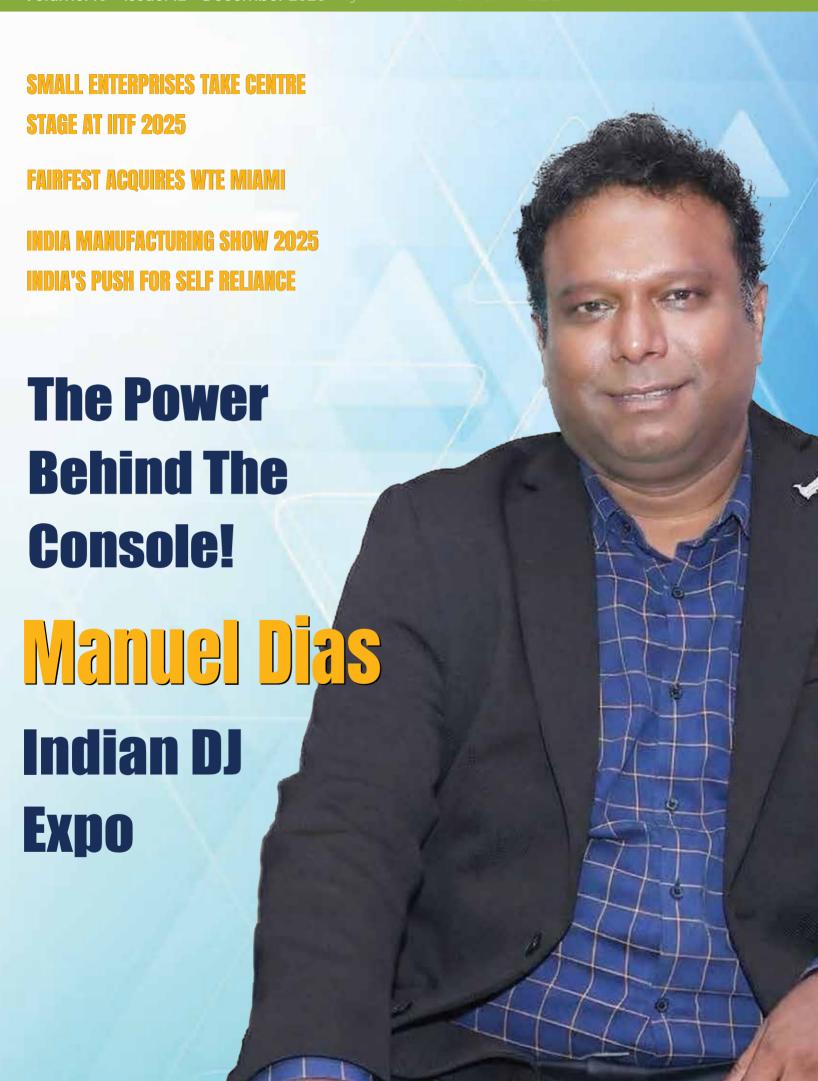
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#### The Momentum of Collaboration: Trade, Technology, and Transcending Borders

The global trade fair landscape is entering 2026 with powerful momentum. From the International Kolkata Book Fair gearing up to be West Bengal's biggest fest after Durga Puja, to record participation at MIPCOM Cannes and Mexico taking centre stage at FITUR 2026—the world is reconnecting through ideas, creativity, and commerce.

India continues to shine with strong industry showcases: the India Manufacturing Show 2025, the unveiling of Nakshatra and Arogyam 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, Karnataka's ₹600-crore DeepTech push, and new global alliances in golf, textiles, and urban development. IITF 2025 further amplifies the country's entrepreneurial spirit with 3,500+ participants across sectors.

The international business corridor also remains active, with India–EAEU FTA negotiations gathering fresh momentum, and India ITME deepening global textile partnerships in Singapore.

Don't miss our Swift Snippets, leadership updates, and January event calendar for a quick roundup of what's shaping the months ahead.

As always, thank you for being part of the TradeFairTimes community. Here's to a year shaped by ideas, opportunities, and collaborations that transcend borders.

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# THE SOUND BEHIND EVERY EVENT

#### MANUEL DIAS TALKS ABOUT INDIAN DJ EXPO

The Indian DJ expo is a very unique concept which was conceptualized by Manuel Dias, organizer of Indian DJ Expo. The Indian DJ Expo serves as the only major event for the Disc Jockey community to come together to connect, showcase their products and foster relations within the industry. In this interview Manuel Dias, Organizer of The Indian DJ Expo sheds light on the upcoming West edition which will be held at Messe Global Convention Centre. Pune!

TFT: As the name suggests Indian DJ Expo is a very unique and one of it's kind in the industry. Please tell us about it! Manuel Dias: INDIAN DJ EXPO was conceptualized and the ideation was built

Manuel Dias: INDIAN DJ EXPO was conceptualized and the ideation was built around keeping in mind the importance of a DJ (Disc Jockey) in any and every Event. Be it Social, Corporate and Government events.

Also if one wanted to invest into a loudspeaker system setup, they would refer it to as a DJ System.

Therefore we thought it apt to call the Expo INDIAN DJ EXPO.

TFT: Which are some of the leading companies participating in this edition?

Manuel Dias: INDIAN DJ EXPO in 2026 celebrated a decade of Dedication and Service to the Indian Events and Entertainment Industry.

Some of the leading brands that have supported the platform since inception are AHUJA, NX AUDIO, P AUDIO, AERONS, ATI PRO, AUDIOTONE, ZYPHER, A PLUS, BETA THREE, POPE PROFESSIONAL, JIA LIGHTING, STAN LIGHTING, BSM, FALCON CABLES, KRYSTALS CABLES and many more. In this edition we have most of the leading brands participating.

TFT: What are some of the cutting edge products that will be displayed?

Manuel Dias: Visitors will get to evaluate the latest offerings in Power Amps, Loudspeakers, Line Arrays (we have 12 systems on demo in the line array demo arena), Speaker Components, Cables, LED Lights, LED Screens,



Musical Instruments, Truss, Special Effects Products and much more.

TFT: Indian DJ Expo plays a pivotal role in the DJ industry. What led you to conceptualize such event?

Manuel Dias: Right from the start we knew the platform had to be different. And with the DJ gaining importance in the Events and Entertainment Industry it was time to create a platform dedicated to the world of DJ which included DJ Gear, Pro Audio, Pro Light, Pro AV.

TFT: Are there any panel discussions or conference planned at the exhibition?

Manuel Dias: Since this is the first of the WEST EDITION, we will be planning a limited session of topics of which details will be available soon on the website indiandjexpo.in

TFT: Since it's conceptualization, how the expo has evolved over the years?

Manuel Dias: The INDIAN DJ EXPO has had tremendous support from all major Pro Audio, Lighting and LED Screen brands since 2014. From a 5000 footfall in 2014 to a 45000 footfall in 2025 says it all.

The approx 1000 brands that participate with 200 Exhibiting



Companies shows the commitment and support to growing platform.

TFT: Where do you see the expo in the coming years and what are some major developments that we can see in the coming years?

Manuel Dias: The INDIAN DJ EXPO is growing with its popularity in the events and entertainment industry and the fact that the platform is able to achieve the expectations of the Exhibitors in terms of their ROI is the USP of its growth trend.

Over the coming years the INDIAN DJ EXPO will stamp its importance as the most loved Expo

in India in the Pro segment.

TFT: Lastly, what you would like to say to the industry stakeholders as the Pune edition approaches?

Manuel Dias: We would like to welcome all Professionals from the Events and Entertainment Industry as well as the Hospitality Industry to come and witness the latest Products on display in Pro Sound, Touring Sound, Install Sound, Club Sound, Public Address Systems, DJ Gear, Pro Lighting & Lasers, Pro AV, LED Display, Backline Gear, Musical Instruments, and Special Effects Solutions

## **Building Exhibition Ecosystems through Cross-Sector Collaboration, Strategic Partnerships, and Year-Round Engagement**

**By Jagriti Pandey,**Project Head, Futurex Trade
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ost people think exhibitions are just rows of booths and a few banners, but

anyone who's worked behind the scenes knows that the real magic happens in the partnerships built around them. Exhibitions today feel less like "events" and more like living communities, and you can see it in the way the industry has evolved. In 2024 alone, exhibitions attracted 318 million visitors and 4.7 million companies, resulting in a staggering €368 billion economic impact. But here's the real truth: the shows that feel meaningful, the ones people talk about months later, are the ones that treat collaboration as their backbone.

You can feel the difference the moment you walk in. There's a tech

platform powering matchmaking, so attendees don't wander cluelessly. A research partner is pushing out fresh insights that spark real conversations. Media is everywhere, capturing stories, interviewing innovators, amplifying the buzz. Governments bring in global delegations and real industry weight. Suddenly, you're not just at an expo; you're at the center of an entire ecosystem that feels alive, connected, and purposeful. And the most exciting part? When exhibitions blend worlds. When art meets technology, when commerce mixes with creativity, when a robotics demo stands next to a generative-art installation where it doesn't just look cool, it draws people in. Surveys show that these cross-sector experiences boost engagement by 30-40%, and honestly, you can feel that energy on the floor. People stay longer.

They interact more. They talk. They share. Most organisers don't realize this, but the real game isn't the three-day showing, it's what happens before and after. The best exhibitions now run year-round communities, webinars, WhatsApp groups, matchmaking programs, and content hubs. They build trust long before the visitor badge is printed and keep people connected long after the hall lights are turned off. And that's exactly why the global exhibition market, worth USD 39.4 billion in 2023, is on track to touch nearly USD 70 billion in the next few years.

- Because people don't come to booths.
- They come for connection, discovery, conversation, and belonging.

And exhibitions that understand this and humanize the experience are the ones shaping the industry's future.



## Al Onus & the Future of PV System

Who's Responsible When an Algorithm Hurts? By Vrushali Negandhi

icture this:
it's 2 a.m. in a
pharmacovigilance
operations room
somewhere in the Gulf. The
coffee is strong enough to
wake the dead, and a machine
learning algorithm, let's call
her Algy, has just flagged an
"unusual pattern" in adverse
event data. Someone stares
at the screen and mutters,
"Did Algy just find a signal?"
Someone else shrugs, "She's
never wrong, right?"

But here's the catch: when Algy is wrong - who takes the blame?

Welcome to the age of algorithmic accountability in drug safety. The Middle East, with its rapidly maturing healthcare ecosystem and ambitious AI strategies, is diving head-first into this ethical, regulatory, and scientific puzzle.

#### The uneven AI awakening

"AI systems within pharmacovigilance are already in place and used by many companies including their affiliates within the MENA countries," explains Dr. Ahmed Hegazy, MD at Pvigilant Health. "However, other companies especially local distributors and some health authorities are not. So, the level of awareness

and implementation is not the same across the pharmacovigilance community."

That unevenness, Dr. Hegazy warns, could translate into risk. "Raising awareness and understanding of how and what to use AI for is essential... alignment of regulatory frameworks is critical for smooth implementation and minimizing risks of noncompliance."

And he's right, the numbers speak for themselves. The AI in pharmacovigilance market is projected to grow at 14.6% CAGR (2025–2034) globally, with the MENA region identified as one of the fastest-emerging markets (InsightAce Analytics, 2025). Yet local adoption remains patchy, a mix of ambition and experimentation.

## Regulators are waking up too...

The good news? Regional regulators aren't sitting idle.

"Some regulators within the region are already using Al in signal management to identify local signals early," shares Dr. Hegazy. "They're contributing not just following global regulatory bodies. Monthly newsletters are issued to disseminate this

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Translation: MENA's drug safety leaders are starting to play offense, not just defense. The shift from "reactive" to "proactive" pharmacovigilance could be a turning point in regional patient safety.

#### AI won't replace judgment (Relax, humans still matter)

"Let's not forget what pharmacovigilance really means," smiles Dr. Katya Nabeel, Pharmacovigilance Officer at Emirates Drug Establishment. "It's the science and activities related to detecting, assessing, understanding, and preventing adverse effects or any other drug-related problems. AI has become a cornerstone in transforming these activities, but it must always operate under human oversight."

Dr. Ailabouni believes AI should amplify, not replace, human expertise. "AI enhances PV professionals and practices, it helps safety scientists excel and elevate the profession, as long as it's used smartly and wisely."

The takeaway? Algorithms may process a million safety reports in minutes, but empathy, context, and ethical judgment remain exclusively human features. (No offense, Algy.)

## The Governance Gap: where rules meet responsibility

In Iraq, Dr. Manal Younus, Head of Pharmacovigilance at the Ministry of Health, brings structure to this conversation, literally. "The CIOMS Working Group XIV report outlines nine key principles that serve as the foundation for the safe use of AI in pharmacovigilance," she explains. "These include governance, accountability, human oversight, transparency, explainability, data privacy, and fairness."

She's also pushing for systemic reform.
"Universities and training programs should integrate AI ethics, governance, and risk management into pharmacovigilance curricula. Emphasizing human oversight, model validity, transparency, and fairness

enable students to evaluate AI tools robustly."

Dr. Younus's vision is simple but profound: the next generation of PV professionals should be fluent in both regulation and responsibility.

#### Risk-Based AI: Ethics in Action

Alina Panourgia, Co-Founder of Composite Pharma, doesn't mince words. "AI systems in healthcare are ranked as highrisk," she says. "Use risk-based AI governance frameworks already available, CIOMS, WHO, EMA, which emphasize transparency, fairness, audit trails, and human oversight."

Her advice for the GCC is practical and bold: "Apply local privacy laws, and run bias assessments carefully based on the unique population mix. Ideally, create shared PV datasets including data from academia, regulators, and hospitals. And maybe have an AI ethics panel."

In a region where data is fragmented across borders and institutions, her idea of shared pharmacovigilance datasets could revolutionize both signal detection and trust.

## Panourgia doubles down on education too:

"Teach data privacy and governance and focus on human-in-the-loop oversight, that's why it's needed. And future system engineers must have ethics and data privacy engrained in them from day one. It should be part of their DNA."

#### Global Voices, Local Lessons

Adding a global-industry perspective with regional nuance, Pav Rushiraj, Director, Head of Pharmacovigilance & De UK QPPV at Ipsen, stresses the urgency of ethical integrity and inclusivity.

"As AI becomes integrated into pharmacovigilance systems, ensuring ethical integrity and safety for diverse GCC populations requires frameworks that address bias, transparency, and accountability. AI models trained primarily on Western datasets may not reflect GCC-specific genetic, cultural, and clinical variations, leading to underrepresentation and potential harm in signal detection or risk assessment."

## His proposed solution is pragmatic and forward-looking:

Academic-Regulatory
 Collaboration: Partner local
 universities, healthcare
 institutions, and regulators
 (SFDA, DOH, NHRA) with global

#### AI in Pharmacovigilance – 2025 Snapshot

- Global PV-AI market growth: 14.6% CAGR (2025–2034)
- GCC pharmacovigilance maturity index: Moderate to High in KSA, UAE; Emerging in Iraq, Bahrain, Oman
- 72% of surveyed PV professionals cite "ethical clarity" as the biggest AI implementation challenge.

(Source: InsightAce Analytics, 2025)

"When AI makes a mistake in drug safety, the real test isn't who to blame — it's who takes responsibility to fix it."

- Vrushali Negandhi

"Awareness and alignment of AI use in PV are uneven across MENA, and that's a risk in itself."

Dr. Ahmed Hegazy

"AI should help us excel, not replace us. Pharmacovigilance is still deeply human work."

Dr. Katva Nabeel Ailabouni

"Governance, accountability, transparency, these are not buzzwords. They're safety nets."

- Dr. Manal Younus

"Ensuring ethical integrity for GCC populations requires frameworks addressing bias, transparency, and accountability."

– Pav Rushiraj, Ipsen

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transparency, fairness, audit trails, human oversight."

– Alina Panourgia

AI ethics experts to co-develop governance standards.

- 2. Localized Data Stewardship: Build GCC pharmacovigilance data repositories to represent local populations in AI training.
- 3. Ethical Oversight Boards:
  Establish multidisciplinary AI
  ethics committees within PV
  systems to review algorithms for
  bias and cultural fit.
- 4. Transparency and Auditing:
  Document model decisionmaking and run periodic bias
  audits to ensure compliance.
  "In essence," Pav concludes,

sustainable AI in GCC pharmacovigilance demands a co- created ethical ecosystem, combining global AI ethics with regional diversity safeguards."

#### So... When Algy Hurts, Who Heals?

Let's be honest — it's complicated. Liability doesn't sit neatly with one entity. When an AI-driven PV system fails to flag a critical adverse event, accountability could fall on:

- the developer who trained the model.
- the company that deployed it.
- the regulator that approved it, or
- the human operator who trusted it blindly.

But maybe the answer isn't who's responsible, but how responsibility is shared.

The Middle East's emerging PV ecosystem, if guided by fairness, transparency, and collaboration, can become a model for ethical AI worldwide. Because while algorithms may crunch the data, humans still carry the conscience.

## Final Word: Hope, Humor & Samp; Human Oversight

So next time Algy sends an alert at 2 a.m., let's thank her, but also double-check her homework.

Because in the race toward AI-powered pharmacovigilance, the Middle East has something the machines don't: the wisdom to pause, question, and correct course. And that's precisely what will keep patient safety, and trust; intact.

Maybe the real question isn't who's responsible, but how responsibility is shared. Because algorithms can crunch terabytes of safety data, but only humans can carry conscience.

