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# INDIA FOOD EXPO-2026

(10th EDITION)

Organized by: Indian Industries Association (IIA)

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Indian Industries Association (IIA), with its legacy of over four decades in strengthening Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), successfully organized the **10th Edition of India Food Expo-2026 (IFX-26)** from **16 to 18 January 2026** at **Regalia Greens, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow**. IFX-26 emerged as a historic milestone and one of the most impactful platforms for the food processing, agri-business, hospitality and allied sectors in Uttar Pradesh.

The Expo was conceptualized as a comprehensive ecosystem bringing together policymakers, government departments, industry leaders, MSMEs, startups, farmers, financial institutions, technology providers and professionals under one roof. IFX-26 aligned strongly with the national vision of **“Viksit Bharat 2047”** and the Government of Uttar Pradesh's mission to promote food processing, value addition, employment generation and farmer income enhancement.

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF INDIA FOOD EXPO-2026

- Landmark 10th Edition:** The Expo successfully completed its 10th edition and was widely acknowledged as *IIA's New Year Gift to MSMEs*.
- Exhibitor Participation:** Over 100 esteemed exhibitors participated in the three-day India Food Expo.
- Robust Footfall:** Approximately 8,000–10,000 quality visitors attended the Expo during the three days, including entrepreneurs, buyers, professionals, institutional representatives and students.
- Strong Business Outcomes:** Exhibitors reported focused B2B interactions, advance inquiries, on-the-spot bookings and future trade collaborations leading resulting in business orders exceeding ₹2.5 crore during the Expo.
- Knowledge-Driven Engagement:** High-impact technical seminars and panel discussions provided sector-specific guidance on food processing, exports, dairy, poultry, hospitality and F&B businesses.
- Government-Industry Synergy:** Active participation of senior Ministers and IAS officers strengthened investor confidence and policy-industry dialogue.

## KEY SPONSORS OF INDIA FOOD EXPO-2026



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**DAY-1 PROCEEDINGS | 16 JANUARY 2026**


10th Edition of India Food Expo-2026 was formally inaugurated by **Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Uttar Pradesh**, in the august presence of **Dr. Neeraj Bora, MLA, Lucknow-North**, **Shri B. L. Meena, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary, Horticulture & Food Processing**, and **Shri T. K. Shibu, I.A.S., Director, Horticulture & Food Processing**, as Guests of Honour.

The inaugural session was smoothly moderated by **Shri Chetan Deo Bhalla, Chairman, IFX-26**. In his welcome address, **Shri Alok Agarwal, Senior Vice President, IIA**, highlighted the growth of India Food Expo as one of IIA's most impactful initiatives connecting policy, finance, technology and markets. IIA Directory 2026 was officially inaugurated at the event.

**In his inaugural address, IIA President Shri Dinesh Goyal** emphasized that the India Food Expo aligns with the vision of **Viksit Bharat @2047**, highlighting the critical role of Uttar Pradesh in achieving rapid economic growth through the food processing sector. He underscored the goal of developing 1,000 new young entrepreneurs per district,

each generating substantial employment, thereby strengthening livelihoods and the MSME ecosystem. He appreciated the Government's supportive policies, including 5% GST on food products and incentives under the Food Processing Ministry, and called upon IIA district units to actively collaborate in organizing entrepreneurship development programs. He noted that the Expo aims to promote skill development, innovation, technology adoption, farmer-industry linkages, and import substitution in a large market currently dependent on imports. The President also highlighted the need for stronger technology infrastructure, consultancy support, and additional incentives for machinery manufacturing to make the sector globally competitive. Concluding on an optimistic note, he reaffirmed IIA's commitment to driving inclusive growth with confidence and determination.

In his keynote address, **Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya** appreciated IIA's consistent role as a bridge between government and industry and reaffirmed the government's commitment to ease of doing business and MSME promotion.





## Technical Seminar – Day 1

### Seminar Session-1



A focused seminar on “Setting Up a Food Processing Unit” was held under the chairmanship of **Shri B. L. Meena, I.A.S.**, with **Shri T. K. Shibu, I.A.S.** as Guest of Honour. The session covered project planning, government schemes (PMKSY, PMFME), quality standards, packaging innovations and financial support mechanisms.

