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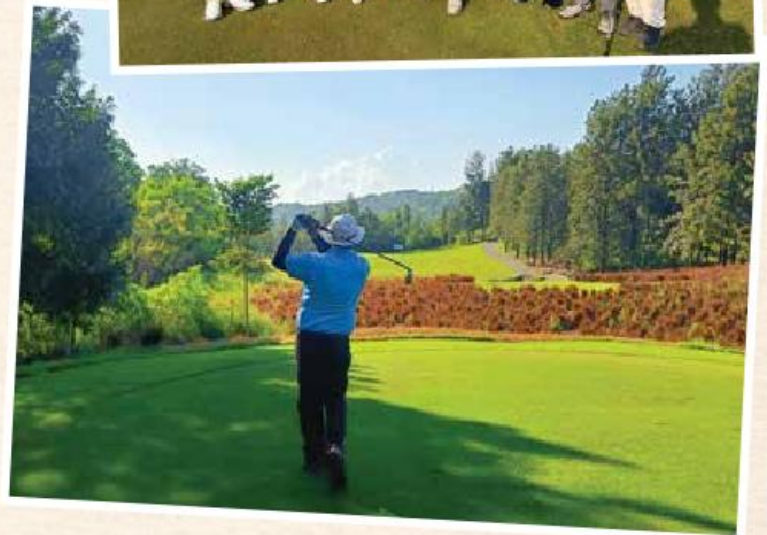
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Showcasing the Momentum of India's
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Welcome to the latest edition of TradeFairTimes, where we bring you the key developments shaping India's exhibition, convention, travel, and MICE industry. This month, we feature exclusive interviews with Mr. Chander, who shares his vision for the Convention India Conclave, Darren Seah of Messe Berlin Asia Pacific on the growth of ITB India, and Shri Rohan Khaunte, Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Government of Goa, who discusses the state's ambitions in tourism and MICE and more.

Our coverage highlights major industry milestones, including the debut announcement of WTM Spotlight India 2027, ONGC's launch of the Urja Bharat Convention Centre in Goa, and ICPB's Jaipur MICE Roadshow, showcasing Rajasthan's growing capabilities as a premier MICE destination.

We also bring comprehensive reports from leading exhibitions including HGH India 2026, Bharat Tex 2026, Pharma Pro&Pack Expo 2026, and the inaugural Indusfood Ahmedabad 2026, each reflecting India's expanding role as a global business and sourcing destination.

In this edition, we also cover EEMA's appointment of Deepak Choudhary as its new President, Sudhir Dhawan's appointment as Managing Director of R.E. Rogers India Pvt. Ltd., along with insightful articles by Jagriti Pandey, Richard Erschik, and Sadaf Rizvi, offering valuable perspectives on collaboration, global exhibition trends, and sustainability.

As always, don't miss our Event Calendar, your guide to the upcoming exhibitions and industry events across India. Thank you for your continued support and trust. We hope you enjoy this edition and find it both informative and inspiring.

