC Ltd Mr. Manish Tiwary, Chairman and Managing Director, Nestlé India Limited 	MR 16
	Session XI (Parallel Slot 4): Meghalaya (Focus State)	MR 17
	Session XII (Parallel Slot 5): Russia (Focus Country) – contd. (3:00 pm – 6:00 pm)	MR 6
	Session XIII (Parallel Slot 6): Department of Fisheries (Partner Ministry) – contd. (3:30 pm – 6:00 pm)	MR 18

DAY 2: Friday, September 26, 2024		
Time	Session	Meeting Room No.
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Session I (Parallel Slot 1): MoFPI Thematic Session: Processed Food for Nutrition & Health Sub-topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent innovations in fortified, functional foods, precision nutrition and personalized diets. Science led reformulation: Redefining processed food to provide more choices to consumers. Creating wellness-focused food brands: Opportunities in the premium health foods segment. Myth busters: Science backed campaign to counter negative perception of processed food. Understanding India's Dietary Transition and Health Implications. Bio-Solutions for Processed Foods: Enabling Health and Innovation. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Sujatha Jayaraman, Head R&D, Foods and Beverages, South Asia, HUL Mr. Varinder Jaiswal, Senior Director, R&D Lead, Mondelez India Dr. Shilpa Vora, Chief R&D Officer, Marico Ltd. Mr. Rakesh Swami, Group President - Corporate Affairs, Godrej Industries Ms. Deepika Anand, Nutrition Specialist, World Bank Mr Jes Thyge Jensen, Vice President, MEIA Region, Novonosis Session Moderator: Dr. Bhavna Sharma, Head - Nutrition & Innovation Sensory Insights & CSR, Nestlé R&D India	MR 10
	Session II (Parallel Slot 2): MoFPI Thematic Session: Livestock and Marine products accelerating the Rural Economy Sub-topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dairy – Encouraging organic, A2 and other novel milk product processing and formulations. Promoting egg-based processed products to cater local and international demands. Meat – Accelerating infrastructure creation to boost export-oriented gourmet meat products. Boosting crustaceans and freshwater fish processing for exports. Session Speakers:	MR 15

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Amarpreet Singh Sidhu, AVP, BL Kamdhenu Farms Ltd. • Mr. Abhishek Negi, Founder, Eggoz. • Dr. S. B. Barbuddhe, Director, National Meat Research Institute. • Mr. Amit Dutta, Director (Agri, Food & Nutrition), Frost & Sullivan. <p>Session Moderator: Mr. Paramjit Chatha, Managing Director, Chatha Foods Limited</p>	
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<p>Session III (Parallel Slot 3): MoFPI Thematic Session: Speciality Foods: Customised Nutrition for Evolving Dietary Needs</p> <p>Sub-topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation in Special Dietary Foods for Targeted Health and Lifestyle Needs. • Scientific Basis of Specialty Foods: Efficacy, Bioavailability, and Targeted Outcomes. • Regulatory Framework and Labelling Standards for Specialty Foods in India. • Unlocking Access and Affordability of Nutrition Through Superfood Milk. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Zakir Karim, VP, Functional Nutrition, HUL • Mr. Jayen Mehta, Managing Director, Amul <p>Session Moderator: Mr. Rakesh K Mishra, Partner, Ernst & Young LLP</p>	MR 16
	<p>Session IV (Parallel Slot 4): MoFPI Thematic Session: Plant-Based Foods: Powering the Future of Sustainable Nutrition</p> <p>Sub-topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positioning India at the Forefront of the Global Plant-Based Food Movement. • Startups Driving India's Smart Protein Transition: Innovation, Taste, and Affordability. • Health-First Approach to Plant-Based Foods: Driving Innovation for Better Nutrition and Preventive Wellness. • Regulatory and Trade Landscape: Harmonizing Standards for a Thriving Global Plant-Based Market. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vikas Gupta, President and Head - R&D, Tata Consumer Products • Ms. Pranjuli Garg, Co-founder, ProMeat • Mr. Raj Ganguly, Senior Agribusiness Specialist, World Bank • Dr. Sharvari Raut, Business Development Manager – Alternative Proteins (Plant-Based Protein), NETZSCH Grinding & Dispersing, Germany 	MR 17

