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Kerala participated as the 'Focus State' has made a significant mark at the '**World Food India 2025**,' global food processing exhibition held at **Bharat Mandapam** in **New Delhi**. Organised by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries from **September 25 to 28, 2025**. The event saw participants from more than 90 countries. Set up by the state industries and commerce department, in association with the Kerala Bureau of Industrial Promotion (KBIP).

Recognizing the potential of food processing to transform India into a global food hub, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Government of India, has implemented strategic measures aimed at attracting investments in food processing sub-segments. These measures focus on building backward linkages, enhancing food processing and value addition ecosystem, promoting research and development, expanding cold chain storage solutions, and supporting startups, logistics, and retail chains.

The Ministry engaged intensely with preparatory work prior to the event and thus on boarded specialized agencies with domain expertise to help organize the event of such a large scale.

World Food India 2025 facilitated robust discussions and bilateral meetings among policymakers, international delegations, including ministers, and industry leaders. These interactions aimed to promote the exchange of ideas and foster collaboration on issues of mutual interest for economic, social, and strategic benefits. A significant focus of the event was strengthening diplomatic ties and enhancing cooperation in the agri-food sector, with discussions addressing shared challenges between nations.

To promote India's rich food culture and facilitate investments in the country's diverse food processing sector, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries organized the first edition of World Food India (WFI) in 2017. This event was a tremendous success, attracting over 70,000 business delegates, 800 exhibitors, participants from 60 countries, 28 Indian states, and 50 global CEOs. More than 8,000 B2B and B2G meetings were held, creating valuable networking and business opportunities.

To further promote India's rich and diverse food culture while fostering global investment, MoFPI launched World Food India (WFI)—a flagship international event. The first edition was held in 2017, followed by a successful second edition in 2023 and the third in 2024. WFI serves as a premier platform for stakeholders from across the world to connect, collaborate, and explore opportunities in India's dynamic food processing landscape. Building on the remarkable success of the previous editions, the 4th edition of this flagship event was successfully organised from 25th to 28th September 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

Recognizing the transformative potential of the food processing sector in positioning India as a global food hub, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Government of India, has introduced a range of strategic initiatives to attract investment across diverse sub-segments. These efforts focus on strengthening farm-to-fork linkages, enhancing value addition, advancing research and development, expanding cold chain infrastructure, and supporting startups, logistics, and retail ecosystems—laying the foundation for a robust and future-ready food processing industry