The future of pharmacovigilance in the Middle East won't be written by code alone — it will be coauthored by regulators, safety scientists, ethicists, and yes, a few brave algorithms learning their way into trust.

And that conversation is just getting started.

This January 21 st - 22 nd at the Grand Mercure Dubai City, the 5th Edition Drug Safety Symposium 2026 - Middle East Chapter will bring together PV leaders, regulators, and AI innovators to unpack exactly this, from automation in case management to the ethical governance of machine learning models.

Because as we stand on the edge of AI-driven pharmacovigilance, one truth remains clear: Technology may accelerate vigilance, but integrity will always define it.



## The Jaipur Jewellery Show will have the highest number of booths so far (1225)

#### By Adrija Dasgupta, **TFT Kolkata Correspondent**

he Jaipur Jewellery Show (JJS) held a roadshow at "The Park" for the benefit. of the Kolkata exhibitors and buyers. Honorary Secretary of Jaipur Jewellery Show, Mr Rajiv Jain, informed that the theme for this year is "Coloured Gemstone". He also said that this show is a prestigious and influential event in the global jewellery industry, celebrated not only for its scale but also for its cultural significance and dedication to promoting traditional craftsmanship. Since its inception in 2003 with 60 Booths, Jaipur Jewellery Show has grown to become one of India's largest and most anticipated jewellery trade fairs with over 1200 booths this year, which tells the growth story of the event. Rajiv Jain

also added that like previous years, there will be a "Pink Club" with 74 booths dedicated to B2B interactions, including 44 jewellery booths and 30 gemstone booths. This year, the "Coloured Gemstone Promotion Group" comprises 12 members. The Jaipur Jewellery Show has consistently remained a leading platform for the jewellery industry for many years. With the cooperation of exhibitors, visitors and promotion partners, Jaipur Jewellery Show has achieved remarkable milestones and continues to grow each year. The Kolkata exhibitors and buyers have always participated with enthusiasm in the Jaipur Jewellery Show.

The show is thoughtfully segmented to enhance the buyer experience, offering dedicated sections for focused purchasing. These include:

Gold Jewellery Section-

Since its inception in 2003 with just 60 booths, the Jaipur Jewellery Show has grown to become one of India's largest and most anticipated jewellery trade fairs with over 1.200 booths this year. This expansion truly tells the growth story of the event. The theme for this year is 'Coloured Gemstone.' This show is a prestigious event in the global jewellery industry, celebrated not only for its scale but also for its cultural significance and dedication to promoting traditional craftsmanship.

- Showcasing a vast range of traditional and contemporary gold jewellery
- Precious Jewellery Section-Featuring exquisite pieces crafted with diamonds, rubies, emeralds, and other precious stones (excluding silver)
- Silver Section- A separate and exclusive space for silver jewellery, artefacts, and articles
- Gemstone Section- A sprawling area with an incredible array of loose gemstones from around the world.
- Pink Club- An elite, invitation only B2B lounge designed exclusively for trade professionals, with restricted access for general visitors.
- Allied & Machinery Section-Featuring jewellery making machinery, tools, publications, and educational institutions to support the broader jewellery ecosystem.

The JJDF provides specially curated booths for emerging and established designers and artisans, allowing them to display their creations directly to a discerning global audience comprising industry leaders, buyers, and design enthusiasts. Jaipur is the home to artisans whose skills have been passed down through generations.

Over the years, JJS has established itself not just as a trade show but as a dynamic platform that fosters innovation, networking, and business growth in the gems and jewellery industry. The Jaipur Jewellery Show continues to offer unparalleled exposure, visibility, and business opportunities to all participants, reaffirming its position as a cornerstone of the international jewellery calendar.

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## **Small Enterprises Take** Center Stage at IITF 2025

he Bharat Mandapam complex has come alive with vibrant displays of India's cultural and economic diversity as the 44th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2025 welcomes over 3,500 participants from across the country. Themed Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat, the fair, inaugurated on 14 November 2025, has evolved into a national platform where artisans, firstgeneration entrepreneurs, farmer-producers, and emerging startups converge to explore opportunities, engage with buyers, and expand their market reach.

More than a commercial event, IITF serves as a launchpad for small businesses and rural entrepreneurs who often operate far from mainstream markets. It offers a space to test consumer demand, understand industry trends, and access government support systems designed to strengthen local enterprise.

#### Bihar: Craftswomen Finding **New Markets**

At the Bihar pavilion, 45-yearold Sridhi Kumari showcases Bhagalpuri silk and zari work, crafts she has mastered over 12 years. Participating in IITF for the first time, she stands proudly as an authorised seller of GI-certified Bhagalpuri silk. Government-backed women entrepreneurship schemes helped her navigate the selection and application process, enabling her to bring her work to a national audience.

Encouraged by a fellow artisan who highlighted the fair's strong earning potential, Sridhi hopes the visibility and market interactions translate into steady business after the event. Her previous success at GI-Mahotsav earlier this year strengthened her confidence to expand her reach.

#### **Weaving Traditions from** Nalanda:

Nearby, 49-year-old Tarun Pandey from Nalanda returns for his eighth IITF appearance. His Baavanbuti sarees—each taking more than three days to weave-represent generations of traditional craftsmanship across Bihar. For artisans like him, IITF offers consistent exposure and a loyal customer base that grows year after year.

#### From Farm to Market: Maharashtra's Organic Entrepreneurs

In the Maharashtra section, Hingoli-based farmer-turnedentrepreneur Prahlad Ramrao Borgad displays organic turmeric, pulses, ginger, pickles, and spices under his brand 'Surya Farmers'. After transitioning to organic farming in 2012, he launched his enterprise in 2015 with support from Self-Help Groups and MSME initiatives. Today, IITF gives him and his wife Kaveri a direct gateway to urban consumers and institutional buyers.

#### Reviving the Godhari Tradition

Also from Maharashtra, Rukmani Ganeshpat Salge from Latur presents intricately crafted Godhari quilts, a traditional art form long practiced by women in her community. Faced with competition from cheaper

For twelve years, I have mastered the art of Bhagalpuri silk, but standing here as a GIcertified seller is a new beginning. This pavilion isn't just a shop; it is the bridge between my village's heritage and the nation's appreciation.

Sridhi Kumari, Bihar Pavilion (Bhagalpuri Silk Artisan)

machine-made products, Rukmani sees IITF as a vital platform to demonstrate the value of authentic, handcrafted textiles to a wider audience

#### Jharkhand: Tribal Craftsmanship in Focus

Marking its 25th year of statehood, Jharkhand is the Partner State at IITF 2025. Among its standout exhibits are the lacquer bangles made by 49-year-old Jhabar Mal, representing the craftsmanship of nearly 400 Adivasi women. As the only lac bangle artisan at the fair for the past several years, he draws attention to a traditional art form that continues to thrive through community-driven production.

#### Beyond Sales: A Marketplace for Growth

Trade fairs like IITF function as vital economic ecosystems. While on-site sales matter, many exhibitors emphasise that post-event orders and long-term business partnerships are the real markers of success. Several artisans report that the income generated from the fair often equals multiple months of regular earnings.

Aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, this year's fair underscores India's push toward economic self-reliance, social empowerment, and global trade expansion. As lights glow across the sprawling pavilions each evening, the stories of exhibitors reflect the strength of India's grassroots economy.

From textiles to organic produce, tribal crafts to rural innovations, IITF 2025 reaffirms that India's economic progress is built equally by its small entrepreneurs individuals whose determination, creativity, and heritage continue to shape the nation's evolving marketplace.





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## Launching in 2027: The first trade fair for grinding technology in the Americas

incinnati, Ohio, is set to become a hotspot for grinding technology innovations Launching in 2027, GrindingHub Americas will be the first and as yet only trade fair in America dedicated exclusively to grinding technology. Organized by the German Machine Tool Builders' Association (VDW), Messe Stuttgart and Swissmem (Swiss Association of the Machinery, Electrical and Metal Industries), the successful concept first established by GrindingHub Stuttgart is now being brought to the American market.

#### International grinding technology manufacturers plan to serve the US market

The initiative for GrindingHub Americas once again came from the manufacturers. "Well-known companies from the grinding technology sector, together with representatives of their US subsidiaries, asked us to develop a trade fair concept for the American market based on the model of GrindingHub in Stuttgart. It should be clearly structured and focused on grinding technology. We are delighted to be able to fulfill this request with our trusted partners Messe Stuttgart and Swissmem, as it also shows that the companies have great confidence in us," reports Dr. Markus Heering, Managing

Director of the VDW. Roland Bleinroth, President of Messe Stuttgart, adds: "America is one of the most dynamic industrial markets in the world. Together with our American trade fair partners, we are convinced that the new GrindingHub Americas will become the ideal platform for the grinding technology sector and international cooperation in one of the most important global markets."

The products and services on show cover the entire spectrum of grinding technology: From grinding machines and tools through to automation, measurement technology, digitalization and sustainable production solutions. The event will have a strong focus on innovation and opportunities for international market leaders and local experts to meet up and exchange information, with the advantage that everyone is brought together in one location. Key areas of focus of the new trade fair include live demos and technologies that increase productivity, reduce costs and redefine precision.

#### Cincinnati as an ideal location

GrindingHub Americas is aimed specifically at decision-makers and purchasing staff from forward-thinking industries such as the automotive industry, aerospace, defense, medical technology and mechanical engineering. Cincinnati, in the



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Dr. Markus Heering President, Messe Stuttgart heart of the Midwest industrial cluster, offers the ideal infrastructure and proximity to important production sites in the United States – especially for the automotive and aerospace sectors.

"GrindingHub Americas in Cincinnati is ideally located in the immediate vicinity of GE Aerospace and numerous automotive suppliers. There, we can demonstrate to key customer industries the capabilities of the international manufacturers, which can make a valuable contribution to the success and competitiveness of US industry," says Markus Heering, explaining the choice of location.

First board meeting highlights the relevance of the new trade fair

The first board meeting with leading grinding technology companies took place in Cincinnati at the beginning of November 2025. Among the participating companies and board members are enterprises such as Action SuperAbrasive, Anca, Norton Saint-Gobain, Rollomatic, Star SU LLC, Supertec Machinery, United Grinding North America and Vollmer America.

'Industry experts agree: there is a need for a trade fair in the Americas that focuses specifically on grinding technology and related processes. Strong partners have joined forces on the board to make the first GrindingHub Americas 2027 in Cincinnati a reality," emphasizes board chairman Phil Kurtz. "Our board will ensure that the trade fair offers manufacturers a platform to present their innovative solutions to a specialist audience that is specifically looking for process optimization."

GrindingHub Americas will take place on May 18-20, 2027 at the Duke Energy Convention Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. Under the motto of "Where precision meets progress", the trade fair is positioning itself as an absolutely unmissable event for anyone who wants to set new standards in the world of grinding technology.

More information about GrindingHub Americas is available at www.grindinghubamericas.com



## Strong signal for the industry: productronica 2025 drives positive industry trend

rom November 18 to 21, over 1,600 exhibitors from 52 countries met at productronica to present innovations in electronics development and production. Compared to the previous edition, this year's event saw an increase of around 20 percent in exhibitor numbers and more than 10 percent in the number of visitors. The key topics included advanced packaging, power electronics, and reliable microelectronics.

The sharp rise worldwide in demand for electronic components has thrust the topic of trusted microelectronics further into the industry spotlight. productronica 2025 picked up on this trend and showed how new technologies, testing solutions, and manufacturing approaches are helping improve transparency and security along the entire value chain. The trade fair thus sent a clear signal for the future viability of the industry.

Messe München CEO Dr. Reinhard Pfeiffer underscores the event's significance: "productronica 2025 has impressively demonstrated how important it is for global electronics manufacturing. Record internationality and the strong partnership with SEMICON Europa create a vibrant environment for innovation. The outstanding feedback from our exhibitors and visitors affirms its status as the industry's most important meeting place."

## Internationality among exhibitors hits record level

productronica 2025 was more international than ever before. The share of exhibiting companies from abroad was around 58 percent (2023: 54 percent). In a ten-year comparison, the internationality of exhibitors even rose by more than ten percentage points (2015: 46 percent). In addition to Germany, the top exhibitor countries at productronica 2025 included China, Italy, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, France, Japan, Switzerland, Austria, and South Korea.

In total, more than 47,000 visitors from 98 countries came to Munich for productronica 2025. Alongside Germany, the top visitor countries were Italy, Austria, France, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, China, Poland, Spain, the Netherlands and the Czech Republic.

Rainer Kurtz, Chairman of the productronica Advisory
Board, was thoroughly impressed with the anniversary edition: "A family get-together for global electronics manufacturers: That is what productronica has been for the last 50 years. What was special about this year's trade fair was the increased presence of international visitors and the explosion of innovations. Munich did well again."

As the conceptual partner of productronica, VDMA Productronic provided intensive support in selecting the focus topics and for the special show featuring practical examples from the fields of electromobility and autonomous driving.

## Exhibitor and visitor satisfaction at the highest level:

In the overall rating, both exhibitors and visitors were once again very satisfied with productronica. According to a survey carried out by the market research institute Gelszus, 98 percent of the visitors rated

The anniversary edition of productronica was a resounding success for VDMA ESB and Productronic with, among others, the highly acclaimed Special Exhibit Area. Our exhibiting members reported a strong volume of leads, and there was a sense of much optimism in the packed halls despite the challenging times.

Thilo Brückner, CEO of VDMA Electronics, Solar and Battery Production the event as excellent to good. In addition, 95 percent of the visitors surveyed said that productronica had lived up to their expectations regarding innovations.

productronica also received top marks from exhibitors. For 91 percent of companies, the trade fair was excellent to good. 90 percent of the exhibitors praised the high quality of the visitors.

According to project manager Barbara Müller, these top-level marks confirm the strength of the trade fair concept: "The positive ratings by exhibitors and visitors clearly reflect productronica's strong international appeal. The trade fair is a global networking platform that highlights relevant innovations and enables business success."

#### 50 years of productronica—half a century of the world-leading trade fair in Munich:

productronica celebrated its anniversary this year. Originally launched as an exhibition area at electronica, productronica was first held as an independent event in Munich in 1975. What began back then with 94 companies from twelve countries and 3,900 visitors evolved within a few years into the leading platform for electronics development and production. To mark productronica's 50th anniversary, Messe München honored companies that have been there right from the start. Among the very first exhibitors are AAT Aston, Brady, Konradin, Kurtz Ersa, Rohde & Schwarz, Komax Group/Schleuniger, and Schmoll Maschinen.

SEMICON Europa, which occupied three halls as a colocated event, also celebrated its 50th anniversary.

With regard to that, Ajit Manocha, CEO SEMI, praised the cooperation between the two trade fairs: "We greatly value the strong partnership between SEMI and Messe München, and look forward to deepening our collaboration in Munich and globally for many years to come. productronica, electronica, and SEMICON Europa together provide the most impactful trade show platform in Europe for the semiconductor and electronics industries, and we are grateful for the opportunity to continue this promising growth trajectory together."



## India ITME Strengthens Global Textile Partnerships at Networking Forum in Singapore



the Future of Textile Industry – From Heritage to High-Tech' on 29 October 2025 in Singapore, bringing together officials from the Ministry of Textiles, embassy representatives, entrepreneurs, technocrats, industry associations and media professionals. The exclusive gathering aimed to deepen collaboration, exchange industry insights and explore emerging opportunities across the Indian textile and textile engineering value chain.

Held just after the Diwali festivities and alongside ITMA ASIA + CITME Singapore 2025, the Society also organised an "India Business Evening" to promote partnerships, sourcing opportunities and trade alliances in textiles and textile machinery. The event drew 183 delegates from the USA, UK, China, Sweden, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Turkey, Germany and Singapore.

The networking platforms were part of a strategic industry initiative to accelerate technology partnerships, manufacturing collaborations and joint ventures between Indian textile players and

global counterparts. The objective is to drive shared growth and unlock new avenues for trade and innovation.

Addressing the gathering, Rohit Kansal (IAS), Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, highlighted India's growing importance in global textile machinery markets. He noted that India is one of the top hubs for weaving and knitting machinery installations, reflecting rapid expansion across the fabric and apparel sectors. With a domestic market of over 1.4 billion consumers, India offers significant opportunities for investment and collaboration in the coming decade.

Under his leadership, the Indian delegation engaged with international organisations including the British Textile Machinery Association (BTMA). Taiwan Association of Machinery Industry (TAMI), International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF), Turkish Textile Machinery and Accessories Industrialists Association (TEMSAD), Federation of Merchants' Associations Singapore, Textile Machinery Association of Sweden (TMAS) and China Textile Machinery Association (CTMA).

India's High Commissioner



India stands today as one of the top global hubs for weaving and knitting machinery installations, reflecting a rapid expansion across our fabric and apparel sectors. With a domestic market of over 1.4 billion consumers, the coming decade offers unparalleled opportunities for international investment and collaboration.

Rohit Kansal (IAS), Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles to Singapore, H.E. Dr. Shilpak Ambule (IFS), underscored the strength of India—Singapore trade ties, noting that Singapore is India's sixth-largest global trading partner and its largest partner within ASEAN. He observed that the textile relationship is defined by India's leadership in garment manufacturing and Singapore's role as a logistics, design and retail hub.

Hemant Sharma, President – Polyester at Reliance Industries Ltd., emphasised that textiles remain central to India's manufacturing growth, generating employment, driving exports and fostering innovation. He noted that with sustained policy support and industry dynamism, India is poised to reinforce its position as a responsible and resilient global sourcing hub, contributing meaningfully to the nation's long-term economic aspirations.