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Pirthi Pal Singh, Vice President and Head- R&D, Tirupati Group Session Moderator: Mr. Abhishek Gupta, Partner, Ernst & Young LLP	
	Session V (Parallel Slot 5): Russia (Focus Country)	MR 6
	Session VI (Parallel Slot 6): Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (Partner Ministry)	MR 18
	Session VII (Parallel Slot 7): Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare (Partner Ministry)	MR 19
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Session Break	
12:00 PM – 01:00 PM	Session VIII (Parallel Slot 1): Jharkhand (Focus State)	MR 10
	Session IX (Parallel Slot 2): MoFPI Thematic Session: Strengthening Food Safety Infrastructure in India: Integrating Policy, Accreditation, Laboratory Capacity, and Technological Innovation Sub-topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening India's Food Testing Ecosystem through NABL Accreditation. On-ground Challenges and Opportunities in Running Accredited Food Testing Labs. Driving Accuracy and Efficiency in Food Testing through Technological Innovation. Interventions of Food Testing Laboratories in achieving FSSAI regulations. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Rini Narayan, Joint Director, National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) Shri Sudhir C Rai, Managing Director, BioZed Engineering Pvt Ltd. Shri Upendra Simha, Sr. General Manager, Toshvin Analytical Pvt Ltd. Dr Nilesh Amritkar, Managing Director, Envirocare Labs. Session Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri Vivek Kumar Singh, Deputy Secretary, MoFPI, GOI 	MR 15

12:00 PM – 01:00 PM	Session X (Parallel Slot 3): MoFPI Thematic Session: India's Pet Food Industry: Scaling for Domestic and Global Growth Sub-topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> India's Petcare Industry – Overview, Global Perspective & Future Outlook. Innovation, Compliance & Value Addition in Functional and Specialized Pet Foods. Building Pet Food Export Ecosystems: Infrastructure, Branding, and Market Access. Agile Startups Transforming India's Pet Food Landscape: D2C Models, Novel Formats, and Niche Targeting. Regulatory Landscape – Need of Policy Focus, Regulatory Reforms and Pet Food Regulations. Session Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Ram Soni, Partner - Food & Agriculture, Praxis Global Alliance Mr. Abhishek Agarwal, Founder & CEO, Innomalous Pet Products Mr. Satinder Singh, General Manager, Royal Canin 	MR 16
	Session XI (Parallel Slot 4): MoFPI Thematic Session: Nutraceuticals: Advancing Evidence-Based Health Solutions Beyond Nutrition Sub-topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leveraging Bioactive Ingredients for Science-Backed Nutraceutical Formulations. Quality, Safety, and Regulatory Compliance in Nutraceutical Manufacturing. Market Access, Innovation, and Export Potential of Indian Nutraceuticals. Innovating for Personalized Wellness: Startup-Led Disruption in the Nutraceutical Space. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Gavin Ross, Director Customer & Commercial, Plant & Food Research Group, BSI Mr. Anil Jauhri, Ex CEO, NABCB Ms. Debjani Roy, Executive Director, Shefexil Mr. Ketan Bhatia, Vice President- Consumer products, TATA 1mg 	MR 17
	Session XII (Parallel Slot 5): Russia (Focus Country) – contd.	MR 6
	Session XIII (Parallel Slot 6): New Zealand (Focus Country)	MR 18

01:00 PM – 02:30 PM	Session Break	
Time	Session	Meeting Room No.
02:30 PM - 03:30 PM	Session XV (Parallel Slot 1): MoFPI Thematic Session: Alcoholic Beverages: Innovation, Branding & Market Growth Sub-topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crafting Identity: Leveraging Local Crops and GI-tagged Ingredients for Regional and Artisanal Spirits. • Advances in Brewing, Distillation, and Fermentation: R&D for Product Differentiation and Quality Enhancement. • Startup-Driven Disruption in the Alcobev Sector: New Formats, RTDs, and D2C Branding. • Market Access, Excise Compliance, and Export Enablers for Indian Alcoholic Beverages. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Col Sanjay Singhal (Retd), Deputy Director General, Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies • Ms. Ruchika Malhotra, Head, R&D Division, Pernod Ricard • Mr. Abhishek Gupta, Director- CMD, Thermo Fisher Scientific • Ms. Anasuya Ray, VP – Corporate Affairs, AB InBev Session Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Anant S Iyer, Director General, Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies 	MR 10
	Session XVI (Parallel Slot 2): Bihar (Focus State) - Tentative	MR 15
	Session XVIII (Parallel Slot 4): Saudi Arabia (Partner Country)	MR 17
	Session XIX (Parallel Slot 5): Russia (Focus Country) – contd.	MR 6