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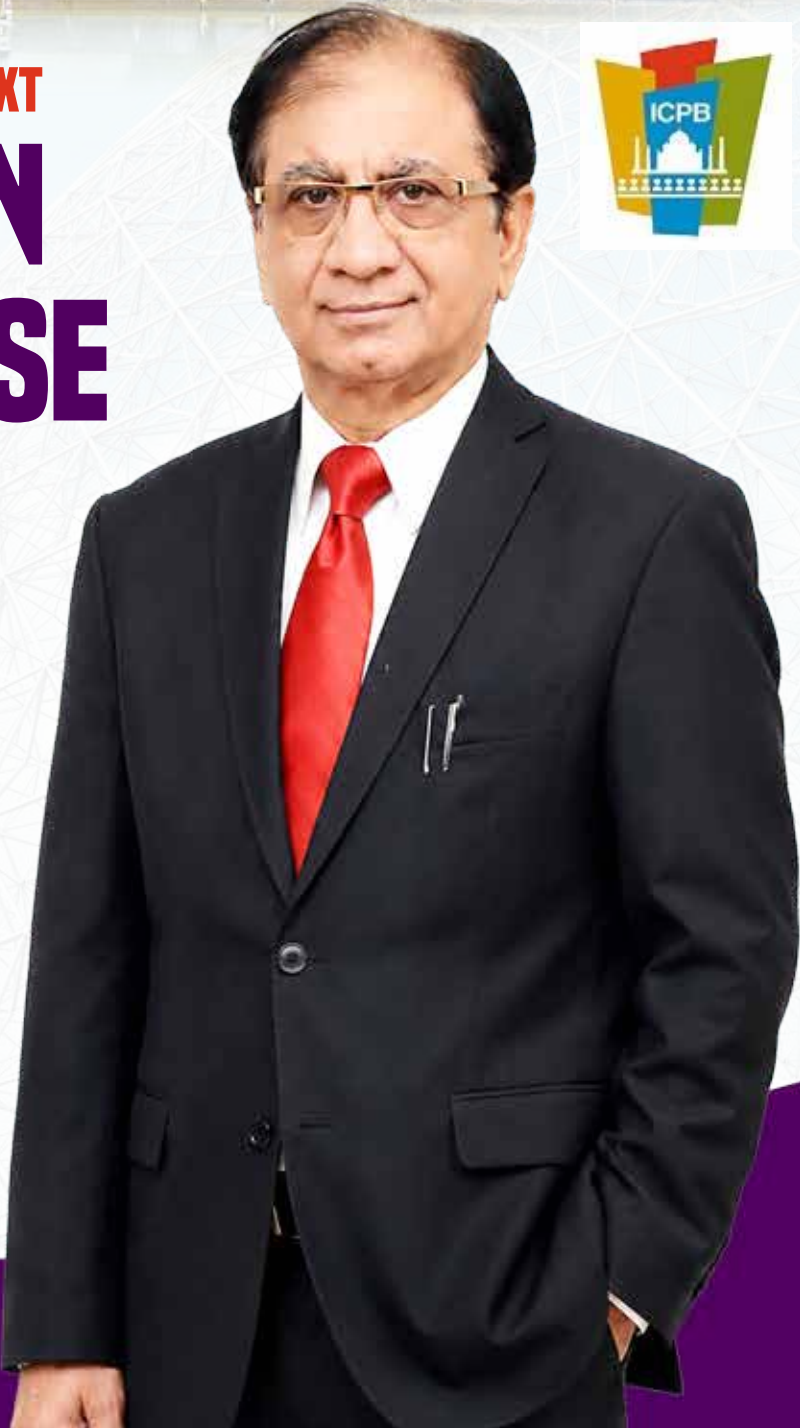
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POSITIONING INDIA AS ASIA'S NEXT CONVENTION POWERHOUSE

In this exclusive cover interview with TradeFairTimes, Chander Mansharamani, Vice Chairman, India Convention Promotion Bureau (ICPB), shares his vision for the upcoming Convention India Conclave and explains how it can evolve into one of Asia's most prominent business events platforms. He discusses the Government of India's schemes and support mechanisms for attracting international conferences, the biggest growth opportunities for India's MICE sector, key infrastructure and policy priorities, and the challenges that must be addressed to position India as a leading global convention destination.



CHANDER MANSHARAMANI
VICE CHAIRMAN, INDIA CONVENTION PROMOTION BUREAU

TFT: Convention India Conclave (CIC) has established itself as India's premier platform for the conventions and meetings industry. How do you envision its evolution over the next five years?

CM : It's not five years, we have made a target of three years now. There should be a signature event of MICE industry in India where gradually we are going to make it more of an international one. Many players across the world have kind of year after year the same event, in the same month, same city. So international participation is also there, so here also we are making it in 3 years time, we want to make it as Asia's preferred MICE destination.

TFT: India has made significant investments in convention centres, airports, hospitality, and urban infrastructure. Do you believe the country is now well-positioned to compete with leading global convention destinations such as Singapore, Dubai, and Bangkok?