The technical session guided MSMEs on setting up food and food processing units, covering key steps from idea development and business structuring to licensing, infrastructure, and machinery selection. It emphasized quality control, trial production, and compliance, along with the importance of branding, marketing, and accessing finance. The session provided a clear roadmap for sustainable growth and successful commercial operations.

**Shri. Jay Kumar Gupta, GM, Lucknow RO – SIDBI,**

spoke on the various Financing & Government Schemes for MSMEs in Food Processing Industries & **Mohd Nadeem, Regional Head, IDFC FIRST Bank**, highlighted the availability of multiple bank financing options for food processing industries, including term loans, working capital facilities, and tailored credit solutions. He emphasized that these financial products are designed to support MSMEs at every stage—from project setup to business expansion—enabling sustainable growth.

**Dr. S.K. Chauhan, Ex-Director, RFRAC**, spoke on the importance of quality standards in the food sector, outlining the FSSAI compliance roadmap and the role of ISO, HACCP, and other certifications in ensuring food safety and market credibility. He emphasized that adherence to these standards strengthens consumer trust and enhances the

competitiveness of MSMEs.

**Dr. Tanweer Alam, Addl. Director & Regional Officer, IIP Delhi**, highlighted innovative packaging solutions and techniques for shelf-life enhancement, enabling MSMEs to improve product quality and market competitiveness.

The **vote of thanks was formally proposed by Shri Deepak K. Bajaj, General Secretary,**



expressing sincere gratitude to all dignitaries, speakers, and participants for their valuable contributions. Day 1 of the India Food Expo concluded on a highly successful note, with the event welcoming over 2,000 visitors, reflecting strong industry interest and engagement.

## DAY-2 PROCEEDINGS | 17 JANUARY 2026

Day 2 started with lamp lighting by **Shri Manikandan K., I.A.S.**, Vice Chairman, Bareilly Development Authority, attended as Guest of Honour, Shri Alok Agrawal Senior Vice President, Shri Awadhesh Agrawal, National Treasurer, Shri Chetan Dieo Bhalla, Chairman IFX and Vice President IIA and Shri Rajeev Bansal Divisional Chairman, IIA.

### Seminar Session-2



**Shri Manikandan K.** interacted extensively with exhibitors. He appreciated the scale, planning and impact of the Expo. He spoke of the industrial infrastructure & land development and

industrial corridor in Bareilly. Shri Manikandan K also gave a detailed presentation on BDA's proposed 300-acre industrial township at Bareilly.

A detailed presentation was delivered by **Dr. Sunil K. R. Rathore, Nand Baba Dugdh Mission**, highlighting the ongoing initiatives and future roadmap for dairy development in Uttar Pradesh, with a focus on strengthening value chains and enhancing farmer incomes. **Dr. Brijesh Kumar Tripathi** from the Department of Animal Husbandry complemented this with valuable insights on poultry development, emphasizing sustainable practices, productivity enhancement, and emerging opportunities for MSMEs in the sector.



### Seminar Session 3: Panel Discussion on Hospitality Sector



Lucknow witnessed an engaging and insight-packed panel discussion on “Building a High ROI Hotel Business”, bringing together leading experts from architecture, consulting, and finance to decode what truly drives profitability in today's hospitality sector.

The panel featured Mr. Aviral Sharma, Senior Architect, A. Sharma & Associates; Mr. Neel Kamal Chauhan, Founding Partner, HPTS Consulting; and Shri Jay Kumar Gupta, General Manager, SIDBI, who discussed strategic planning, efficient design, operational excellence, and smart financing models for achieving strong returns on investment.

Architect Aviral Sharma emphasized the role of intelligent

design in reducing long-term operational costs, while Neel Kamal Chauhan highlighted consulting-led strategies for improving occupancy, revenue streams, and brand positioning. Jay Kumar Gupta provided valuable insights into funding opportunities and financial discipline essential for hospitality entrepreneurs.

The session was effectively moderated by Mr. Sulabh Agarwal, Co-Founder, The Big Hotel Store, ensuring an engaging and insightful dialogue. The panel concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Shri Alok Agarwal, Senior Vice President, IIA, expressing appreciation to the panelists and participants for their valuable contributions.

