AGENDA

FICCI Symposium – "Protein for India: Nutrition, Business, Sustainability and Policy Perspective"

Commission Room, 3rd Floor, FICCI Federation House, New Delhi

Tuesday, 8th September 2026l

Time	Agenda Item
10:00 – 10:30 am	Registration
Inaugural Session	
10:30 – 10:40 am	**Welcome Address and Context Setting**: Mr. Tarun Arora, President, CIFTI-FICCI
10:40 – 10:55 am	**Special Address:** Professor Anupa Siddhu, Former Director, Lady Irwin College & Head, Department of Home Science, University of Delhi
10:55 – 11:10 am	**Keynote Address:** Dr. Satyen Kumar Panda, Advisor (Quality Assurance, Additional charge (Science & Standards & Regulations Division)), FSSAI
11:10 – 11:15 am	**Release of Reports by Guest of Honour:** ***Release of the FICCI - ARE Report on "Charting India's Protein Transition: Building Resilient Food Systems for a Secure Future"***
11:15 – 11:30 am	**Inaugural Address:** Shri Ranjit Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries
11:30 - 11:35 am	**Vote of thanks**: Dr. Anirudha Chhonkar, Lead Regulatory Affairs, CIFTI – FICCI
11:35 – 11:45 am	**Networking Tea**
Technical Session	
11:45 am –12:00 pm	**Presentation on the FICCI - ARE Report on "Charting India's Protein Transition: Building Resilient Food Systems for a Secure Future":** Mr Rituj Sahu, Director, Protein Transition – Sustainable Food Systems (India), Asia Research & Engagement (ARE)
12:00 pm –12:50 pm	**Panel Discussion:** "Making India Healthy Through Protein" **Moderator:** Mr. Tarun Arora, CEO, Zydus Wellness **Panellists: Senior Officials** • Ms. Priyanka Verma, Director Marketing, Danone • Ms. Rozita Singh, Head of Policy, Good Food Institute, India • Mr. Akhil Meshram, Head of Marketing, Glanbia • Dr. Shantanu Das, Vice President and Head of Food Sciences. Foods Business Division, ITC Limited • Dr. Adip Roy, Associate Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Amway
12:50 – 01:00 pm	**Q & A**

01:00 – 01:30 pm	**Presentation:** "Human Body Response to Type, Quality and Quantity of Protein" Speaker: Dr. Mark Cope, Director, New Business Development, International Flavour and Fragrance, USA
01:30 - 02:15 pm	**Lunch Break**
02:15 - 03:00 pm	**Fireside Chat:** "The Protein Craze" **Moderator:** Dr. Manjari Chandra, Senior Consultant - Nutritional Medicine **Speakers:** • Dr. Bani Tamber Aeri, Professor, Dept. of Food & Nutrition, Institute of Home Economics, University of Delhi • Dr. Shyam Ramakrishnan, Chief Scientific Officer, Zydus Wellness
03:00 - 03:10 pm	**Q & A**
03:10 - 04:10 pm	**Panel Discussion:** "Unlocking India's Protein Potential: Addressing Challenges" **Moderator:** Dr. Eram Rao, Professor of Food Technology, Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences **Panellists:** • Dr. Kavitha Ramasamy, Joint Director, Science & Standards, FSSAI • Ms. Naaznin Husein, CEO and Co-Founder Shamrock Nutrascience Pvt. Ltd. • Mr. Praveer Srivastava, Executive Director, Plant Based Foods Industry Association (PBFIA) • Mr. Zafar Khan, Director, Regulatory Affairs, Abbott Nutrition • Dr. Sangeeta Goomer, Co-Founder Future Bites and Former Professor Dept. of Food & Nutrition, Lady Irwin College.
04:10 - 04:20 pm	**Q & A**
04:20 - 04:30 pm	**Closing Remarks:** Ms. Varsha Yadav, Assistant Director, CIFTI-FICCI
4:30 pm onwards	**High Tea**