The recently signed UK-BTMA partnership also drew considerable interest. Jason Kent, CEO of BTMA, highlighted that the ongoing UK-India Free Trade Agreement negotiations present a unique opportunity to co-create a nextgeneration global textile order. He stressed that the FTA could blend India's scale and digital capabilities with the UK's expertise in design, research and sustainability.

India ITME Society Chairman Ketan Sanghvi pointed to India's strong consumer sentiment during Diwali 2025, with festive spending rising 25 percent compared to USD 47.22 billion in 2024. This economic vibrancy, he noted, bodes well for the textile and textile engineering sectors in shaping a future rooted in prosperity, sustainability and inclusivity. He reaffirmed the Society's commitment to advancing global dialogue and facilitating business opportunities at India ITME 2026, scheduled from 4 to 9 December 2026 at IEML, Greater Noida

### Shenzhen Gift Fair 2025 Concludes with 4,500+ Exhibitors

he 33rd China (Shenzhen) International Gifts and Home Products Fair (SZ Gift Fair), organised by RX Huabo, concluded successfully after its four-day run from 20–23 October 2025 at the Shenzhen World Exhibition & Convention Center. With over 4,500 exhibitors and a global turnout of buyers, the event reaffirmed its position as one of the world's most influential sourcing platforms for

design-forward, IP-driven gifts and home products.

#### AI Accelerates Scenario-Based Consumer Innovation

This year's fair placed a spotlight on AI-powered living. Leading smart appliance brands, including Xiaomi and Midea, unveiled intelligent home ecosystems designed to simplify and personalise daily life. Robotics leaders such as DJI and Ecovacs showcased next-generation autonomous vacuum cleaners capable of prioritising tasks and adapting to diverse home environments.

In the audio segment, EDIFIER introduced AI-calibrated headphones that personalise sound profiles for each listener. Meanwhile, brands like Hohem and Godox presented ultralight wireless imaging and livestream tools aimed at creators seeking highperformance mobility.

## Pharmexcil to Lead India **Pavilion at World Health Expo** 2026 in Dubai

he Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (Pharmexcil) will host the India Pavilion at the World Health Expo (WHX) 2026 in Dubai, scheduled from February 9 to 12, 2026. The Pavilion will span 522 square meters and feature 61 exhibition stalls.

This marks Pharmexcil's 19th consecutive participation in WHX Dubai (formerly Arab Health), one of the world's largest healthcare gatherings, held at the Dubai Exhibition Centre. The Council has encouraged member companies looking to expand their presence in Middle Eastern and African markets to participate in this major international event.

WHX 2026 will bring together doctors, healthcare executives, innovators, and policymakers for high-level networking and collaboration. Over 4,800 exhibitors will present cutting-edge medical technologies, devices, and healthcare solutions. The event is expected to attract more than 270,000 visitors from over 180 countries,

underlining its global significance.

With the support of the Union Ministry of Commerce, Pharmexcil is offering India Pavilion stalls at subsidized rates-significantly lower than the standard exhibitor fees. Stall bookings can be made through its online reservation system.

"India Pavilion stalls are being offered at concessional rates due to government financial support. Members will also be eligible for travel reimbursement under the Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme, subject to guidelines and fund availability," said Raja Bhanu, Director General, Pharmexcil.

#### Eligibility criteria for exhibitors include:

- Mandatory Pharmexcil membership for at least one year.
- Export turnover not exceeding ₹50 crore in the previous financial year. Not having participated in
- the Arab Health Pavilion for more than three years. The 2026 edition features a new venue and an expanded

format. The main conference



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will shift to the Dubai Exhibition Centre and will be co-located with WHX Labs Dubai (formerly Medlab Middle East), making this the world's largest healthcare event. This year's theme focuses on "shaping the future of healthcare" through sustainable and disruptive innovations

Pharmexcil also confirmed that the India Pavilion will be built to international standards, eliminating the need for individual design efforts unless participants wish to create their own compliant booth designs. Members can reserve up to two adjacent stalls, with a maximum allotment of 18 square meters per company. Full payment must be completed within 10 days of reservation, and no later than November 17, 2025, to avoid automatic cancellation.

#### Iran Announces Its First International Artificial Intelligence Exhibition for January 2026



ehran is set to host the inaugural Iran International Artificial Intelligence Exhibition (Iran AIX Expo 2026)

from January 12 to 15, 2026, at the Tehran International Permanent Fairground. The event, officially authorised by the Iran Trade Promotion Organization, is being organised with the support of the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology and the Iranian Artificial Intelligence Organization.

As Iran's first dedicated and large-scale AI-focused exhibition, Iran AIX Expo 2026 aims to build a comprehensive platform that brings together innovators, knowledgebased enterprises, financial institutions, and key industry



adopters of artificial intelligence. Halls 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 27 of the Tehran International Fairground will be transformed into interactive zones featuring advanced AI products, solutions, and demonstrations from domestic and international participants.

The exhibition will also host a series of expert-led programs, including panel discussions, sector-specific AI dialogues, handson training workshops, B2B and B2G networking sessions, and an Innovation Stage dedicated to showcasing breakthrough technologies. These activities are designed to promote knowledge exchange, deepen industry collaboration, and support commercial partnerships.

With the rapid growth of AI startups and the expanding use of artificial intelligence across Iranian industries, the Iran AIX Expo 2026 is expected to attract substantial investment and enhance the global visibility and export potential of the country's emerging AI innovations.

Interested participants can register via the official website: www.iranaiexpo.com.



## Messe München and dmg events to bring bauma to Saudi Arabia in 2027

esse München
has announced
the inaugural
edition of bauma
SAUDI ARABIA, scheduled for
April 2027 in Riyadh, signing a
Memorandum of Understanding
(MoU) with dmg events as
exhibition organiser and local
project partner.

With its ambitious reform program "Vision 2030", Saudi Arabia is positioning itself as one of the most dynamic growth markets in the Middle East. A key focus lies on strategic investments in infrastructure projects. The construction sector alone is expected to reach a volume of around €130 billion (\$151 billion) by 2030. As the country relies heavily on imported goods, this creates ideal conditions for bauma and its clientele, Messe München says. "As the world's leading platform for machinery, technologies and

services in the construction and mining sectors, bauma connects international suppliers with investors and decision makers from business, politics and academia."

Both Messe München and dmg events have agreed that editions of the Big 5 Construct Saudi will focus on construction materials, building design and fitout from 2027 onwards, whereas bauma SAUDI ARABIA will focus on construction machinery and vehicles, building material machines and mining machines.

The partnership between Messe München and dmg events offers numerous advantages: dmg events is a strong local partner with extensive expertise in planning and executing trade fairs in the Middle East, and brings a broad regional network to the table. Messe München, on the other hand, is one of the most experienced global trade

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Stefan Rummel & Dr. Reinhard Pfeiffer, CEOs, Messe München fair organisers, with a strong international network and deep industry expertise in the field of construction and mining equipment trade shows.

Messe München CEOs, Stefan Rummel and Dr Reinhard Pfeiffer, said in a joint statement: "The economic momentum in Saudi Arabia is tremendous. With bauma SAUDI ARABIA, we are becoming part of it, showcasing innovations and technologies for our customers and driving investment. At the same time, we are strengthening our international presence and securing Munich's position as a trade fair location."

Matt Denton, President, dmg events, added: "With over 40 years of the Big 5 championing the Middle East construction market in Dubai and 15 years of Big 5 Construct Saudi shining a spotlight on the burgeoning Saudi Arabian market, we are pleased to enter into another exciting chapter with Messe München and bauma in Saudi Arabia."

bauma SAUDI ARABIA will be Messe München's second proprietary event in the region, scheduled to take place in April 2027 at the Riyadh Front Exhibition & Conference Center. The trade fair will offer exhibitors from the sectors of construction machinery, building material machines, mining equipment, construction vehicles and construction tools visibility in a dynamic market environment and open up attractive business opportunities, Messe München says. bauma SAUDI ARABIA adds to Messe München's other events such as bauma CHINA, bauma CONEXPO INDIA and M&T EXPO (Brazil). The bauma in Munich remains the largest trade fair in the world in terms of exhibition

### **Global Industrie 2026: A Forward-Thinking Edition Championing Youth**



lobal Industrie returns in 2026 with a dynamic new edition that places youth, innovation, and industry

transformation at the heart of its agenda. After attracting  $60,\!000$  visitors in 2025 despite a challenging economic backdrop, the upcoming edition is already showing strong momentum. With  $2,\!500$  exhibitors,  $60,\!000$  expected visitors, representation from 91 countries, and more than  $4,\!000$  innovations spread across  $100,\!000$  m², the event reaffirms its position as France's

leading industrial showcase.

The four-day programme will explore the major challenges and opportunities shaping the future of industry:

- Day 1: Opening ceremony with the Minister of Industry and discussions under the theme "Our Industries Facing the World"
- Day 2: Support for SMEs and small businesses navigating industrial transformation and innovation
- Days 3 & 4: Dedicated focus on youth, skills development and enhancing

the appeal of industrial careers A major highlight of the 2026 edition is the introduction of the Booster, a central hub designed as an all-in-one resource for entrepreneurs. With 40 partner organisations specialising in finance, global expansion, innovation, and strategic consulting, the Booster will offer SMEs, mid-sized companies and start-ups direct access to mentoring, one-on-one meetings, pitch sessions and networking opportunities with industrial leaders.

## Hyderabad Comic Con X DreamHack India Wraps Up with a Spectacular Celebration of Pop Culture and Gaming

he Maruti Suzuki Arena Hyderabad Comic Con, powered by Crunchyroll and staged in partnership with

and staged in partnership with DreamHack India, concluded its vibrant three-day festival at the Hitex Exhibition Centre from October 31 to November 2. The event drew an impressive crowd of over 40,000 visitors and featured more than 400 cosplayers.

Hosted by Comic Con India under NODWIN Gaming, the convention brought together fans of comics, anime, gaming, cosplay, and pop culture. International guests included writer and executive producer Mike Costa of Netflix's Lucifer, and acclaimed artist J. Gonzo, known for his contributions to Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Ghost Rider, and Aliens.

The event showcased 17 Indian comic creators, nine stage performers, and over 80 exhibitors offering hands-on activities. Major attractions ranged from Maruti Suzuki's interactive reflex challenge and Crunchyroll's anime showcase to Android Land's PANFEST for BGMI fans. Visitors also explored

VR zones by Amar Chitra Katha and Tinkle, as well as experiential zones such as the Running Man Rage Room, Predator Badlands, and Zootopia 2 area.

A key highlight was the Hyderabad Qualifier for the Indian Championship of Cosplay 2026, where Pracheta Banerjee secured first place, winning ₹50,000 and advancing to the national finals.

DreamHack India marked its sixth anniversary at the event, reaffirming its position as India's largest digital festival. Enthusiasts enjoyed retro gaming setups, BYOD zones, KO Fight Night, and chess competitions. Standout winners included KMR YoshiKiller, who claimed ₹1,00,000 in the Tekken 8 KO Fight Night, and JLQ Hallmark, who won ₹40,000 in Super Smash Bros. Fans also connected with well-known gaming personalities such as Scout, Kaashvi, Sensei IGL, Ghatak Trace GOD, and creators from Red Bull and GodLike including Jonathan, V3nom, Zgod, Sharkshe, Bachu, Dobby Mizo, and Payal. Rob (Harun Robert) of M.A.D. fame drew crowds during the Red Bull Tetris National Finals.

Live performances by Syed



Hyderabad's enthusiasm was incredible. Fans of every age came together to express their passion for pop culture, from meeting creators to engaging in immersive zones—the city truly lit up.

**Shefali Johnson,** CEO, Comic Con India



Bashaar, Vivek Muralidharan, Karan Singh, Celinedee Matahari, Kayden Sharma, MC Maahaa, Black Diamond, Geek Fruit, and Team Artista amplified the electric atmosphere.

Reflecting on the event, Shefali Johnson, CEO of Comic Con India, said, "Hyderabad's enthusiasm was incredible. Fans of every age came together to express their passion for pop culture, from meeting creators to engaging in immersive zones—the city truly lit un"

Akshat Rathee, Co-founder & MD of NODWIN Gaming, added, "This collaboration reflects our commitment to creating vibrant entertainment experiences for young audiences. With comics, cosplay, gaming, music, and performances, we aim to bring richer, more immersive events every year. We appreciate the support of our community, partners, and sponsors in bringing this vision to life."

## Fresh Produce India 2026 Returns to Mumbai with Expanded Programming



networking, expert insights, and curated market study tours. As India's leading business forum for the fresh fruit and vegetable sector, the event brings together top domestic and international players shaping the future of the industry.

Organised by Fruitnet in partnership with Asia Fruit Logistica, the 2026 edition will take place at the Trident Nariman Point Hotel—one of South Mumbai's premier business venues. The event will feature a dynamic expo floor, a comprehensive programme of presentations, panel discussions, and tastings, followed by

a full day of curated tours across key wholesale, distribution, and retail hubs in Mumbai

A strong lineup of industry leaders will deliver insights on market trends, emerging opportunities, and shifts driving India's rapidly evolving fresh produce landscape. With the conference sessions running alongside the networking expo, delegates can seamlessly gain expert knowledge while engaging with decision-makers and senior professionals from across the supply chain.

Fresh Produce India will also host the prestigious Fresh Produce India Awards, organised by Fruitnet Media International. The awards honour excellence across India's fresh produce industry in three categories: India Business, India Marketing Campaign, and India Impact.

India's Rapidly Evolving Market: India continues to strengthen its position as one of the most dynamic markets globally, driven by a rising middle class and its status as the fastest-growing major economy. According to John Hey, Managing Director of Fruitnet Asia, the local market is undergoing profound change. Quick commerce is transforming consumer behaviour, cultivation of new crops such as berries and avocados is expanding, and fruit imports are diversifying beyond traditional products and metros. Major investments in logistics are also enhancing supply chain efficiency.

"We're excited to dive deeper into these developments at Fresh Produce India 2026," Hey added.



## IICE 2025: India's Biggest Ice Cream Expo Draws Global Brands to Yashobhoomi, Delhi

he Indian Ice Cream Expo (IICE) 2025, held from 6–8 October 2025 at the iconic Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, Dwarka, Delhi, brought together the entire ecosystem of India's rapidly expanding ice cream industry. Now in its 13th edition, IICE has grown into one of the most influential B2B events for ice cream manufacturers, suppliers, food technologists, and retail professionals.

Organised by the Indian Ice-Cream Manufacturers' Association (IICMA) and managed by AIM Events, this year's expo opened on a high note. The 2025 edition was supported by major partners, with HAIER as the Title Partner, and KAP Group and Lotus Machineries Solutions as Platinum Partners. DP Chocolates, Morde Foods, Nivriti Agro, and Centric Software Hong Kong Ltd. joined as Gold Partners-reinforcing the event's scale and industry credibility.

## Top Ice Cream Brands and Global Exhibitors Participate:

IICE 2025 welcomed leading Indian brands including Amul, Vadilal, Havmor, Naturals, Scoops, HOCCO, Hangyo, Creambell, Arun, Dinshaw's, Top N Town, Apsara, and Pabba's. With 30+ international companies participating—many debuting at the show—the expohighlighted its growing global footprint and appeal.

#### A Dynamic 3-Day Experience of Innovation & Networking Over three days, the expo offered:

- Live seminars and workshops led by industry experts
- Product launches and demonstrations
- Technical sessions on flavours, ingredients, and machinery
- B2B networking opportunities for manufacturers, distributors, startups, and investors

The event explored trends such as premiumisation, newage flavours, process automation, sustainable packaging, and modern cold chain technologies.

#### Industry Leaders Highlight Growth and Opportunities

- Rajesh Gandhi, Chairman of Vadilal Industries & IICMA, called the expo a "thriving hub of opportunities."
- Sudhir Shah, President of IICMA and MD of Scoops, emphasized the expo's central role in business growth and collaboration.
- Aashish Nahar, Secretary of IICMA and MD of Creamica, noted exceptional participation from both Indian and international delegations.
- Firoz H. Naqvi, Director, AIM Events, shared that India's ice cream market—valued at ₹30,000 crore (USD 2 billion)— is growing at a 15–20% CAGR, driven by rising disposable income, youth demand, urbanization, and appetite



This expo plays a central role in driving business growth and fostering collaboration across the sector. It is the premier platform for manufacturers and suppliers to connect.

Sudhir Shah, President, IICMA and MD, Scoops for premium, innovative products.

He also acknowledged the contributions of Pradeep G. Pai, Treasurer of IICMA and MD of Hangyo, and the entire IICMA leadership for making the event a milestone success.

#### A Comprehensive Showcase of Ice Cream Industry Solutions: IICE 2025 featured an extensive exhibitor profile, including:

- Ice cream manufacturing machinery
- Cone-making equipment and technologies
- Cold chain logistics, refrigeration, and storage solutions
- Packaging, labelling, and coding systems
- Ingredients such as flavours, stabilizers, emulsifiers, nuts, spices, and saffron
- Wooden sticks, display counters, and parlour design solutions
- Consultants, technologists, interior designers, and e-commerce platforms supporting retail and digital expansion

## 25,000+ Visitors From India and Abroad

The expo attracted a diverse visitor base:

- Manufacturers, distributors, importers, exporters
- Retail chains, supermarkets, bakeries, cloud kitchens
- Hotels, restaurants, catering companies, resorts
- Food service providers, procurement heads, and F&B consultants
- Culinary institutes, government authorities, technologists, and media

This unmatched participation made IICE 2025 a powerful marketplace for business deals, product sourcing, partnership building, and discovering emerging trends in the ice cream sector

## IICE 2025: A Landmark Edition for India's Ice Cream Industry

With its high-energy atmosphere, global participation, and innovation-driven approach, IICE 2025 reaffirmed its position as India's premier ice cream industry expo. The expo is set to return for its next edition from 10th to 12th of September 2026 at Chennai Trade Centre.

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## Germany's trade fairs continue to expand abroad

n the coming year, German trade fair companies are planning 330 events in almost 40 countries, ten percent more than in 2024. This is shown by a recent survey by the Association of the German Trade Fair Industry AUMA. Many of these projects are spin-offs of established trade fairs that have been successfully held in Germany for years. With their renowned trade fair concepts and strong networks in important regions of the world, German trade fair companies are opening up new opportunities for SMEs to export and position themselves internationally. All foreign trade fairs organised by AUMA members in 2026 can now be found in the trade fair database.

The most important foreign market for German trade fair organisers is South, East and Central Asia with 202 events. This is followed by the markets of Latin America (36), Europe (35), the Near and Middle East (20), North America (19), Africa (14) and Australia/Oceania with four trade fairs. A total of 16 members of AUMA and the Trade Fairs and Exhibitions Association (FAMA) will be organising trade fairs abroad next year. The trade fairs cover almost the entire industry spectrum - from automation to construction technology, the energy industry, food and vehicles to agriculture and forestry, mechanical engineering and the textile industry.

325 trade fairs abroad were planned for 2025, 80 of them in the fourth quarter.

Germany is at the top of the list: for 87 per cent of trade fair organisers here, expansion abroad is a strategic priority. With their renowned trade fair concepts and strong networks in important regions of the world, German trade fair companies are opening up new opportunities for SMEs to export and position themselves internationally. In the coming year, German trade fair companies are planning 330 events in almost 40 countries, ten percent more than in 2024.

Two dozen trade fairs are new events. More than half of these are based on their own new concepts, while the others are based on the purchase of existing events or on cooperations. In 2024, AUMA and FAMA members organised around 300 trade fairs abroad with around 135,000 exhibiting companies, 8.9 million visitors and a booked stand area of almost 3.5 million square metres. The number of new events totalled just under 30.

More than half of trade fair and event organisers worldwide are planning to expand their activities into new countries and regions. This is the result of a survey conducted by the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry (UFI) and published in July 2025. Germany is at the top of the list: for 87 per cent of trade fair organisers here, expansion abroad is a strategic priority. This is followed by Colombia (73%), South Africa (71%), the Emirates (70%) and Saudi Arabia (63%).

## MosBuild 2026: A Strategic Launchpad for Indian Suppliers

ndian manufacturers and exporters seeking to tap into high-growth international markets will find a major opportunity at MosBuild 2026, Eurasia's largest exhibition for building and interior products. Scheduled from 31 March to 3 April 2026 at Crocus Expo, Moscow, the event is set to welcome more than 80,000 industry professionals and over 1,370 exhibitors across 17 specialised segments including building materials, finishes, lighting, décor, and

interior solutions.

Russia's construction sector—valued at USD 184.4 billion in 2025 and projected to reach USD 214.7 billion by 2030 is experiencing strong growth driven by large-scale infrastructure projects, housing development, and industrial expansion. This momentum is creating a rising demand for innovative materials, advanced technologies, and reliable global suppliers.

For India, the opportunity is particularly compelling. As Russia

continues to diversify its supply channels away from Europe and strengthen trade ties with Asia, Indian exporters are increasingly being seen as trusted partners offering quality, competitive pricing, and agile manufacturing.

"We chose to exhibit at MosBuild to present our full portfolio directly to our target audience. It truly is an outstanding platform for anyone looking to expand into Russia and the CIS markets."



## JEC World 2026: Redefining Boundaries in Materials Innovation

rom March 10 to 12, 2026, Paris will once again take center stage in the world of composite materials as it hosts JEC World 2026 at Paris-Nord Villepinte. Recognized as the leading international platform for composite materials, manufacturing technologies, and end-use applications, the event continues to build on its legacy as a global catalyst for innovation, partnership, and business development.

After a landmark 2025 edition celebrating the show's 60th anniversary, JEC World 2026 is set to unite the entire composites community – from established industry giants and cutting-edge startups to researchers, academics, investors, and decisionmakers. With more than 1,400 exhibitors and an expected 46,000 professional visits from over 100 countries, attendees will have access to the newest technologies and sustainable solutions spanning sectors such as aerospace, drones, space, mobility, infrastructure, renewable energy, marine, sports, leisure, and construction. This edition aims to elevate the event experience with an expanded exhibition, a richer content programme, and groundbreaking innovations, with a strong emphasis on sustainable materials, advanced manufacturing



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processes, and next-generation recycling and circularity technologies.

## A dynamic hub of knowledge, innovation, and entrepreneurship

More than an exhibition, JEC World 2026 serves as a global exchange hub, enabling cross-sector collaboration through its networking spaces, business matchmaking programmes, and knowledgeled sessions. Over three days, attendees can access conferences and expert talks across two Agoras and an Open Stage, covering emerging technologies, sustainability breakthroughs, circularity strategies, and pathways toward carbon neutrality.

The Startup Booster remains the industry's most influential competition for startups in composites and advanced materials. From over 100 applicants, 20 finalists will pitch their innovations to a jury of experts and investors. The show will also feature an expanded Startups Village, bringing together more than 60 emerging companies, further establishing JEC

Building on the legacy of our landmark 60th anniversary, JEC World 2026 returns as the undisputed global catalyst for the composite industry. From aerospace to renewable energy, we are uniting the entire value chaingiants and startups alike—to define the future of manufacturing technologies.'

"This edition places a decisive emphasis on the future of our planet. Through the dedicated Circularity and **Bio-Materials** Villages, we are spotlighting not just materials, but the nextgeneration recycling technologies and carbon-neutral strategies that are reshaping the industry.'

World as a key destination for deep-tech innovators. Investor Day will facilitate targeted one-to-one meetings and curated guided tours to spark meaningful investment partnerships.

## Enhanced networking and immersive live demonstrations

The Business Meetings
Programme, which continues
to grow each year, will
connect high-value buyers
with exhibitors, ensuring
participants can optimize their
time and build productive
partnerships before and during
the event.

Across the show floor, visitors will witness live demonstrations of advanced manufacturing technologies in an enlarged demo area, offering real-time insights into industrial innovation. The event's thematic Villages and guided routes will present a comprehensive view of the composite materials ecosystem, including:

- Circularity Village, spotlighting recycling, repair, reuse and repurposing of composite components
- Bio-Materials Village, showcasing bio-based materials and composites in collaboration with the Alliance for European Flax-Linen & Hemp
- SMEs Village, featuring agile and innovative small and mid-sized businesses
- Startups Village, highlighting emerging disruptors and Startup Booster finalists

## A celebration of composites and a preview of the year's top innovations

The renowned JEC Innovation Planets will once again feature the 2026 line-up of standout composite projects and applications identified globally by JEC experts, demonstrating how composites drive efficiency, sustainability, and performance across industries.

Ahead of the exhibition, the JEC World 2026 Premiere will stream live on social media on January 12, 2026, unveiling the event's key highlights, announcing the 20 Startup Booster finalists, and revealing the winners of the prestigious JEC Innovation Awards.

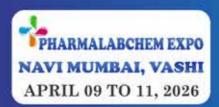












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## IGTM and PGA Show Forge New Global Alliance to Accelerate Growth in Golf Industry

he International Golf Travel Market (IGTM) and the PGA Show have announced a strategic collaboration designed to strengthen links across the worldwide golf ecosystem. This new alliance aims to connect key segments of the industry—including golf tourism, retail, technology, and professional services—to drive innovation and expand business opportunities.

Recognized as leading platforms in their respective domains, IGTM brings together the global golf travel community, while the PGA Show serves as the industry's largest business marketplace. Their partnership is set to enhance industry engagement, spark new ideas, and create deeper commercial

pathways.

"Golf travel is essential to the sport's global growth," said Fiona Ashton, Event Manager of IGTM. "Through this partnership, we're fostering a more unified and dynamic landscape—one that connects PGA of America Golf Professionals, tour operators, suppliers, and technology pioneers to deliver meaningful business outcomes."

#### **Key Joint Initiatives**

The partnership's first initiatives will roll out at IGTM 2025, scheduled for October 20–23 in Cannes, France. Highlights include:

PGA of America Golf
 Professional Participation:
 For the first time, select PGA
 of America Golf Professionals

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**Fiona Ashton,** Event Manager, IGTM from leading U.S. clubs will be invited to join IGTM. These professionals, who regularly curate group travel experiences, will receive hosted benefits at the event.

- The Discovery Zone:
  A new exhibition area designed to spotlight emerging brands, technologies, and trends in golf travel, apparel, equipment, and tech-driven solutions.
- Shared Market Insights:
  Both events will collaborate
  on data-sharing to provide
  trend analysis and industry
  intelligence that helps guide
  business planning and enrich
  event programming.
  Looking Ahead

Further collaboration is planned for the 2026 PGA Show in Orlando, where IGTM will introduce a dedicated presence featuring specialized content and curated showcases. This initiative will spotlight golf travel for the thousands of PGA Professionals and industry leaders who attend the show annually.

"This partnership is a natural progression of our aligned objectives," said Marc Simon, Event Vice President for PGA Golf Exhibitions. "It allows us to bring more PGA of America Golf Professionals into IGTM, deepen our shared focus on innovation, and strengthen connections with the European golf travel sector."

IGTM and the PGA Show extend an open invitation to destinations, tour operators, suppliers, PGA Professionals, tech innovators, and media partners to be part of this expanded collaborative effort shaping the future of global golf business.

## Indian Embassy in Riyadh Hosts 3rd Edition of Pravasi Parichay Cultural Festival

he Embassy of India in Riyadh has concluded the third edition of Pravasi Parichay, a week-long cultural festival taking place from October 28 to November 3, 2025.

The annual celebration highlights India's vibrant cultural heritage and is organized in collaboration with Indian diaspora associations across Saudi Arabia. Since its launch in 2023, the festival has become a prominent platform for showcasing state-specific traditions through classical dance, music, folk art, and regional cuisine.

This year's festivities began with

a dazzling Bollywood Musical Night, featuring talented singers from the Indian community who performed an engaging blend of evergreen melodies and contemporary hits. Alongside the musical showcase, the Viksit Bharat Art Exhibition presented more than 20 remarkable artworks created by women artists from the diaspora, offering audiences an inspiring glimpse into India's artistic breadth.

The festival's schedule aligns with India's National Unity Day on October 31, adding a symbolic layer to its theme of celebrating unity in diversity. Indian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan, expressed gratitude for the community's continued enthusiasm and support, noting that Pravasi Parichay strengthens cultural ties while deepening the relationship between the Embassy and the Indian diaspora in the Kingdom.

With strong participation from Indian community members and active contributions from various cultural organizations, Pravasi Parichay continues to grow as a meaningful platform that promotes cultural expression, community bonding, and cross-cultural appreciation in Saudi Arabia.



## Pentawards Festival Set to Elevate Global Packaging Design at Paris Packaging Week 2026



fter a highly successful inaugural edition in 2025, the Pentawards Festival

will once again take place during Paris Packaging Week, scheduled for 5–6 February 2026 at Paris Expo Porte de Versailles. Returning with the theme "Fuelled by Ideas," the Festival aims to strengthen Paris's position as the world's leading hub for packaging design.

The two-day event will showcase cutting-edge creativity, featuring global industry speakers, artistic performances, and more than 100 award-winning packaging innovations. Open and free to all visitors, the Festival will bring together designers, agencies, major brands, and technology innovators for inspiring talks, immersive installations, and valuable networking opportunities.

#### Expanded Programme for 2026:

For its second edition, the Pentawards Festival introduces an expanded design-focused programme integrated throughout Paris Packaging Week. A dedicated design hub will present standout work from renowned agencies, including:

- ARD Design specialists in branding and packaging with studios in Vevey, London, and Zurich
- K Lazer Design Lab known for its pioneering holography applications
- Aktivia Creative Design
   Agency a Barcelona-based
   beauty design expert

- Gentlebrand Italian creative agency blending strategy and design
- Servaire & Co celebrated French agency working with luxury icons like PRADA, DIPTYQUE, and VEUVE CLICOUOT

Visitors can look forward to live creative demonstrations, on-stage ideation sessions, and discussions on the forces reshaping packaging—from AI-driven solutions and accessibility to the increasing commercial influence of design.

#### Confirmed Speakers Include:

- Jo Smith, Design & Visual Identity Leader, Innovation & Captain Morgan – Diageo
- Tina Touli, Designer & Artist (live stage performance)
- Sam O'Donahue, Co-Founder, Established – Pentawards Diamond Winner 2025
- Jennifer Clements, Senior Project Manager, and Chloe Scanlan, Marketing Manager
   Pentawards

## Additional speakers and brand leaders will be announced closer to the event.

## A Showcase of Future-Defining Packaging:

The 2026 edition will feature a world-class exhibition of more than 100 groundbreaking packaging designs, including the top winners from the 2025 Pentawards competition. Curated by a jury of over 50 industry experts from leading brands such as Microsoft, Nestlé, Coca-Cola, and Unilever, the display will explore themes such as AI-powered creativity,



The Pentawards Festival is a powerful reflection of our ambition to cement Paris as the global capital of packaging design. This second edition will bring new creative energy. forward-looking ideas, and an unrivalled opportunity for the global community to connect and discover emerging trends.

Josh Brooks, Co-Director, Paris Packaging Week inclusive beauty, and nextgeneration sustainability.

In celebration of Pentawards' 20th anniversary, a special retrospective will present iconic designs from the past two decades, tracing the evolution of packaging and its growing cultural impact.

Founded in 2007, the Pentawards continues to serve as the foremost global community dedicated to excellence in packaging design, inspiring and connecting industry professionals worldwide.

#### Design Vision for the Future:

Paris Packaging Week will also unveil its Perspectives 2026 Trend Report, themed "Cool & Conscious," highlighting one of the most influential shifts in the industry: the integration of aesthetics, responsibility, and desirability in modern packaging. Contributors include Louis Marty, CEO of Merci Handy, and Frédéric Dreux, Global R&D Packaging Director at Unilever, offering insights into how brands are balancing creativity with sustainability.

"This project embodies our belief that sustainable packaging can be bold, colourful, and full of personality," said Louis Marty of Merci Handy. "We love showing that eco-conscious beauty can still feel magical."

## A Growing Creative Movement in Paris:

Josh Brooks, Co-Director of Paris Packaging Week, emphasized the significance of the Festival's return:

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Adam Ryan, Head of Pentawards, added:

"Fuelled by Ideas' celebrates the creative spark that drives our industry. The concepts that shaped packaging two decades ago remain vital today—and will continue to shape its future. After an exceptional debut in 2025, we are excited to return in 2026 and bring global design leaders together to imagine the next chapter of packaging innovation."



## Mexico to Lead Global Spotlight as Partner Country at FITUR 2026

exico is set to take

on a starring role at FITUR 2026. the renowned International Tourism Fair scheduled from January 21 to 25 at IFEMA MADRID. As the official Partner Country, Mexico will use this influential platform to present its cultural vibrancy, natural wonders, and wideranging tourism experiences to an international audience. The announcement was made during a special event at the Residence of the Mexican Embassy in Spain, attended by senior officials and

## Strengthening Mexico's Global Tourism Position:

key tourism stakeholders.

With its prominent role at FITUR 2026, Mexico aims to reinforce its status as a leading global destination. The country plans to highlight a diverse spectrum of attractions—from UNESCO World Heritage Sites and iconic cities to emerging regions and lesser-explored Pueblos Mágicos (Magical Towns).

This strategic participation will allow Mexico to deepen ties with tourism professionals, media, and investors, while demonstrating its continued evolution as a dynamic and innovative tourism market.

The showcase will emphasize Mexico's cultural richness, gastronomic traditions, and breathtaking landscapes, offering the world a comprehensive look at its traditional and contemporary tourism potential.

## Tourism Momentum Ahead of FITUR 2026:

Mexico's tourism industry

has maintained strong growth in recent years. By mid-2025, the country welcomed 27.7 million international tourists—a 7.2% rise from the previous year—while tourism revenue climbed to USD 21.68 billion, up 6.8%.

These results reinforce Mexico's ambitions to become the world's fifth most visited country by 2030.

FITUR 2026 will support this trajectory by elevating Mexico's visibility and expanding global tourism partnerships. The event will serve as a key venue for promoting sustainabilityled tourism, new investment opportunities, and international collaborations.

## A Fully Immersive Experience for Visitors:

Mexico's presence at FITUR 2026 will include an interactive exhibition space that immerses visitors in the country's cultural and natural treasures. Highlights will include its 35 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, iconic celebrations such as Día de Muertos and the Veracruz Carnival, and immersive showcases of emerging destinations across the nation.

The exhibition will also spotlight Mexico's major initiatives in sustainability, infrastructure development, and community-based tourism. A full program of presentations, cultural performances, and industry meetings will help position Mexico as a forward-looking leader in global tourism. Football Meets Tourism: A Unique 2026 Opportunity:

The year 2026 holds special significance for Mexico, as it

Mexico's role as the Partner Country at FITUR 2026 marks a decisive step in our journey toward becoming a global tourism powerhouse. By showcasing everything from our 35 UNESCO World Heritage Sites to our emerging 'Pueblos Mágicos,' we are not just strengthening our ties with Spain and the world, but reaffirming our ambition to become the fifth most visited country by 2030.

will co-host the FIFA World Cup alongside the United States and Canada. FITUR 2026 will serve as the launchpad for promotional campaigns that leverage both Mexico's tourism appeal and the global excitement surrounding the tournament.

This fusion of sports and tourism is expected to draw visitors eager to explore Mexico's vibrant cities, cultural landmarks, and unmatched hospitality. It represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to elevate the country's international profile and attract new tourism markets.

## Showcasing Mexico's Tourism Variety:

Mexico will also highlight its expanding range of niche tourism segments at FITUR 2026. These include community tourism, MICE (meetings and events), health and wellness travel, romance tourism, and sports tourism. Each segment reflects the growing global appetite for personalized, meaningful travel experiences.

Culinary tourism—one of Mexico's strongest cultural ambassadors—will also take center stage, emphasizing regional specialties and diverse gastronomic traditions that have won acclaim worldwide.

## Strategic Investments Driving Growth:

The Mexican government continues to promote tourism as a central economic pillar. FITUR 2026 will offer a platform to showcase ongoing investments in infrastructure, sustainable tourism programs, and regional development. It will also facilitate high-level discussions between public and private decisionmakers on future partnerships and investment opportunities.

### A Milestone for Mexico and FITUR:

Mexico's role as Partner Country at FITUR 2026 marks an important step in its journey toward greater international recognition. The fair will strengthen diplomatic and cultural ties—especially with Spain—while amplifying Mexico's presence on the world tourism map.

Overall, Mexico's participation promises to be a standout moment, highlighting its rich heritage, sustainable tourism vision, and bold aspirations to become a global tourism powerhouse.



## The Upcoming International Kolkata Book Fair will be the biggest festival in West Bengal after Durga Puja

**By Adrija Dasgupta,** TFT Kolkata Correspondent

he upcoming 49th International Kolkata Book Fair will commence from 22nd January and will continue till 3rd of February 2026. Like previous years, the fair will be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal Smt. Mamata Banerjee, eminent poets, authors and other scholars will be present as guests of honour at the inauguration. The venue will be Boi Mela Prangan, Karunamoyee,

According to Tridib KR Chatterjee, The Honorable General Secrretary of Publishers and Booksellers Guild said that at the very outset, Publishers and Booksellers Guild would like to express deep gratitude towards Honourable Chief Minister Of West Bengal Smt. Mamata Banerjee. Booksellers Guild will be indebted to the Urban and Municipal Affairs Department, KMDA and Bidhannagar Municipality for the upgradation of the Mela Prangan.

As we currently know that International Kolkata Book Fair is the world's largest Book Fair. Twenty Seven Lakh book lovers visited the last book fair in 2025 and the book sales amounted to Rs 23 crores.

Although the size of the fairground remains the same, last year book fair company that is Publishers and Booksellers Guild managed to increase a few stalls but this year Guild Company deeply regret that in 2026 it is not possible for the book fair company to increase the number of stalls.

For the first time in the history of the International Kolkata book Fair, Argentina, a country closely connected with India, especially

"We are deeply grateful to the Hon'ble Chief Minister Smt. Mamata Baneriee and the state authorities for the upgradation of the Mela Prangan. While we celebrated a record turnout of 27 lakh visitors and Rs 23 crores in sales last year, we regret that due to space constraints at the venue, it will not be possible to increase the number of stalls for the 2026 edition

Bengal, will be the Focal Theme Country in the International Kolkata Book Fair 2026. This will contribute towards building stronger bilateral cultural relationship between the two countries.

Andre's Rojas, Head of the Political and Cultural Section of the embassy of Argentina in India and Mrs. Anandi Queipo Riavitz, head of the Consular section of the Embassy Of Argentina in India discussed some interesting news about their participation as the focal theme in the book fair.

2027 will be the Golden Jubilee year of the International Kolkata Book Fair. For this, Publishers and Book Sellers Guild will cordially invite photographers who have covered the Kolkata Book Fair during the first two decades. The best 10 rare and nostalgic photographers will be awarded.

Like every year Great Britain, USA, Germany, Australia, France, Spain, Peru, Colombia, Japan. Thailand and other Latin American Countries will be participating in the upcoming book fair. Guild company is also expecting more international participants this year. Besides, there are publications of other states of India, such as Delhi, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Harvana, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Gujrat, Bihar, Assam, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Odisha, Tripura, etc. There will also be Magazines Pavilion. The Childrens Pavilion and other such attractions.

Another attraction of the International Kolkata Book Fair will be The Kolkata Literature Festival which will be held on 24th and 25th of January, 2026.

### MIPCOM Cannes 2025 Draws Record Global Participation as Creator Economy Takes Center Stage



IPCOM Cannes 2025 concluded with strong momentum, attracting more than 10.600 delegates

from 107 countries to the world's largest television and streaming content market, held from 13–16 October. This edition also marked the participation of 88 first-time exhibitors, underscoring the event's growing international relevance.

Lucy Smith, Director of MIPCOM Cannes and MIP London, described this year as a transformative milestone. "This has been the biggest shift for MIPCOM in a generation. By placing the creator economy at the core of the event, welcoming YouTube's first major presence, and launching our inaugural brand-funded storytelling summit, we've ushered in a new era—one marked by renewed energy and stronger deal-making across the board."

Smith highlighted MIPCOM's unique position as the only annual event where every facet of the global TV and content industry gathers under one roof. With a surge in distribution and sales activity and a series of high-profile deal announcements, she noted that the

industry appears to be entering a pivotal turning point.

Updated participation figures revealed 350 exhibiting companies in and around the Palais des Festivals, including 88 newcomers. Delegate numbers edged slightly higher than in 2024, rising from 10,500 to 10,600. The highest attendance came from the United Kingdom, followed by the United States, France, Germany, Türkiye, Canada, Spain, Italy, Japan, and South Korea. Among the 3,340 buyers in attendance, the largest groups represented the US, UK, Germany, France, and Spain.



## ITPO Unveils Nakshatra 2026 and Arogyam 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

he India Trade
Promotion
Organisation (ITPO)
has announced the
19th edition of Nakshatra and
the 2nd edition of Arogyam,
scheduled from January 10 to
18, 2026 at Hall No. 11, Bharat
Mandapam, Pragati Maidan,
New Delhi. The announcement,
made in collaboration with M/s
Future Point, was detailed by Shri
Premjit Lal, Executive Director,
ITPO, during a well-attended press

briefing.

Nakshatra—India's leading expo dedicated to astrology, vastu, holistic healing, and spiritual sciences—returns for its 19th year, reaffirming its position as the country's most respected platform in this domain. Complementing it is Arogyam, which is entering its second edition with a strong focus on AYUSH, organic living, herbal wellness, and sustainable health solutions

wellness, and sustainable health solutions.

Nakshatra and Arogyam represent an inspiring convergence of science. spirituality, and sustainable living. This January, we are bringing together over 150 exhibitors to celebrate India's deeprooted spiritual traditions and its rapidly growing wellness ecosystem.

The 2026 edition promises an expanded showcase with over 150 exhibitors covering astrology, vastu, yoga, ayurveda, holistic therapies, organic products, wellness innovations, and ecofriendly lifestyle solutions.

In a significant boost for emerging entrepreneurs, ITPO is offering a 50% concession on commercial booth bookings for startups, aligned with ITPO's approved guidelines. The initiative aims to empower new businesses in the wellness, AYUSH, and spiritual sectors by providing them with a national stage to grow and connect.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Arun Bansal, Managing Director of Future Point, emphasized the relevance of astrology in addressing modern-day challenges. He noted that Arogyam 2026 is designed to encourage people to embrace sustainable and nature-aligned living.

The exhibition will welcome visitors daily from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM between January 10 and 18, 2026. Key attractions this year include the Nakshatra Knowledge Conclave, Arogyam Live Arena, and the launch of the Swasthya Ratna Awards, aimed at honouring excellence in AYUSH and holistic wellness.

ITPO invites the public, industry professionals, media, and enterprises to be part of this vibrant celebration of India's spiritual traditions and wellness ecosystem—an inspiring convergence of science, spirituality, and sustainable living.

## Sanchi Connect & REI Expo Partner to Boost Indian Startups Globally

collaboration with
Renewable Energy India
(REI) Expo- an initiative
of Informa Markets,
successfully launched the first-ever
Startup Pavilion and Investor Lounge
at Asia's 2nd largest clean energy
summit. The initiative brought
together the most promising
innovators in battery, renewable,
and climate tech to engage directly
with global corporations, investors,

anchiConnect, in

The program received over 250 startup applications from startups in the energy domain, with 35 finalists selected to showcase and pitch their solutions. The platform saw strong pull from the audience

which constituted both domestic and international institutional partners and investors resulting in few hundreds of business leads as confirmed by the team involved in managing the show.

Building on its success as an investment readiness and deep tech acceleration platform, SanchiConnect is now expanding its role as a market access enabler for startups. Through this initiative, the company aims to create a seamless bridge between innovation and global commercial opportunities—empowering founders to convert prototypes into partnerships and pilots into global markets.

The shift marks a new chapter in SanchiConnect's mission to

strengthen ties between startups, corporates, and investors. This approach will extend beyond India, with upcoming sectoral initiatives across clean energy, mobility, health, and climate tech in regions including the UAE, Africa, and Southeast Asia.

"Informa Markets India, over the years, has been instrumental in driving the clean energy conversations in India through REI Expos. Come Year 2025, our partnership with SanchiConnect enabled us to extend that vision of Indian deep-tech and sustainability startups to engage directly with global corporations and investors." said Rajneesh Khattar, Senior Group Director at Informa Makets.

and policymakers.

#### THE LEADERSHIP SHUFFLE

## Visitor Registration for India's biggest packaging & technology expo 2026 is Now Open

une, India — PackVision Expo 2026, one of India's biggest exhibitions & conference for packaging technology and machinery, has officially opened visitor registrations. The exhibition will take place from 19–21 February 2026 at Pune International Exhibition & Convention Centre (PIECC), Moshi.

This year's expo comes at a time when India's packaging industry is growing very fast. With more companies focusing on automation, sustainability, and improved product safety, PackVision Expo 2026 gives businesses a perfect place to see new ideas and solutions. The expo strongly supports the Make in India mission by showcasing high-quality packaging machines and technologies made in India for the world. Trusted by Leading Brands

Well-known brands such as Chitale, Burger King, Parag Milk, Tasty Bites, Flipkart, Polycab, Mahindra, Ultratech, Mother Dairy, Zepto, Big Basket, Blinkit, Swiggy, and many others visit PackVision Expo every year to explore the latest technology and connect with reliable suppliers. Their participation shows the trust and importance of this exhibition in the packaging industry.

#### Main Highlights of PackVision Expo 2026

- 225+ exhibitors from across India and overseas
- 450+ represented brands displaying their innovations
- 12,000+ visitors expected from multiple industries
- 1,200+ live machines and solutions running on the show floor
- 100+ expert speakers sharing insights and future trends
- Exclusive CEO Roundtable with industry and policy leaders
- India Food & Packaging Conference covering new rules, safety, and innovation
- Packaging Innovation Awards recognizing excellence
- Important industry association meetings during the show

The expo is co-located with FoodVision, CorrVision, and All India Cold Chain Seminar & Expo, giving visitors an even wider experience across related industries.

#### Showcase of India's Packaging Strength

Visitors will get to see a large variety of packaging solutions made in India. This includes modern VFFS and FFS machines, complete bottle filling, capping and labelling lines, and advanced coding, marking, and track-and-trace systems. The expo will also feature the newest shrink, stretch, vacuum, and ecofriendly packaging technologies. Those interested in automation can explore robotic systems, conveyors, and smart handling equipment, along with the latest inspection, testing, and quality control tools used by leading manufacturers. There will also be innovations in packaging design software, digital workflow tools, solar-powered machines, and green technology solutions. In addition, a wide range of consumables such as tapes, foils, films, tags, crates, and more will be available for visitors to explore.

#### H.E. Jawed Ashraf Appointed as Chairman of ITPO



H.E. Jawed Ashraf, a 1991-batch IFS officer, has been appointed as the Chairman of the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC). According to the order, he will assume the charge for a two-year term on a contract basis.

#### Shri Harikishore S, IAS, to Lead India Convention Promotion Bureau

The Ministry of Tourism has appointed Shri Harikishore S, IAS (Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tourism), as the new Chairman of the India Convention Promotion Bureau (ICPB). His appointment marks a significant milestone in the effort to strengthen India's position as a premier global destination for MICE tourism.



#### Brian Thomas Appointed President, Asia Pacific at RX



Brian Thomas has been appointed President, Asia Pacific at RX, succeeding Chien Ee Yeh, who is retiring after 14 years of exceptional service. During his tenure, Yeh played a pivotal role in strengthening RX's presence across the region, driving growth, and building a culture of innovation and collaboration.

His leadership has left a lasting impact on the business, positioning the Asia Pacific region for continued success.

#### Christine Heizmann to Lead Messe München's Locations Business

Effective January 1, 2026, Christine Heizmann will assume the role of Senior Director of Guest Events & Locations at Messe München, overseeing all guest events and congresses across the organization's four venues. A veteran of Messe München since 1999, Heizmann



has served as Director of Events at the MOC since 2008. She succeeds Nicola Hamann, who has held the position since January 2025. Heizmann currently serves as Hamann's deputy.

#### Seagate Appoints Sameer Bhatia as Senior Regional Director for IMETA

Seagate has appointed Sameer Bhatia as the Senior Regional Director for the India, Middle East, Turkey, and Africa (IMETA) region. With over 20 years of leadership experience, Bhatia is set to strengthen Seagate's presence across these markets amidst rising data



demands and developments in AI, while also focusing on enhancing sustainable storage solutions.

## KickSky Space Lab Concluded Cohort 2 with 4 Startups Graduating



ickSky Space Lab in partnership with SanchiConnect concluded its

second cohort with four startups graduating. The Demo Day was held at Taj MG Road, Bengaluru. The event brought together investors, policymakers, industry leaders, and innovators from across India to witness the next generation of SpaceTech ventures emerging from the accelerator.

Startups from the cohort showcased investor-ready technologies, reflecting the deep innovation shaping India's growing SpaceTech ecosystem. The graduating startups included:

- AnduraX launching India's first reusable spaceplane for cargo resupply and microgravity experimentation.
- Akashalabdhi building sustainable space habitats using advanced structural and material engineering.
- Cligent Aerospace developing India's first hybridelectric STOL aircraft for next-generation air mobility.
- KosmosOne creating India's first wireless energy network for on-demand satellite power transmission.

The Demo Day also featured a power-packed panel discussion

with leading voices from the global innovation and investment ecosystem — including Vasan Churchill (TDK Ventures), Shubham Jhuria (Aeravti Ventures), Kalpana Sindhu (ICrowd), Suyash Singh (GalaxEye), and other marquee investors from JAFCO Asia and Riceberg Ventures. The panel shared insights on emerging opportunities and the global investment outlook for SpaceTech ventures.

"The startups we see today are not just building products, they're laying the foundation for India's next frontier in SpaceTech. Our mission is to connect innovators, investors, and enablers to turn ambitious ideas into real-world impact." said Dr. Sunil Shekhawat, Co-Founder of SanchiConnect and Program Partner for KickSky Space Lab.

Adding to this, Dr. D.S.
Govindarajan, Director of KickSky
Space Lab, shared, "KickSky
Space Lab began with a passion to
support SpaceTech startups and
remains committed to nurturing
their journey from idea to impact.
Demo Day for Cohort 2 showcases
the remarkable progress of our
founders and reinforces our
mission to strengthen India's
presence in the space economy
through the startup ecosystem.



The startups we see today are not just building products they're laying the foundation for India's next frontier in SpaceTech. Our mission is to connect innovators, investors, and enablers to turn ambitious ideas into real-world impact

Dr. Sunil Shekhawat, Co-Founder, SanchiConnect and Program Partner, KickSky Space Lab



Each startup on this stage is a testament to ambition, ingenuity, and the limitless potential of young minds. KickSky Demo Day marks the beginning of their journey to bring these innovations to life."

The event also served as a vibrant networking platform for global innovation programs, financial institutions, venture funds, and technology leaders — fostering collaborations that will further strengthen India's position as a global hub for SpaceTech innovation.

About KickSky Space Lab KickSky, established in 2023, is India's first venture capital-backed accelerator dedicated exclusively to space technology startups. The program is designed to support early-stage ventures engaged in technological innovation within the space sector.

The program supports each of its cohort ventures through a customized, structured plan encompassing business & technical guidance, commercial strategy, and investment assistance.

## Golf & Turf Summit & Expo 2025 Wraps Up on a High Note in Hyderabad

he Golf Industry Association (GIA) has successfully concluded the 12th edition of the Golf & Turf Summit & Expo 2025 at Boulder Hills Golf & Country Club, Hyderabad-marking the event's debut in South India. Held from November 1, 2025, the two-day summit brought together industry leaders, innovators, turf specialists, club managers, developers, and government officials from India and overseas. The event was supported by Incredible India, with Apexlynx as the Gold Sponsor and Prestige Group as the Silver Sponsor.

The Summit began with a red ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Dr. TV. Nagendra Prasad, Former Ambassador to Kazakhstan, officially inaugurating the Expo. The exhibition floor featured 26 high-profile stalls from leading brands including Toro, Titleist, Agricare, Prestige, SGDC, IPI, Fairway, Club Car, EZGO, Rainbird, and Jacobsen. Attendees had an opportunity to explore cutting-edge turf equipment, maintenance systems, and advanced golf technologies. The conference formally opened with a ceremonial lamp lighting by Madhusudhan Rao of Emaar Properties – Hyderabad, setting the tone for two days of insightful sessions and knowledge-sharing.

The Expo offered a comprehensive lineup of exhibitors showcasing the latest in turf management, irrigation solutions, and golf course equipment. Participating companies included SGDC, Zaverchand, Agricare, IPI,

Maredo, Ibex, Hydrocart, Jayam
Hydrocart, Rainbird, Howardson,
Fairway, ASAP, Tirupati Agro, Xylem,
Surge Systems, TORO, Bluedrop
Wetlands, Barenbrug, Jacobsen,
EZGO, Club Car, and Titleist. Live
demonstrations and interactive
displays allowed attendees to
experience new innovations firsthand.

The Summit featured an engaging blend of panel discussions, expert presentations, and practical demonstrations, addressing new trends, industry challenges, and growth opportunities in golf and turf management. The event concluded with a Gala Dinner and Awards Night graced by Chief Guest Dr. N. Ramesh Kumar, IAS (Retd.) and Director General of the Administrative Staff College of India.





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## **India Manufacturing Show** 2025 Concludes with Strong **Industry Participation and** Strategic Sector Focus

he 7th edition of the India Manufacturing Show (IMS) 2025 concluded successfully at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), Bengaluru, marking one of the most impactful editions of the event to date. Held from November 6 to 8, the show brought together leading stakeholders from aerospace, defence engineering, heavy engineering, MSMEs, and advanced manufacturing sectors, reaffirming India's rapid emergence as a global manufacturing hub.

Organised in line with the national vision of Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat, IMS 2025 recorded exceptional industry engagement. More than 400 exhibitors, including over 220 MSMEs, showcased cutting-edge technologies, next-generation engineering



capabilities, and innovative manufacturing solutions. The exhibition space was fully booked, underscoring the strong interest from domestic and international participants. The event also attracted over 20,000 business visitors representing policymakers, OEMs, technology leaders, and supply-chain partners.

A key highlight of IMS 2025 was the focus on aerospace and defence manufacturing, with strong participation from companies and institutions working to strengthen India's indigenisation drive. Vendor development

The 7th edition of IMS 2025 has been a resounding success, bringing together over 400 exhibitors and 20.000 visitors at the BIEC. This event has not only showcased next-generation engineering but has reaffirmed India's rapid emergence as a global manufacturing hub. With the manufacturing sector growing at an annual rate of 11.6%, IMS 2025 highlighted the technological pillars-from automation to sustainabilitythat are propelling India toward the US\$1 trillion manufacturing milestone by 2025-26.

programmes and structured B2B meetings enabled MSMEs to connect with large-scale manufacturers and defence PSUs, facilitating new opportunities in procurement, sourcing, and supplier integration.

Several government and industry bodies highlighted India's accelerated growth trajectory in manufacturing, noting that the sector is expanding at an annual rate of 11.6 per cent and is on course to reach the US\$1 trillion mark by 2025-26. Discussions at the show centred on technological advancements, digital manufacturing, automation, sustainability, and supply chain optimisation—key pillars powering India's industrial transformation.

IMS 2025 reinforced its role as a leading platform for business generation, technology exchange, and policy-industry dialogue. With strong participation across sectors and a clear emphasis on building advanced, future-ready manufacturing ecosystems, this year's edition marked another significant milestone in India's journey towards becoming a global manufacturing powerhouse.











# UFI, The Global Association of the Exhibition Industry, successfully concluded its 92<sup>nd</sup> UFI Global Congress



"As we celebrate this centenary milestone in partnership with UFI, I am immensely proud of AsiaWorld-Expo's role as a world-class venue hosting this exceptional congress, which also coincides with our 20th anniversary," says Irene Chan, CEO of AsiaWorld-Expo.

"This year's theme, focused on shaping the future, has sparked a dynamic exchange of creativity and forward-thinking ideas, while reaffirming Hong Kong's pivotal role as a gateway to global markets and the Greater Bay Area.

To vividly showcase the city's unique character in enhancing event diversity and depth, AWE curated immersive cultural experiences seamlessly woven into every aspect of the congress, fostering deeper connections, enriching the understanding of diverse perspectives, and igniting global collaboration to redefine the future of exhibitions."

Chris Skeith OBE, CEO of UFI, added, "This Congress was a milestone in UFI's history. As we celebrated 100 years of connecting people globally, we were also looking ahead and building the foundations for the next century of our industry.

Our hosts, AsiaWorld-Expo, our partners and sponsors and the UFI team truly delivered a fitting conclusion to our centennial celebrations; the energy was electric, the members were incredibly engaged from start to finish, and every indicator for the event soared well beyond expectations.

It was a powerful reminder of what this community can achieve when we come together with purpose, passion, and momentum.

In Hong Kong, we truly demonstrated our shared commitment to shaping the future together."

#### Future-focused programme

Main stage delivered a bold, future-focused programme, spotlighting the forces that are reshaping the global exhibitions industry.

Dex Hunter-Torricke set the tone with a powerful keynote on disruption, AI and the need for human-centred innovation.

Venue leaders from Hong Kong, New York and Bahrain revealed how they are reinventing event spaces through sustainable operations, immersive design and a destination approach. Next, service providers unveiled breakthroughs in AI and carbonpositive solutions that are transforming operations and customer experience. Finally, leading organisers explored personalisation, festivalisation and the shift to year-round



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Chris Skeith OBE, CEO, UFI communities.

On Friday, UFI's Next Generation Leaders took to the stage, presenting fresh perspectives on exhibition formats.

Across the programme, it was clear that collaboration, innovation and sustainability are the driving themes shaping the industry's next era.

#### Insight Series - Ideas in Action

The Insight Series sessions brought together UFI Award winners and Working Groups for interactive discussions on digital innovation, marketing, HR, sustainability, and more.

Participants explored realworld case studies and co-created ideas for tackling industry challenges, from customerdriven innovation to sustainable F&B. The sessions once again demonstrated the power of peer learning and collaboration within UFI's global community.

#### Bate-Papo Corner

Alongside the sessions, delegates joined lively discussions and exchanged insights at the Bate-Papo Corner, a new format side stage that debuted at this year's Congress.

To extend the reach of the conversations beyond the event, all sessions were recorded and released as UFI Bate-Papo Unplugged podcasts, which are now available to stream on Spotify.

## 2025 UFI Medal of Honour recipients

UFI President Hugh Jones presented the recipients of this year's UFI Medal of Honour, who were all recognised for their exceptional contributions to the global exhibition industry at large and the UFI community in particular.

This year, the UFI Trio selected Chen Xianjin, Michael Duck, Jo-Anne Kelleway, and Cliff Wallace.





## Major Outcomes of India Maritime Week 2025

he prestigious India Maritime Week 2025 which was held from 27TH of October till 31st of October at Bombay Exhibition Centre saw signing of MOUs and major developments worth 12 trillion. The tone was set by various industry professionals, delegates. ministers, corporate leaders. The five day event attracted many domestic and international investments. Let's have a look on some of the major developments announced during the show.

#### Key Outcomes are as follows:

- Investment commitments of around ₹12 lakh crore were announced during the event.
- Over 600 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed, signalling heightened private-sector and foreign participation.
- A distribution of investment focus was shared: ~30% for port development/ modernisation; ~20% each for sustainability, shipbuilding/shipping, and port-led industrialisation; ~10% for trade/knowledge partnerships.
- Major infrastructure and regulatory reforms highlighted:
- Port capacity nearly doubled from ~1,400 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) to ~2,762 MMTPA in recent years.
- Vessel turnaround time reduced significantly (for example, some sources note reduction from ~93 hours to ~48 hours).
- Legal overhaul: Replacement of century-old colonial shipping laws with modern legislation suited for the 21st century.

- Green / sustainability outcomes and initiatives:
- Establishment of green hydrogen hubs at ports such as Kandla Port, VOC Port and Paradip Port.
- Launch of "Green & Digital Shipping Corridors" with international partners (e.g., Singapore, Netherlands) and introduction of national shore-power standards to enable vessels to draw electricity while docked.
- Strengthening of inland waterways & coastal shipping:
- Inland waterway cargo grew substantially (by hundreds of percent in some cases).
- Increase in number of operational waterways from 3 to 32 in a recent period.
- Ship-building and shipping sector push:
- Announcements of large shipbuilding orders from oil & gas PSUs (for example ~₹47,800 crore in one report) during IMW.
- Expansion of Indian-flagged vessels, fleet tonnage, and seafarer workforce reported.

#### **Implications**

- These outcomes suggest India is positioning itself strongly in the blue economy, strengthening ports, shipping, inland waterways, and ship-building in a coordinated way.
- The focus on sustainability, green hydrogen hubs and digital shipping corridors indicates a move towards cleaner and smarter maritime infrastructure.
- The large number of MoUs and high investment commitments reflect growing international confidence in India's maritime ambitions.
- The reforms in legislation

India Maritime Week 2025 marks a watershed moment for our Blue Economy. With investment commitments of ₹12 lakh crore and the signing of over 600 MoUs, we have moved beyond intent to action. By replacing colonial-era laws with modern legislation and slashing vessel turnaround times to 48 hours, India has emphatically announced its arrival as a global maritime superpower.

and increased operational efficiency (turnaround times, etc) suggest competitiveness of Indian ports is improving relative to global counterparts. Here are some of the major MOUs signed duringb the event:

Stakeholder(s) Brief description / value

V O Chidambaranar Port Authority (VOCPA) – multiple partners VOCPA signed 28 MoUs worth over ₹1.27 lakh crore, covering sectors such as renewable power generation, ammonia bunkering, export terminals, desalination plants and port-logistics parks.

Adani Ports & Special
Economic Zone (APSEZ)

– various ports/authorities
APSEZ signed multiple MoUs:
e.g., for charter hire of harbour
tugs for VOCPA and Mumbai
Port Authority, construction of
12 tugboats with the Directorate
General of Shipping, development
at Vadhavan, Haldia, Dighi &
Vizhinjam ports.

State of Odisha – various agencies Odisha signed MoUs worth around ₹50,000 crore: e.g., cruise-terminal development (₹500 crore), all-weather satellite major port at Bahuda Muhana (₹21,500 crore), national mega ship-building cluster (₹22,700 crore) among others.

State of Maharashtra – state government + private industry Maharashtra announced 15 MoUs worth approximately ₹56,000 crore spanning port expansion, ship-yard development, technological upgrades and allied maritime activities.

Jawaharlal Nehru Port
Authority (JNPA) – multiple
partners JNPA reportedly
signed MoUs amounting to over
₹2,28,300 crore for infrastructure
development at JNPA and the
upcoming Vadhavan Port;
examples include: with APSEZ for
offshore projects (~₹26,500 crore),
with IRFC for financing (~₹20,000
crore).





## Action, Adrenaline and **Aftershow Vibes** What Surf Fans Can Expect at boot Düsseldorf 2026



hen hoot Düsseldorf opens its doors from 17 to 25 January 2026,

Hall 17 will once again become the hotspot for the international surf and trend sports community. The XXL indoor pool will host world-class contests, and visitors can hop on a board themselves - and wind down the day with music, drinks and good vibes. Those travelling from farther away can spend the night in their own camper at the Surf Festival Camp on P1 directly at the exhibition grounds, together with other surf enthusiasts.

#### World-Class Contests at boot Düsseldorf

In January, top athletes from the surf world will meet on the 62-metre Action Pool. Three official World Cups will deliver spectacular action in Hall 17:

The "GWA Indoor Wingfoil World Cup – boot Düsseldorf 2026" promises once again to be a major highlight, thrilling spectators in the hall.

Pump foilers will have their own stop on the "SFT Surf Foil World Tour - boot Düsseldorf 2026", where they appear to fly across the flat water of the Action Pool. At the "EuroTour SUP Indoor World Cup - boot Düsseldorf 2026" the stars of the racing scene will once again fight for every tenth of a second needed to win their duel on the pool.

The windsurfing stars will also demonstrate why their

sport belongs in front of a large audience. Jumps that are normally only visible from the beach through binoculars will be showcased up close at the "FPT Freestyle Pro Tour - boot Düsseldorf."

"The support from the crowd here is incredible. These are exactly the kinds of events that help make the sport bigger and more well-known!" said 2024 Freestyle World Champion Lennart Neubauer after his win at boot 2025.

"What is showcased on this pool is simply mind-blowing. I'm glad that we at boot Düsseldorf have the opportunity - and actively use it - to provide a stage for these impressive sports. Our pool with 1.3 million litres of water right in the middle of an exhibition hall is unique and brings surfing directly to those we want to inspire and motivate," says boot Director Petros Michelidakis.

The "Pooltastic Wakeboard Masters - boot Düsseldorf 2026" amazes visitors with breathtaking jumps and tricks, accompanied by energetic music from top DJs - and they guarantee plenty of spray for the spectators in the front rows.

Not on the big pool, but with just as many fans and stars, the "European Skimboard Masters boot Düsseldorf 2026" will also take off.

Which pros will compete will be announced soon - but one thing is already certain: the contests promise first-class



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action, spectacular tricks and an extra dose of adrenaline.

Give It a Try - The Participation Programme in Hall

Anyone inspired by the stars can take to the pool themselves.

Whether beginner or experienced rider – Hall 17 offers the right activity for every

- Wakeboarding and stand-up paddling on the 62-metre Action Pool
- Pumpfoiling for first attempts at "flying" over the
- Getting started with windsurfing, powered by 82 wind machines, after an introduction on the surf simulator in collaboration with VDWS e.V.
- Kitesurfing on the simulator - including jumps "up to the ceiling hall"

With the support of professional coaches, visitors learn to handle the windsurf rig, receive tips from experienced surfers and can try out new sports in a safe environment.

#### Party, Camping and Community

Even after the exhibition closes, Hall 17 keeps the vibes going: at the Soft Closing, exhibitors, riders and visitors meet for DJ sets, after-work drinks and conversation.

Anyone wanting to fully embrace the exhibition experience can find a temporary home right on the grounds. The Surf Festival Camp offers discounted camping spots for visitors with a combined ticket, plus morning yoga to start the day right and DJ sets in the evening tent.

Further information, programme details and registration for participation activities will be available from December 2025 at www.boot.de.

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## Kerala Tourism organises 'Network Kerala' B2B Meet in Delhi to strengthen travel partnerships

Kerala Tourism hosted its 'Network Kerala' B2B meet in New Delhi. aiming to deepen industry connections and boost travel inflow to the state. The event highlighted a range of newly developed experiential tourism offerings tailored for both domestic and international travellers ahead of the upcoming festival and winter seasons. During the session, S. Sreekumar, Tourist Information Officer, Kerala Tourism, delivered a detailed presentation outlining the state's diverse tourism experiences and evolving product portfolio. He also emphasised the consistent rise in both domestic and international tourist arrivals to "God's Own Country," reflecting Kerala's growing appeal in the travel market.



# Punjab to get 2 new Exhibition Centres

At the Regional Council
Meeting of the Confederation
of Indian Industry Northern
Region held in Amritsar, Shri
Sanjeev Arora, Minister for
Industry & Commerce, Investment
Promotion, Power & NRI Affairs,
announced that land has been
identified for two new exhibition
centres in Mohali and Ludhiana
with tendering already underway.
In addition to this a third
exhibition centre is being planned
for Amritsar as land identification
is in process.



## GAIL (India) recognised for excellence in innovation at the 28th Energy Technology Meet 2025

GAIL (India) Limited has been awarded the Best Exhibition Stall (Runner-Up) at the 28th Energy Technology Meet (ETM), hosted by the Centre for High Technology (CHT) under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. The event, held in Hyderabad from October 28 to 30, 2025, brought together major organisations and experts from across the energy sector. GAIL was honoured for its creative and technologydriven exhibition, which featured a detailed model of India's first Propane Dehydrogenation and Polypropylene (PDH-PP) Plant, along with a showcase of the company's latest efforts in sustainable and future-ready energy solutions.



## Nesco Reports Strong Q2FY26 Performance with 11.3% Profit Growth; Shares Jump Over 9%

Nesco Ltd witnessed a sharp rise in its share price, climbing 9.06% to ₹1,357 on the NSE, after the company announced a solid set of quarterly results. For the quarter ending September 30, 2025, Nesco posted a consolidated net profit of ₹118.91 crore, marking an 11.3% year-on-year increase. The strong performance reflects steady momentum across its core business divisions and continued market demand. The company, which operates diversified commercial ventures including the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Nesco IT Park, Nesco Foods, and Indabrator, continues to maintain a debt-free balance sheet with robust cash reserves. Revenue from operations rose to ₹239.18 crore, up 24.5% from ₹192.10 crore in the corresponding period last year. Total income for Q2FY26 registered a 17% year-on-year increase. While total expenses rose 33% on a yearto-date basis, the company's profit before tax recorded a 6.3% uptick during the same period, reflecting operational stability despite rising costs.

### Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella to Visit India this December!

Microsoft Chairman and CEO Satya Nadella will be coming to India for a three day visit starting from December 10 and



will be concluding on December 12. In these days the tech giant will be starting his visit from Delhi on 10th then Bengaluru on 11th and then concluding the chapter in the financial capital Mumbai on 12th.

# Karnataka to Set Up 200 crore Semiconductor Park

Announced at the Bengaluru Tech Summit, Karnataka Government will set up a 200 crore semiconductor park in the upcoming KWIN city near Bengaluru. The park will offer

specialised infrastructure to the chip making companies and will further strengthen



the position of Karnataka as a prominent hub for AI and technological advancements. In addition to this Karnataka already hosts 800 R&D centres, over 100 chip design firms and thousands of startup firms.



### Gurgaon may get a new state-of-the-art convention centre

While addressing the gathering after the inauguration of the 18th Urban Mobility India Conference and Exhibition, Union Minister Manohar Lal announced that he will hold talks with the CM of Haryana for a new convention centre. He emphasized that while the national capital has world class exhibition centres Haryana too needs an advanced convention centre to cater the needs.



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# Fairfest Announces the Acquisition of WTE Miami

his acquisition strengthens Fairfest's leading position as a global travel trade show organizer, expanding its footprint to the

Inauguration of WTE Miami 2025 at the Miami Beach Convention Center Miami, November 17: Fairfest Media, organizers of OTM, the leading travel show in Asia, today announced the acquisition of WTE Miami, the fastest-growing travel trade show in the United States. The acquisition marks a milestone in Fairfest's global expansion, strengthening its presence in the Americas and beyond by leveraging decades of experience and leadership in Asia and India.

With three successful editions since its launch in 2022, WTE Miami has quickly established itself as a trusted platform for the travel and tourism industry. The show is hosted at the world-class Miami Beach Convention Center, with full and active support from Miami International Airport (MIA) as Host, Miami-Dade County, and the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau. National tourism organizations, convention bureaus, airlines, and more have participated in WTE Miami, making it a truly global showcase

over the years. The event attracts industry leaders and exhibitors from across the Americas and the globe, shaping the future of world travel with exclusive panel insights and one-to-one interactions. The roster includes American Airlines. Avianca, Delta Airlines, Bahamas, Spain, Colombia, Ecuador, FrenchBee, Jamaica, Mexico, and many more. US travel and tourism associations, along with major consortia, are partnering with WTE Miami, bringing together more members every year, creating an exceptional event for networking and business development.

WTE Miami 2025 successfully addressed the needs of travel professionals in the region with over 300 exhibitors and 3,500 travel industry attendees, including hundreds of hosted buyers. WTE Miami 2026 is set to double in size.

providing participants with a considerably larger B2B travel tradeshow focused on ROI, and generating valuable business opportunities and media exposure in Miami, the multicultural heart of South Florida and burgeoning US gateway to the Americas.

As a global travel trade show organiser, Fairfest works closely with tourism boards, national tourism



We are excited to welcome WTE Miami to the Fairfest portfolio. WTE is rightly positioned as a global travel tradeshow serving the US—the world's largest travel market-and we already see a 100% growth potential in 2026 by leveraging our combined synergies.

Sanjiv Agarwal, CEO, Fairfest Media organizations, major airlines and hotel chains from over 80 countries. Key partners for its past events include Atout France, the U.S. Commercial Service, the Italian National Tourist Board, the European Tourism Association, the Greek National Tourism Organization, Visit Oatar, PROMPERU, Tanzania Tourist Board. Tourism Malaysia. the Japanese National Tourism Organization, and many more. Over the past three decades, more than 15,000 travel brands and 100,000 travel industry professionals from 120+ countries have been associated with Fairfest's events.

Sanjiv Agarwal, Chairman & CEO of Fairfest Media, said: "We are excited to welcome WTE Miami to the Fairfest portfolio. WTE is rightly positioned as a global travel tradeshow serving the US as the world's largest travel market and we already see a 100% growth potential in 2026, leveraging the synergies"

Javier P. Palencia, Director of WTE Miami, said: "Joining forces under the Fairfest umbrella will allow WTE Miami to reach new heights, benefiting from its global clientele and expertise. The WTE team will vastly extend the show's reach and performance due to synergy with the Fairfest team, ensuring continuity and upside for all our exhibitors and attendees. Together, we plan to double the number of exhibitors and attendees for the 2026 edition."

Few places capture the spirit of global travel quite like South Florida. As one of the most vibrant cities in the world, Miami brings together the pulse of the Americas with the glamour of a world-class destination.

Taking place on the 27th and 28th of October 2026 at the Miami Beach Convention Center, the next edition of WTE Miami promises a major expansion. Doubling the number of exhibitors and attendees in 2026, the show will explore new avenues in travel and tourism, offer greater opportunities for B2B networking and bring together industry leaders for thought-leadership content.



# CTT Expo 2026: Bringing the Construction Industry **Together on One Global Stage**

ussia's premier exhibition for construction equipment and advanced technologies, CTT Expo, is set to return from May 26-29, 2026, at the Crocus Expo IEC in Moscow. Held during the industry's peak procurement window, the event remains the most influential platform for market players seeking new partnerships, insights, and business growth opportunities.

#### A Complete Showcase of the **Construction Sector**

As the country's only trade show that unites representatives from every region of Russia along with a significant international audience, CTT Expo continues to be the industry's most comprehensive event. Exhibitors consistently highlight its diverse visitor profile and unmatched reach:

"So many professionals from across the country come not only to see new equipment but to speak with us directly. The audience is truly diverse," said Bogdan Bulgakov of GTS.

"CTT is an excellent neutral meeting ground. This year we met visitors from every corner of Russia, even Chukotka," shared Alexey Zubenko of Tekhstroykontrakt, StroyImportTekhnika.

With more than 70,000 professionals expected

to attend CTT Expo 2026, exhibitors report highly productive interactions, strong lead generation, and tangible business outcomes.

"Over three days, we held more than 300 negotiations and secured agreements with several suppliers," said Nikolai Semerin of RusBusinessAuto.

'We had an overwhelming flow of clients this year. It's intense, but manageableand we'll definitely return." added Georgy Likhachev of TEKHBAZA.

In a challenging economic landscape marked by stagnation in the construction equipment sector, participating in CTT Expo offers companies a strategic advantagestrengthening brand visibility, forging new partnerships, spotting emerging trends, and converting high-quality leads into long-term opportunities.

As Daria Shcherbakova of ANTARES-NT noted, "This is the platform chosen by companies that want to position themselves strongly in the domestic market. In our industry, attending CTT means you're informed and actively engaged. For us, it's part of our upward evolution."

### A High-Caliber Audience from **Leading Industries**

CTT Expo consistently draws decision-makers from construction, oil and gas,

In a challenging economic landscape marked by stagnation, CTT Expo has become more than just a trade show; it is a strategic necessity. As industry players like ANTARES-NT have noted this is the chosen platform for companies determined to position themselves strongly in the domestic market. Attending is no longer optionalit is a signal that you are active, informed, and evolving.

mining, and infrastructure sectors. Representatives from major companiesincluding Rosneft, Novatek, Mosmetrostroy, Russian Copper Company, Mangazeya, EVRAZ, RusHydro, Lukoil, SUEK, MosStroyTrans, Rosatom Nedra, Gazprom, ALROSA, Moscow Metro, RUSAL, Norilsk Nickel, Tatneft, Mechel, UMMC, PhosAgro, Surgutneftegaz, and more-attend annually.

Spanning over 112,500 square meters, the 2026 edition will feature more than 3,000 pieces of equipment across all construction-related segments. Exhibitors will be organised by product category for easier navigation. The show will occupy Pavilion 1 (Halls 1, 2, 3), Pavilion 2 (Halls 5, 7, 8), and the entire outdoor area of Crocus Expo.

Key participating companies already confirmed include: Tekhstroykontrakt, LiuGong, Rusbiznesavto, Lonmadi, Kvintmadi, Sany, Rostselmash, XCMG, Zoomlion, Lovol, UMG, DST Desna, Professional, Traditsiya K Group, Reschke Rus, Dormashina, LGMG, Dingli, ZZBO, ISTK, XGMA, Antares-NT, Elkon, Meka, Promax, Baumekh, Arlift, Armet Group, Sense, DDW, SOLOMATIC Plant, TTM, UDT-Tekhnika, Doring, GPFK, ITS, StroyMashServis, Gidrodrive, and many others.

### CTT Forum: Insight, Strategy, and Industry Dialogue

Running alongside the exhibition, the CTT Forum will once again serve as the sector's main platform for discussing market challenges, innovation, and policy developments. Long-standing program partners include Rosasfalt, the Russia–China Council for Strategic Partnership in Mechanical Engineering, the Concrete Roads Association, the International Association of Foundation Builders (IAF), the National Association of Construction Equipment Rental Companies (NAAST), the National Association of Demolition Organizations (NADO), the TsUS Academy information portal, and other leading industry bodies.

Attracting more than 1,500 delegates each year, the Forum equips professionals with tools to enhance business efficiency and stay competitive in a rapidly evolving marketplace.

# Event Calendar DECEMBER 2025

Date: 3-4 DEC, 2025 Venue: KTPO Trade Centre, Bengaluru
Organiser: CNT Expositions and Services LLP

#### COSMOPROF 2025

Date: 4-6 DEC, 2025 Venue: Jio World **Convention Centre Organiser: INFORMA MARKETS** INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED

Date: 4-7 DEC, 2025 **Venue: Bharat Mandapam** Organiser: Asian Business **Exhibition & Conferences** Private Limited

### Autostyle World Expo 2025

Date: 5-7 DEC, 2025 Venue: Pragati Maidan Organiser: MEX Exhibition Pvt. Ltd.

#### Excon 2025

Date: 9-13 DEC, 2025 Venue: BANGALORE INTERNATIONAL **EXHIBITION CENTRE** 

Organiser: Confederation of Indian Industry

### KISAN Agri Shov

Date: 10-14 DEC, 2025 Venue: Pune International **Exhibition and Convention Centre Organiser:** KISAN Forum Pvt. Ltd.

#### Annapoorna Inter Food 2025

Date: 11-13 DEC. 2025 **Venue: Bombay Exhibition Organiser:** VA Exhibitions

### India Tea and Coffee Expo 2025

Date: 11-13 DEC, 2025 Venue: Codissia Trade Fair Complex, Coimbatore Organiser: Media Day Marketing

Date: 12-14 DEC, 2025 Venue: Shriram Business Park, Raipur Organiser: Indore Infoline Pvt. Ltd.

#### Khadhya Khurak 2025

Date: 15-18 DEC, 2025 Venue: Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar Organiser : Khimashia Associates

Date: 17-20 DEC, 2025 Venue: IISER - Pune **Organiser:** ACM - Association For Computing Machinery

### PharmaTech Expo & LabTech Expo 2025

Date: 19-21 DEC, 2025 Venue : BANGALORE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE

Organiser: pharmatechnologyindex. com Private Limited

#### Paperex 2025

Date: 3-6 DEC, 2025 Venue: Yashobhoomi **Convention Centre** Organiser: Informa Exhibitions India Private Limited

#### Fire Safe Build India 2025

Date: 4-6 DEC, 2025 Venue: Bombay Exhibition Center

**Organiser:** Nuernberg Messe India Pvt Ltd

Date: 4-7 DEC, 2025 **Venue: Shriram Business** Park, Raipur **Organiser:** Innovative Events and Exhibitors

Date: 5-7 DEC, 2025 Venue: Auto Cluster **Exhibition Center, Pune** Organiser: Futurex Trade Fair & Events Pvt. Ltd.

Date: 10-12 DEC, 2025 Venue: Jio World **Convention Centre** Organiser: UPSTREAM BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLP

Date: 11-12 DEC 2025 Venue: India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida, Organiser: MEDIA TODAY PVT. LTD.

MAHATech 20 Date: 11-13 DEC 2025 Venue: CIDCO Exhibition & **Convention Center** Organiser: Maharashtra

### Industries Directory

Date: 12-14 DEC, 2025 Venue: Bombay Exhibition Center Organiser: GLOBAL **EXHIBITION ORGANISERS AND** CONSULTANTS

Date: 13-14 DEC, 2025 **Venue: Bombay Exhibition** Center

#### Organiser: Incense Media

Date: 16-18 DEC, 2025 Venue: BANGALORE INTERNATIONAL **EXHIBITION CENTRE** Organiser: Water Today Pvt.

GlobalChem Show 2025 Date: 18-19 DEC, 2025 **Venue: Bombay Exhibition** Center Organiser: Needs Information

### Services Ltd. TexIndia Show - Ludhiana 2025

Date: 19-21 DEC, 2025 Venue: Dana Mandi, Ludhiana Organiser: S S TEXTILE MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED

Date: 3-6 DEC, 2025 Venue: Yashobhoomi **Convention Centre Organiser:** Informa Exhibitions India Private Limited

#### IITM - India International Travel Mart - Hyderabad 2025

Date: 4-6 DEC, 2025 Venue: Hyderabad **Organiser:** Sphere Travelmedia & Exhibitions Pvt. Ltd.

Date: 5-6 DEC, 2025 **Venue: BENGALURU** Organiser: INNOVATION ROOTS

### India Diagnostic Expo 2025

Date: 5-7 DEC, 2025 Venue: Hitex Exhibition Centre

Organiser: S.D. Promo Media Pvt. Ltd.

#### TRANS TECH INDIA 2025

Date: 10-12 DEC, 2025 Venue: Yashobhoomi **Convention Centre** Organiser: India Infrastructure Publishing Pvt. Ltd.

### Rising Rajasthan Partnership

Date: 11-12 DEC, 2025 Venue: Jaipur, India Organiser: Bureau of **Investment Promotion** 

# Date: 11-13 DEC 2025

Venue: BHARAT **MANDAPAM Organiser: INFORMA MARKETS** INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED

Date: 12-14 DEC, 2025 Venue: Palace Grounds, Bengaluru Organiser: RUTURAJ INDOARTFEST PRIVATE E LIMITED

#### India International Imita Jewellery Show 2025

Date: 13-15 DEC, 2025 Venue : Pragati Maidan Organiser: A9 Media & Entertainment Pvt. Ltd.

Date: 17-19 DEC, 2025 **Venue: Bombay Exhibition** Center
Organiser: Peppermint

Communications Pvt Ltd

### BioEnergy India 2025

Date: 18-20 DEC, 2025 **Venue: Auto Cluster Exhibition Center, Pune Organiser:** MEERA TRADE FAIR MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED

#### GREEN DESIGN N'BUILD EXPO 2025

Date: 19-22 DEC, 2025 Venue: Labhganga Exhibition Center, Indore Organiser: FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS **EVENTS AND EXHIBITION PRIVATE LIMITED** 

Date: 3-7 DEC, 2025 Venue: Helipad Exhibition Center, Gandhinagar Organiser : K & D COMMUNICATION LTD

### Bharat Sustainability Expo 2025

Date: 4-6 DEC, 2025 Venue : India Expo Centre and Mart. Greater Noida. Organiser: India Expo Centre and Mart

Date: 5-7 DEC. 2025 Venue: Nehru Centre, Mumbai Organiser: Indian Art Promoter

#### KGJS - Kerala Gem & Jewellery Show 2025

Date: 5-7 DEC, 2025 Venue: Adlux International Convention & Exhibition Centre, Kochi Organiser: AOJ Media Pvt. Ltd.

#### Pune Expo 20

Date: 10-12 DEC, 2025 **Venue: Auto Cluster Exhibition Center, Pune** iser: MAHRATTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRIES & AGRICULTURE

#### Cospack Internationa

Date: 11-12 dec, 2025 Venue: EKA Club, Ahmedabad Organiser: Future market events

#### INTERNATIONAL HARDWARE FAIR INDIA 2025

Date: 11-13 DEC, 2025 Venue : Pragati Maidan Organiser: Koelnmesse GmbH

### ndia Horti Expo

Date: 12-14 DEC, 2025 Venue: Codissia Trade Fair Complex, Coimbatore Organiser: United Trade Fairs India Private Limited

Date: 13-16 DEC, 2025 Venue : Parade **Ground, Chandigarh Organiser:** Fortune Exhibitors Pvt. Ltd.

Date: 17-19 DEC, 2025 Venue: Yashobhoomi **Convention Centre** Organiser: Saina Events

### SAIFEE BURHANI EXPO 2025

Date: 19-21 DEC, 2025 **Venue: Bombay Exhibition** Center Organiser: Saifee Burhani

### Expo Jaipur Jewellery Show 2025

Date: 19-22 DEC, 2025 Venue: Jaipur Exhibition & Convention Centre Organiser: JAIPUR JEWELLERY SHOW

#### WOFX - World Furniture Expo 2025 Date: 4-6 DEC, 2025

Venue: Bombay Exhibition Center Organiser: Worldex India **Exhibition & Promotion Private** Limited

### ZAK Glass Technology Expo 2025

Date: 4-7 DEC, 2025 Venue: Bombay Exhibition Center Organiser: Zak Trade Fairs & Exhibitions Pvt. Ltd.

### UpperCrust Food Show 2025

Date: 5-7 DEC, 2025 Venue: World Trade Centre. Mumbai Organiser: Oriana Communications Pvt. Ltd.

#### Aakar Auto Show Expo 2025

Date: 6-8 DEC, 2025 Venue: Gujarat University Convention Centre, Ahmedabad Organiser: Aries Events Pvt. Ltd.

#### IntraPac India 20:

Date: 10-13 DEC, 2025 Venue : India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida, niser: Indian Printing Packaging & Allied Machinery Manufacturers Association

### ation Supply & Franchis

Date: 11-13 DEC, 2025 Venue : Bandra Kurla Complex - G Block MMRDA Grounds, Mumbai Organiser: INNOVATIVE **ENTERPRISES** 

### **ET TECH X 2025**

Date: 11-13 DEC 2025 **Venue: Hitex Exhibition** Organiser: S.D. Promo Media Pvt. Ltd.

### Solar Asia Expo 2

Date: 12-14 DEC, 2025 **Venue: Urban Haat Ground, Indore** Organiser: Olampia Exhibition Pvt.Ltd.

Date: 13-16 DEC, 2025 Venue : Adlux International Convention & Exhibition Centre, Kochi **Organiser:** Truvent Exhibition PVT LTD

Date: 17-19 DEC, 2025 Venue: Biswa bangla mela parangan, Kolkata iser: Cable TV Equipments Traders & Manufacturers Association - CTMA

### Evexpo New Delhi 2025

Date: 19-21 DEC, 2025 Venue : Pragati Maidan Organiser : Altius Auto Solutions Pvt Ltd

#### IndExpo Raipur 2025

Date: 19-22 DEC, 2025 **Venue: Shriram Business** Park, Raipur Organiser: Indore Infoline Pvt. Ltd.

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Aakar Auto Show Expo 2026

Date: 3-5 JAN, 2026 Venue: Gujarat University Convention and Exhibition Center Organiser: Aries Events Pvt.

#### **VLSID 2026**

Date: 3-7 JAN, 2026 Venue: PUNE Organiser: VLSID

#### Battery India 2026

Date: 6-7 JAN, 2026 ue : Fairfield by Marriott Ben Organiser : BATTERY & RECYCLING FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL

#### **INDUSFOOD MANUFACTURING 2026**

Date: 6-8 JAN, 2026 Venue: YASHOBHOOMI Organiser : TRADE PROMOTION COUNCIL OF INDIA

#### South India Sweets & Snacks Tech Fair 2026

Date: 7-9 JAN, 2026 Venue: Codissia Trade Fair Complex Organiser : Hi KONTAK Fairs

#### EFY Expo Pune 2026

Date: 8-10 JAN, 2026 Venue : Auto Cluster **Exhibition Center, Pune Organiser:** EFY Enterprises

#### India International Travel Mart - Kochi 2026

Date: 8-10 JAN, 2026 Venue: KOCHI Organiser: Sphere Travelmedia & Exhibitions Pvt. Ltd.

#### CONSTRO 2026

Date: 8-11 JAN, 2026 Venue : Pune International Exhibition and Convention Centre **Organiser:** Pune Construction **Engineering Research Foundation** 

#### Odisha Mining and Infrastructure International Expo 2026

Date: 8-11 JAN, 2026 Venue: Baramunda Ground Field, Bhubaneswar niser: Futurex Trade Fair & Events Pvt. Ltd.

### International Architecture & Interior Design Expo 2026

Date: 8-12 JAN, 2026 Venue : Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan, Kolkata Organiser: ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS BUILDERS INTERIOR DESIGN

#### Grand Shopping Expo 2026

Date: 8-12 JAN, 2026 Venue: LUDHIANA **Organiser:** Showman Associates (P) Ltd.

### IIJS - India International Jewellery Show 2026

Date: 9-11 JAN, 2026 Venue : JIO WORLD CONVENTION CENTRE Organiser: The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council

#### Bharat Agri Tech 2026

Date: 9-11 JAN, 2026 Venue : college of agriculture ground, indore Organiser : YUVA UDAAN **EVENTS PRIVATE LIMITED** 

### Indore Food Expo 2026

Date: 9-11 JAN, 2026 Venue: Urban Haat, Indore Organiser: Indore Infoline Pvt. Ltd.

### Industrial Engineering & Manufacturing Expo 2026

Date: 9-12 JAN, 2026 Venue : Labhganga **Exhibition Center, Indore Organiser:** FUTURE EVENTS

### IENX Expo 2026

Date: 9-12 JAN, 2026 Venue: NSIC **GROUND**, Rajkot Organiser : IENX EXPO

Date: 10-12 JAN, 2026 Venue: CIDCO Organiser : S.D. Promo Media Pvt. Ltd.

### New Delhi World Book Fair 2026

Date: 10-18 JAN, 2026 Venue : PRAGATI MAIDAN Organiser: ITPO

#### Expo Paint And Coating Chennai 2026

Date: 11-13 JAN, 2026 Venue : Chennai Trade Centre Organiser : TOREDO FAIRS INDIA PVT. LTD

#### Krushik 202

Date: 15-19 JAN, 2026 Venue : Krishi vigyan kendra, Pune Organiser : KRUSHI VINDYAN **KENDRA** 

#### SAFEX - Sports & Fitness Expo 2026

Date: 16-17 JAN, 2026 Venue: WORLD TRADE **CENTRE, MUMBAI** Organiser: INDIAN EXHIBITION CENTRES

#### ORGANIC EXPO 2

Date: 16-18 JAN, 2026 Venue: PRAGATI MAIDAN Organiser: NAMO GANGE TRUST

### Hospitality Interior & Design Expo 2026

Date: 16-18 JAN, 2026 Venue: Palace Grounds, Bengaluru Organiser: Introduction Trade Shows

#### **INDIA LIGHT EXPO 2026**

Date: 16-18 JAN, 2026 Venue: Auto Cluster **Exhibition Center, Pune** Organiser: EXHIBITIONS & TRADE SERVICES INDIA PVT. LTD.

### POWER ELEC INDIA EXPO 2026

Date: 16-18 JAN, 2026 Venue: Auto Cluster **Exhibition Center, Pune Organiser: EXHIBITIONS & TRADE** SERVICES INDIA PVT. LTD.

### The Harit Bharat Expo 2026

Date: 16-18 JAN, 2026 Venue: Jaipur Exhibition & **Convention Centre Organiser:** COLOR N DESIGN

# Bharat Pro Sound Light Expo 2026

Date: 16-18 JAN, 2026 Venue: Labhganga **Exhibition Center, Indore** Organiser: PND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA

### IFX - India Food Expo 2026

Date: 16-18 JAN, 2026 Venue: Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow **Organiser:** Indian Industries Association

Date: 16-18 IAN 2026 **Venue: KINFRA INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION CUM CONVENTION** CENTRE, KOCHI **Organiser: METRO MART** 

#### **INTEXT Expo 202**

Date: 16-19 JAN, 2026 Venue: Ludhiana Exhibition Centre, Ludhiana Organiser: Udan Media & Communication Pvt. Ltd.

#### India Food Pack Expo 2026

Date: 20-22 JAN, 2026 Venue: Palace Grounds, Bengaluru Organiser: SYNERGY EXPOSURES AND EVENTS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED

Date: 20-22 IAN 2026 Venue: Palace Grounds, Bengaluru Organiser: SYNERGY EXPOSURES AND EVENTS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED

### MRAI's 13th IMRC

Date: 20-22 IAN 2026 Venue: Novotel Jaipur **Convention Centre Organiser:** Material Recycling Association Of India (MRAI)

#### MOI DFX India 202

Date: 21-25 IAN 2026 Venue: BANGALORE INTERNATIONAL **EXHIBITION CENTRE Organiser:** Messe Stuttgart India Pvt. Ltd.

Date: 21-25 IAN 2026 **Venue: BANGALORE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE** Organiser: Indian Machine Tool

#### Indian Gifts & Premium Expo 2026

Date: 22-24 JAN, 2026 Venue : JIO WORLD **CONVENTION CENTRE** Organiser: Suburban Stationery Vyapari Association

Date: 22-24 JAN, 2026 Venue : JIO WORLD **CONVENTION CENTRE** Organiser: Suburban Stationery Vyapari Association

### SRW INDIA WATER EXPO 2026

Date: 22-24 JAN, 2026 Venue: Chennai Trade Organiser: SRW INDIA

Date: 22-24 JAN, 2026 Venue: Helipad Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagai Organiser: Indian Exhibition Services

### Manufacturers' Association F & T India 2026 (Food and Technology Show)

Date: 22-24 JAN, 2026 **Venue: Helipad Exhibition** Centre, Gandhinagai **Organiser:** Indian Exhibition Services

Date: 23-24 JAN, 2026 **Venue: Coimbatore Organiser:** Holiday Expo Secretariat

Date: 23-25 JAN, 2026 **Organiser:** NUTS AND DRY FRUITS COUNCIL (INDIA)

### FOOTWEAR INDIA EXPO 2026

Date: 23-25 JAN, 2026 Venue : PRAGATI MAIDAN Organiser: Footwear India Expo

Date: 23-25 JAN, 2026 Venue : Auto Cluster **Exhibition Center, Pune Organiser:** Exponomics **Events Private Limited** 

Date: 23-25 JAN, 2026 Venue : Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan, Kolkata **Organiser:** S S TEXTILE MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED

Date: 23-25 JAN, 2026 Complex
Organiser: Prompt Trade Fairs

Date: 23-25 JAN, 2026 **Venue: Guiarat University Convention and Exhibition** Center Organiser : Shivam Info

Date: 23-25 JAN, 2026 Stadium, Bhubaneswa Organiser: MAKE IN EXPO

#### **UPITEX 202**

Date: 23-27 JAN, 2026 Venue : Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow Organiser: PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Date: 24-25 JAN, 2026 Venue : Karnataka Trade Promotion Organisation Organiser: INDIA RETAIL INVESTORS EXPO (IRIE) CONNECTS

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Date: 25-27 JAN, 2026 **Exhibition and Convention Centre Organiser:** The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Date: 27-28 JAN, 2026 Venue: JIO WORLD **CONVENTION CENTRE Organiser:** ExpoNova Exhibitions & Conferences (India) Pvt. Ltd.

## Date: 27-29 JAN, 2026

Venue: YASHOBHOOMI Organiser: Saina Events

# Date: 27-30 JAN, 2026

Venue : BOMBAY **EXHIBITION CENTRE** Organiser : REED EXHIBITIONS

#### Date: 28-29 JAN, 2026

Venue: BENGALURU Organiser: IMAGES MULTIMEDIA PVT. LTD.

#### AgroWorld India 2026

Date: 28-30 JAN, 2026 Venue: Palace Grounds, Bengaluru
Organiser: Indian Council of Food and Agriculture

#### **SIAT 2026**

Date: 28-30 JAN, 2026 Venue: Pune International **Exhibition and Convention Centre Organiser:** The Automotive Research Association Of India

#### Indian Ceramics Asia 2026

Date: 28-30 JAN, 2026 **Venue: Helipad Exhibition** Centre, Gandhinagar Organiser: Messe Muenchen India Pvt. Ltd.

#### Agri Vision 2026

Date: 28-30 JAN, 2026 Venue: Bhubaneswa Organiser: Society for Agricultural Research and Management (SARM)

#### Wings India 2026

Date: 28-31 JAN, 2026 Organiser: Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)

#### 18TH EDITION OF CPHI & PMEC INDIA





The sold-out 18th edition of CPHI & PMEC India, organised by Informa Markets in India, opened its doors on 25th November 2025 at the India Expo Centre, Greater Noida, Delhi-NCR, showcasing the robust potential of India's pharmaceutical industry. Bringing together over 2,000 exhibitors and 50,000 visitors from more than 120 countries, including China, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, and South Korea, the expo serves as a dynamic hub for innovation and collaboration. From 2026 onward, CPHI and PMEC India will transition into two specialised shows across two locations on consecutive days - a decision shaped by extensive stakeholder feedback. This shift is designed to give each platform the space, focus, and depth it deserves: CPHI at Dwarka will offer a more premium, content-driven environment, while PMEC at IEML will address scale requirements and provide an optimised experience for machinery and technology exhibitors.

### DRINKTEC INDIA 2025





From beverage and dairy to liquid food and packaging the biggest names, brightest minds, and boldest ideas are all here under one roof! A power packed inauguration of drinktec india was held at Bombay Exhibition Centre. The exhibition provided visitors access to cutting edge technologies, equipments and foster networking.

### ORGATEC INDIA 2025







The grand inaugural ceremony took place in the presence of key dignitaries such as Nirupam Chaudhuri, Director, NASSCOM; Ms Bharti Singh Kalappa, Head of Facilities, Noida International Airport; Ms Sakhee Chandrayan,

Founder & President, INBAC (Integrated Building Automation Community); Dr. Mala Singh, Chairperson, Indian Green Building Council (IGBC)(CII) - Mumbai Chapter, Makarand Kulkarni, Council for Realty Infrastructure & Services Promotion (CRISP) Contributor & Senior Leader, Global Administration & Facilities Operations; Mr Ajay Bhatt, CRISP Contributor & Group Head - Corporate Services, Godrej Industries Group; Oliver Frese, COO, Koelnmesse GmbH and Milind Dixit, Managing Director, Koelnmesse India. India's office market continues to expand at record pace; Grade-A office leasing crossed 70 million sq ft in 2024, while the demand for managed and flexible workspaces grew 57% year-on-year.

### WORLD DENTAL SHOW 2025







The World Dental Show 2025 was inaugurated with the traditional lamp lighting and ribbon-cutting ceremony by Gustovo Gonzalez, Consul General of Chile, Alex Chain, TAITRA – Taiwan External Trade Development

Council. Alongside esteemed dignitaries of the Indian Dental Association which included Dr. Subhra Nandy, President, IDA, Dr. Ashok Dhoble, Hon. Secretary General, IDA, Dr. Manoj Srivastava, President-Elect, IDA. Joined by all IDA Committee Members, marking the beginning of an inspiring journey of innovation, learning, and collaboration in dentistry.

#### TECHTEXTIL INDIA 2025



With the ever-growing textiles industry, the show's dynamic agenda features 300+ brands, a dedicated Sporttech Pavilion and a German Pavilion – which features 13 brands. The The show was inaugurated in the august presence of distinguished dignitaries, including Guest of Honour, Honourable Smt R Lalitha, IAS, Director of Textiles, Department of Textiles, Government of Tamil Nadu, Mr Pramod Khosla, Member of Committee of Administration, The Manmade and Technical Textiles Export Promotion Council (MATEXIL), Mr Mahesh Kudav, Chairman, Indian Technical Textiles Association, Ms Sabine Scharrer, Director, Brand Management, Technical Textiles and Textile Processing, Messe Frankfurt GmbH, Mr Raj Manek, Executive Director & Board Member, Messe Frankfurt Asia Holdings Ltd.

#### **CABLE AND WIRE FAIR 2025**



The 6th Edition of the Cable & Wire Fair (CWF) was the event's largest and most appreciated by the industry yet. Organized by Tulip 3P Media Pvt. Ltd., Cable & Wire Fair 2025 concluded on a high note showcasing country's fastest growing innovations and technologies by 424 exhibitors from 4-6 November 2025 at Halls 2,3,4 & 5 of Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India. The co-located event held in Hall 6—Tube & Pipe Fair — witnessed participation from 133 exhibitors, taking the overall exhibitor count to 557. Spanning 35,000 sq. m gross area, India's Largest International Expo for the Wire and Cable Industry witnessed a very strong visitor footfall of 16,393.

#### **MULTILOGISTIX EXPO 2025**



Some glimpses from the Multilogistix Conference 2025— a dynamic gathering of logistics leaders, supply-chain innovators and technology providers driving the future of India's multimodal ecosystem. From insightful sessions to powerful industry discussions, the event showcased new ideas, emerging trends and collaborative pathways for smarter, faster and more resilient logistics.

### INDIA INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR 2025



The India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2025 was inaugurated by the Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Shri Jitin Prasada. One of the most prominent and famed exhibition of India drew large crowd, supported small scale innovators. The exhibition

crowd, supported small scale innovators. The exhibition supported small scale producers as it provided them with a stage to showcase their product.

#### INDIAIRPORT EXPO 2025





IndiAirport 2025 was inaugurated on 18th November 2025 by Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation Shri Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu at Yashobhoomi. It brought together various industry professionals and the latest in airport technology, ATC, GSE, safety & infrastructure—live demos, product launches, and power networking throughout the three days.

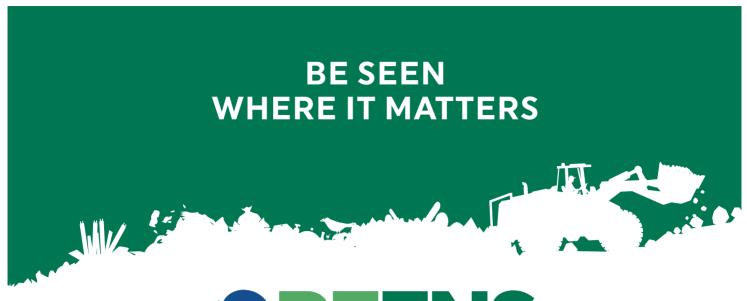
#### INDIA MANUFACTURING SHOW 2025





The inaugural ceremony of the India Manufacturing Show 2025 marked a proud moment for India's industrial sector, celebrating innovation, collaboration, and progress. The ceremony was graced by esteemed dignitaries including Shri Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and New & Renewable Energy; Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Minister of State for MSME and Labour & Employment; Shri Tejasvi Surya, MP – Bengaluru South; and Shri Sunil Deodhar, Former BJP National Secretary, along with senior leadership from Laghu Udyog Bharati and the IMS Foundation.

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