### DAY-3 PROCEEDINGS | 18 JANUARY 2026

#### Seminar Session-4



The final day featured a high-impact panel discussion titled “From Idea to Scale: Building, Funding & Growing Successful F&B Businesses”. The session was expertly

moderated by Ms. Anandi Agarwal, Chairperson – Women Entrepreneur Cell, Indian Industries Association (IIA), whose engaging and structured moderation ensured a smooth,

impactful and highly interactive discussion. The panel featured four distinguished speakers Ms. Veena Mittal, Founder, Crème Castle, Mr. Hitesh Tripathi, Tech4Serve F&B Consultant, Mr. Mandheer Singh, Brand Strategist, Consult Blanco & Ms. Pallavvi Agarwal, Head – Investor Relations & Deal Management, LVX.

The Food & Beverage panel discussion at IFX 2026 emerged as one of the most insightful sessions of the exhibition, bringing together industry leaders, consultants, brand experts

and investors to decode the real journey of building a successful F&B business. The session was thoughtfully curated to take the audience through the complete lifecycle of an F&B business — from passion and ideation to structure, branding, investment, growth and future readiness.

The panel discussion covered key themes such as journey from passion to business, role of consultants, branding and investors, challenges in early-stage entrepreneurship, scaling strategies, and future trends in the F&B ecosystem.

### Valedictory Function



The Valedictory Session was held with great dignity and was graced by the esteemed presence of **Chief Guest Shri Asim Arun, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Government of Uttar Pradesh, and Guest of Honour Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, I.A.S. (Retd.), CEO, State Transformation Commission, Uttar Pradesh and Shri Tribhuvan Ram MLA, Ajagara (SC) constituency, Varanasi**. Their presence added significant stature to the occasion and reflected the importance of the platform created by the Indian Industries Association (IIA).

**Addressing the gathering, Shri Asim Arun** said platforms like India Food Expo complement the state government's focused initiative to promote food processing including infrastructure development, MSME incentives, ODOP-based value addition, skill development and market linkage

support. He appreciated IIA's role in translating government policies into on ground industrial growth particularly for small and medium enterprises.

**Shri Manoj Kumar Singh** highly appreciated the proactive role of IIA in strengthening the MSME ecosystem and effectively translating government policies into meaningful grassroots-level industrial development. He acknowledged IIA's consistent efforts in bridging the gap between policy-makers and entrepreneurs, promoting entrepreneurship, and fostering sustainable economic growth across the state. **Shri Tribhuvan Ram** expressed his gratitude to **Shri Manoj Singh** for inviting him in the ceremony to share the stage. He has appreciated the initiative of IIA to organize India Food Expo with its 10th Edition with remarkable footfall of industry visitors exploring growth opportunities. He also shared that such expo will surely lead the path of new success stories of MSME aligned with Govt. announcements, Schemes, subsidies, benefits and support.

They presented awards and mementos to the sponsors and exhibitors, commending their contributions and warmly appreciating the dedicated efforts of the entire IFX-IIA committee. ■



### Recognizing Excellence

To recognize excellence and innovation, stall awards were presented to outstanding exhibitors:

- **First Prize Elegantly Designed Stall**- Samriddhi Packagings & Avadh Polytherms
- **Second Prize Attractive Presentation** -Asian Thai Foods Lucknow Private Limited
- **Third Prize Innovative Food Preservation Product Technology** -Bhartiya Foods Lucknow & Zagrication LLP
- **Unique achaar item** - Aroura Fruit Industry, established since 1944,
- **Innovative Product**- Avadh Premium International LLP
- **Best Presentation of Food Processing Equipments**- HSN Hotel Products Private Limited (Moon Star)
- **Good Décor (Non-Food)** - Affordable Printers
- **Best Décor (Non-Food)** - Regalia Greens
- **Women Entrepreneur**- Grass Root Foundation
- **Best Packaging Stall**- GEM Hotel Products
- **Non Food-Warehousing** – TRI Infratech Building Solution

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Over 100 exhibitors participated, representing food processing, machinery, packaging, logistics, dairy, poultry, hospitality, EVs and institutional support.

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- Navabi Kashmiri Chai
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- Packaging Bros Private Limited
- Panchal Pumps & Systems
- Pizza Farmhouse

- PSL Energies
- Rizva Organic Handcare Lucknow
- S.U. Industries
- 3s Digital Signage Solutions Pvt. Ltd
- Sadhya Products Private Limited
- Saho Agro Industries
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