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM	Session XX (Parallel Slot 6): Japan (Focus Country)	MR 18
	Session XXI (Parallel Slot 7): MoFPI World Bank Session – “From Waste to Wealth: Transforming South Asia’s Food Systems for the Future” (2:00 – 5:30 pm) Session One: Sub-topic - Food Loss and Waste as a Catalyst for Food Systems Transformation (2:00 pm to 3:00 pm) Session Two: Sub-topic - Innovation Unleashed: Startups showcase – Turning Waste to Value (3:00 pm to 3:40pm)	MR 19
03:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Session Break	
04:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Session XXII (Parallel Slot 1): MoFPI Thematic Session: Sustainability & Net Zero Processing Sub-topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate-Smart & Resource efficient food processing technologies. • Innovations in by-product utilization/valorization. • Circular Economy- Minimizing waste, maximizing resource efficiency. • Innovative circular business models in co-operative and private enterprises. • Reducing Carbon Footprints in Food Processing Industry. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Alok B. Mukherjee, Director - Research, Analytics & Modelling, Leads Connect Services Pvt. Ltd (BL AGRO) • Mr. Anand Chordia, Founder, The Eco Factory Foundation • Ms. Anar Bhatt, Program Manager, WRI India • Mr. Tarun Bothra, Co-Founder, Saathi Pads • Ms. Taruna Saxena, Head – Sustainability & Societal Initiatives, Nestle Session Moderator: Dr. Harinder Singh Oberoi, Director, NIFTEM - Kundli	MR 10
	Session XXIII (Parallel Slot 2): MoFPI Thematic Session: Frontiers in Food Processing, Products and Packaging Technologies	MR 15

<p>04:00 PM - 05:00 PM</p>	<p>Sub-topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of advanced technologies (AI, Robotics, IoT) in processing for setting up smart factories • Blockchain for food traceability and resilient supply chain models. • Innovative technologies to support traditional food processing by start-ups and SMEs. • Promoting eco-friendly packaging: Prioritizing recyclable or compostable materials. • Manufacturing Excellence with Digital Supply Chain in Food Processing. • Providing Liquidity through Storage of Commodities Notified by WDRA and Benefits of WDRA Registration. <p>Session Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cassio Simoes, Managing Director, Tetra Pak • Mr. Prabodh Halde, Chairman, Chamber for Advancement of Small & Medium Businesses • Mr. Sanjib Dey, Head, Supply Chain, Nutrition, South Asia, HUL <p>Session Moderator: Prof. V. Palanimuthu, Director, NIFTEM – Thanjavur</p>	
	<p>Session XXIV (Parallel Slot 3): MoFPI Thematic Session: India as a Global Food Processing Hub</p> <p>Sub-topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting unique Indian food products like GI-tagged foods. • Boosting compliance with global food safety standards. • Scaling up cluster-based approach for enhancing India's global food exports. • Export financing and cost optimization in logistics & supply chain. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sunay Bhasin, CEO, MTR Foods • Dr. Jeyan Arthur Moses, Assistant Professor, NIFTEM-T • Mr. Sreedhar Venkatram, Mumbai Chapter Head, India New Zealand Business Council 	<p>MR 16</p>

04:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Session Moderator: Dr. C. Anandharamakrishnan, Director, CSIR-NIIST	
	Session XXVI (Parallel Slot 5): Russia – contd.	MR 6
	Session XXVII (Parallel Slot 6): Vietnam (Focus Country)	MR 18
	Session XXVIII (Parallel Slot 7): MoFPI World Bank Session – “From Waste to Wealth: Transforming South Asia’s Food Systems for the Future” (2:00 – 5:30 pm) Session Three: Sub-topic - Financing the Cold Chain Revolution: Cutting Food Loss, Boosting Farmer Incomes (3.40 pm to 5.15 pm) (Break: 3.40 pm to 3.50 pm)	MR 19

DAY 3: Saturday, September 27, 2026		
Time	Session	Meeting Room No.
10:30 AM – 11:30 am	Session I (Parallel Slot 1): Manipur (Partner State)	MR 10
	Session II (Parallel Slot 2): Maharashtra (Focus State)	MR 15
	Session III (Parallel Slot 3): Bihar (Focus State) – Option 2	MR 16
	Session IV (Parallel Slot 4): BL Agro	MR 17
12:00 pm – 01:00 pm	Session VIII (Parallel Slot 1): CRB (12:00 pm – 1:30 pm)	MR 10
	Session XI (Parallel Slot 4): BL Agro – contd.	MR 17
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Session XV (Parallel Slot 1): Odisha (Focus State)	MR 10
	Session XVIII (Parallel Slot 4): BL Agro – contd.	MR 17

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Note: Exhibition Timings: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm