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16th FOODWORLD INDIA 2025

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Commission Room (3rd Floor), FICCI Federation House, Tansen Marg, New Delhi

DRAFT AGENDA

Theme: Spurring Growth - Driving Innovation and Unlocking Opportunities in the Indian Food Processing Sector

TIMINGS	FLOW OF PROGRAM
09:30-10:00	**Registrations**
10:00-11:15	**Inaugural Session of 16th FOODWORLD INDIA 2025** **Opening Remarks: Ms. Jyoti Vij**, Director General, FICCI **Welcome Address**: **Mr. Hemant Malik**, Chair-FICCI Food Processing Committee & Executive Director, ITC Ltd. **Special Address: Shri. G. Kamala Vardhana Rao**, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, FSSAI* **Keynote Address: Dr. Subrata Gupta**, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, GoI **Address by Guest of Honour: Shri Ravneet Singh**, Minister of State for Food Processing Industries and Railways, Government of India* **Inaugural Address by Chief Guest: Shri. Chirag Paswan**, Hon'ble Minister for Food Processing Industries, GoI* ***Release of FICCI-Deloitte Whitepaper: Spurring Growth - Driving Innovation and Unlocking Opportunities in the Indian Food Processing Sector*** **Concluding Remarks & Vote of Thanks: Mr. Prashant Peres**, Co-Chair, FICCI Food Processing Committee and Managing Director, Kellanova South Asia
11:15-11:30	**Key Highlights from FICCI & Deloitte Knowledge Report on Theme: Spurring Growth - Driving Innovation and Unlocking Opportunities in the Indian Food Processing Sector** *A Presentation of key topics and insights from the report by* Mr. Anand Ramanathan, Partner and Consumer Industry Leader, Deloitte India
11:30-12:45	**Session 1: Spurring Growth Amidst Challenges – How Can India Lead the Global Food Processing Revolution?** ***Session Brief:*** *India's food processing industry stands at a pivotal moment, with the*

	potential to drive economic growth, employment, and global trade. While it has made significant contributions to GDP and reduced post-harvest losses, there is still room for India to enhance its food processing levels to match global benchmarks. By addressing areas such as infrastructure development, streamlined logistics, and strategic policy implementation, India can further unlock value in this sector. This session will highlight key opportunities for growth, including expanding exports to position India as a global food processing hub, tapping into the rising consumption in Tier 2 and 3 markets, and driving the shift from unorganized to organized industry, unlocking immense potential for scale and efficiency. **Session Moderator*:*** Mr. Anand Ramanathan, Partner and Consumer Industry Leader, Deloitte India **Panellists:** • **Mr. Saugata Gupta**, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Marico Limited • **Mr. Hemant Malik,** Executive Director, ITC Ltd. • **Mr. Tarun Arora,** Chief Executive Officer, Zydus Wellness Ltd. • **Mr. Sanjay Sharma**, CEO & Director, Orkla India • **Mr. Rajneet Kohli**, Executive Director- Foods & Refreshment, Hindustan Unilever Limited. *Questions and Answers*
12:45-02:00	**Session 2: The Evolving Indian Consumer – Trends Reshaping the Food Processing Industry** **Session Brief:** *Indian consumers are embracing a broader spectrum of food choices, influenced by evolving lifestyles, increasing health consciousness, and global culinary trends. As demand rises for functional and nutritious foods, segments such as protein-rich foods and gut-health products are seeing strong momentum. The rapid growth of digital platforms and quick commerce has created new avenues for brands to connect with consumers, though staying ahead of shifting preferences remains key. This session will discuss the evolving consumer landscape, the role of digital influence, and how brands can cater to the dynamic needs of Indian consumers, ensuring sustained engagement and long-term growth*. **Session Moderator*:*** Mr. Praveen Govindu, Partner, Deloitte India **Panellists:** • **Mr. Prashant Peres**, Managing Director, Kellanova South Asia • **Mr. Sanjay Singhal**, Chief Executive Officer, Wagh Bakri Tea Group • **Mr. Haresh Karamchandani**, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Hyfun Frozen Foods Pvt Ltd. • **Mr. Vivek Chandra**, CEO Global Branded Business, LT Foods Ltd. • **Mr. Vipin Kataria**, Chief Commercial Officer - Sales & Replenishment, Britannia Industries Ltd. *Questions and Answers*
02:00-02:45	**Networking Lunch**
	Session 3: Building a Sustainable & Tech-Enabled Food Processing Industry **Session Brief:** *For India's food processing sector to thrive globally, innovation and*

02:45-04:00	*technology adoption must accelerate. While India has made remarkable strides in product innovation, R&D investments remain an area of opportunity compared to global benchmarks. Emerging technologies like AI-driven demand planning and Industry 5.0 advancements offer immense potential to enhance efficiency and sustainability. By strengthening backward linkages, improving cold chain infrastructure, and fostering corporate-startup collaborations, the industry can enhance supply chain resilience and reduce operational inefficiencies. This session will highlight pathways to integrate advanced technology and sustainable practices, ensuring a future-ready food processing ecosystem that can compete on a global scale.* **Session Moderator:** Ms. Moumita Sarker, Partner, Deloitte India **Panellists:** • **Mr. Amit Shah**, Joint President- Flexible Packaging Business, UFlex Ltd • **Mr. Navneet Ravikar**, CEO BL Agro Industries & CMD LeadsConnect Services Pvt Ltd • **Dr. Sujatha Jayaraman**, Vice President R&D - HUL Foods • **Dr. Ravindra Kumar**, Head, Doc & Project Management, Global Regulatory Affairs: Food Ingredients, IFF • **Mr. Ashu Phakey,** Vice President & Business Head-Frozen & Fresh Foods, ITC Ltd. *Questions and Answers*
04:00-05:15	**Session 4: Empowering India's Food Processing Industry - How Policy & Regulation Can Drive the Future of Indian Food Processing** **Session Brief:** *A robust and predictable regulatory environment is essential to drive confidence and investment in India's food processing industry. While government initiatives like the PLI scheme and sustainability mandates are shaping the sector positively, adapting to evolving compliance requirements remains an ongoing priority. Factors such as dynamic import-export policies and evolving labeling regulations require businesses to remain agile in their approach. Additionally, discussions around ultra-processed foods highlight the importance of striking a balance between regulatory clarity and industry growth. This session will explore how businesses can effectively navigate policy shifts, align with international standards, and leverage government support to ensure long-term success in India's growing food processing market.* **Session Moderator:** Mr. Goldie Dhama, Partner, Deloitte India **Panellists:** • **Shri Devesh Deval**, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, GoI* • **FSSAI** Representative* • **Mr. Anil Chugh**, President- Food Business, Wipro Consumer Care • **Mr. Sunay Bhasin**, Chief Executive Officer, MTR Foods Pvt. Ltd. • **Mr. Amit Bhasin,** Chief Legal Officer and Group General Counsel, Marico Ltd. *Questions and Answers*
05:15-05:20	**Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks**

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