CM : As far as the infrastructure wise we are quite competent now, we have excellent infrastructure now like Yashobhoomi, Bharat Mandapam, IEML in Noida, Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai, HITEX in Hyderabad. So as far as the connectivity is concerned which is the main reason of people coming into any country, connectivity is there, infrastructure is there other growth connections are there so infrastructure wise we are quite competitive now except we have to form a policy on incentivisation because most of these countries like Singapore, Bangkok, Dubai you are talking about they do a lot of incentives to the conference organisers to come to their country. So that policy we need today to work on getting business in India.

TFT: India's experience economy is growing rapidly and is expected to become a major contributor to the country's economic growth. What role do you see the convention and business events industry playing in this transformation?

CM : Transformation comes in when you go for a more infrastructure in the sense that you build more convention centres like take an example of Yashobhoomi which is in Dwarka where there were 3 hotels but they were never occupied, never had any good business and now the whole area is developed. In the sense there are golf courses coming in, there are more hotels coming in, there are sports centres coming in, so take five years time the whole area will be developed into kind of a convention

- The target for the Convention India Conclave (CIC) is to become a signature international MICE event in Asia within three years (by 2029) rather than five, positioning India as a preferred global destination.
- India is now physically competitive with global hubs like Singapore, Dubai, and Bangkok, boasting world-class venues such as Bharat Mandapam, Yashobhoomi, IEML (Noida), Jio World Convention Centre (Mumbai), and HITEX (Hyderabad).
- The primary bottleneck in winning international bids is the absence of an active financial incentivisation policy. Unlike competing destinations (Singapore, Bangkok, Dubai) that offer heavy incentives to conference organizers, India currently lacks a dedicated financial assistance scheme under the Ministry of Tourism to help local organizers bid for international conferences.

city so that will definitely going to help us in the economy of the country. I'm not talking only about Dwarka, in Nagpur also the same kind of thinking is there with the Maharashtra government, Jaipur is also trying to work it out like the Bharat Mandapam. So various state governments are identifying particular area to develop as in a convention city as such. The economic growth will be there by holding the conferences there, the hotels will do their own business, the malls will do their own shopping business, convention centres will have their own business definitely it's going to help the economy of the country.

TFT: What are the biggest opportunities for India in attracting international association congresses, corporate conventions, and incentive travel programmes over the coming decade?

CM : You see the biggest opportunity for India is the knowledge economy. Having so many IIMs, IITs, is you know kind of prominent thing in the world. Look at the medical area, the doctors that is one area. Then the science and then medical and then technology then IITs, IIMs who can bit for the conference so that is the advantage that India has.

TFT: Despite India's growing capabilities, the country still misses out on several international convention bids. What, in your view, are the key challenges that need to be addressed?

CM : The challenge is only the incentivisation. When the conference organisers bit for the conference, one is that the scheme the Ministry of Tourism has for which they assist financially to the conference organisers for bidding for the international conference which is not there now. So the bid has to come in again that is a challenge where we need to have some kind of a financial assistance to the people who can bid for a conference that is one, and second is once you bid for a conference, a part of bidding should be the incentivisation of the conference also. So these are the two challenges we face.

TFT: How is ICPB collaborating with the Government of India, state tourism boards, convention centres, and industry stakeholders to strengthen India's position as a preferred global meetings destination?

CM : They are already there, they are our members, ICPB is under the India's Ministry of Tourism and then there are members of our boards, members of the convention centres. We have already come together to market India as a global event destination. Then what we do is how we collectively altogether go abroad and market by participating in





international trade shows, roadshows abroad, so we all go together and then we can make India as a preferred convention destination.

TFT: The successful hosting of the G20 meetings showcased India's ability to deliver world-class events. How has this enhanced India's credibility and competitiveness in the global MICE industry?

CM : We had a very big advantage of G20 where even the Prime Minister's office also says that the reason we had around 60 events across India during the G20 because G20 was not held in Delhi only. It was held in every state, so there were 60 venues. The purpose of doing this choosing 60 venues for G20 was to promote MICE where we wanted to showcase to the world that yes there's not only Delhi, Bombay or the capital cities but even 2 tier cities we are capable of doing the MICE events in 60 cities. So that was a very successful kind of campaign.

TFT: Several Tier-II and Tier-III cities are developing modern convention infrastructure. Which emerging destinations do you believe have the greatest potential to become future convention hubs, and why?

CM : It is not only the convention centres, it is the connectivity and it is the other areas like there are 2 – 3 things here like I will give you an example of Khajuraho. Khajuraho has a good convention centre of say 1,500-2,000 people, we had gone to inaugurate that but there is only 1 flight to Khajuraho in a day. So these tier II and tier III cities have to realise it is not that having a convention centre they can develop, getting the business for the convention centre they need to develop all inclusive where everything has to come together to promote this. So the tier II and III cities have to work on the infrastructure anyways they are building the convention centres but then the connectivity and other areas of convention have to be simultaneously work on it. Potential to become a future

convention, whosoever comes in a lot of states are coming up now like Pune is coming in, Nagpur is coming in Maharashtra. Then if you look at around Delhi, Mohali a new convention centre is coming up, Jaipur again Mandapam is coming up there, Vishakhapatnam I'm interacting with people there, there will be a big convention centre in Vishakhapatnam. So tier II and tier III cities are coming up with the infrastructure now the only thing what we are advising them is to have inclusive thing what you require in a convention business.

TFT: Artificial Intelligence, smart venues, digital engagement, and data-driven event management are transforming the industry. Which technological trends do you believe will define the future of conventions and business events?

CM : One is that artificial intelligence has to do with the operational side, it's nothing to do with the competitiveness kind of thing. Smart venues, digital engagement and data driven event management is the key actually for transforming the industry. So smart venue has to be there in a sense when the people come in there they should feel how they are in a venue when they come in and then the seamless experience when they are working there in the venue that is what they require. Digital engagement is basically the communication. Artificial intelligence is that one can use it into many areas like communication, digital marketing even mining the data also to be more competitive.

TFT: What policy initiatives, incentives, or structural reforms would you like to see from the Government to help India attract a larger share of international conventions and business events?

CM : See one is that they should have a MICE policy in place now. Part of that will be how they are going to go about the incentivisation of the international conferences, incentivisation of the financial assistance to the local

conference organisers who can go and bid for a conference so the policy should be in place at the moment like the participation into international trade shows abroad, having a roadshow abroad, this is one of the part of the policy what they need to work on it like they need to have some kind of what we have been asking them to make ICPB as in a central agency to market India for bringing more conventions to India. Recently another policy which is very appreciable is that the Government of India's initiative is to try encourage the State Governments to form the Bureaus. So they are working on because the bureaus are the ones who can go and bid for the conference and then bid the conference for the particular state so that initiative the Ministry of Tourism has taken as a part of the policy as such where policy has not been framed but then they have taken initiative to telling the governments to go and form a Bureau and market their own state to bring the international conference to their own states. So these are the policies what we are looking at.

TFT: Looking ahead to 2035, what is your vision for India's convention industry, and what message would you like to share with global event organisers and associations considering India as their next destination?

CM : One is that we have been talking about is that we have to convey the message to them is that India is quite capable of today holding conference of any size, Second what we are saying is that infrastructure means local connectivity is there, convention centres are there, we are quite today equipped with all that we need. One more thing what I have been talking about is the knowledge economy where we have the science with us, the technology with us, in the technology we are known in the world, in space we are also known in the world, with the medical we are known in the world. What my vision is to we try these things to bring in more conferences into India.

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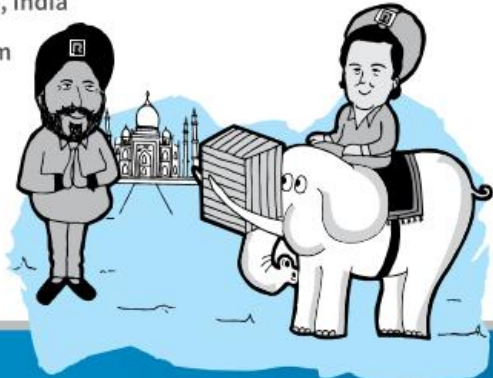
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As India's travel and tourism sector experiences robust growth in outbound markets alongside a steady recovery in inbound traffic, the region has increasingly become a focal point for the global travel industry. With Mumbai preparing to host ITB India 2026 from 1 to 3 September 2026, Trade Fair Times (TFT) spoke with Darren Seah (DS), Executive Director of Messe Berlin Asia Pacific



TFT: India's outbound travel market is witnessing unprecedented growth, while inbound tourism is steadily recovering. How is ITB India positioning itself to capitalize on these changing market dynamics?

DS : India's travel market is entering an exciting phase of expansion. Outbound travel continues to grow as rising disposable incomes, improved air connectivity, and increasing demand for international experiences encourage more Indians to explore the world. At the same time, inbound tourism is benefiting from renewed confidence, stronger destination marketing, and greater investment across the tourism ecosystem.

ITB India is positioned at the intersection of these developments by bringing together international destinations, tourism organisations, hospitality companies, travel service providers, and technology businesses with qualified buyers from across India and South Asia. This creates opportunities for suppliers to engage directly with decision-makers who are actively seeking new products, partnerships, and destinations.

The event also reflects the increasingly interconnected nature of the industry. Leisure, MICE, corporate travel, and travel technology are no longer operating independently, and ITB India provides a platform where these sectors can collaborate, exchange knowledge, and identify new commercial opportunities. Combined with a conference programme that examines market trends and emerging traveller behaviour, the event helps businesses develop strategies that respond to India's evolving travel landscape.

TFT: India has set an ambitious vision of becoming a global tourism and MICE hub. How do you see ITB India contributing to this national objective?

DS : India's ambition to become a global tourism and MICE hub depends on more than infrastructure alone. It also requires stronger international partnerships, greater knowledge exchange, and platforms that facilitate meaningful business engagement between global and regional stakeholders.

ITB India contributes to this objective by bringing together tourism boards, convention bureaux, hospitality companies, airlines, destination management companies, travel technology providers, and qualified buyers under one roof. The event creates opportunities for international businesses to establish partnerships with Indian organisations

- ITB India 2026 positions itself at the intersection of India's expanding outbound market and recovering inbound tourism by bringing global suppliers, tourism organizations, and technology providers directly to qualified buyers from India and South Asia.
- Beyond offering exhibition space, the platform aims to strengthen India's (and specifically Mumbai's) position as a global tourism hub by facilitating cross-border partnerships, knowledge exchange, and industry-wide dialogue.
- To meet the demands of increasingly sophisticated Indian travelers, the event focuses on high-growth segments such as personalized luxury travel, wellness tourism, and cruise tourism.

while enabling local companies to expand their global networks. Beyond commercial engagement, ITB India serves as a platform for industry dialogue. Through its conference programme, the event explores the trends influencing tourism, business events, digital transformation, sustainability, and changing traveller behaviour, providing practical insights that help businesses remain competitive.

As India's influence within global tourism continues to grow, ITB India strengthens the country's position as an important meeting point for the international travel industry. By facilitating investment, cross-border collaboration, and business development, the event supports the broader objective of positioning India, and Mumbai in particular, as an increasingly important destination for tourism and business events.

TFT: With the growing importance of experiential travel, luxury tourism and wellness tourism, what new opportunities do you see emerging for international destinations targeting Indian travellers?

DS : Indian travellers are becoming increasingly sophisticated in the way they travel. While traditional sightseeing remains important, there is growing demand for experiences that are personalised, immersive, and aligned with individual interests and lifestyles.

Luxury travel continues to evolve

beyond premium accommodation to include exclusive cultural experiences, bespoke itineraries, and meaningful local engagement. At the same time, wellness tourism is expanding as more travellers prioritise physical wellbeing, mental wellness, preventive healthcare, and longer restorative holidays. Cruise tourism is another segment gaining momentum, with travellers seeking multi-destination experiences that combine convenience with premium services.

These shifts create significant opportunities for international destinations to diversify their offerings and develop products tailored to Indian travellers. Success increasingly depends on understanding traveller preferences and creating experiences that deliver authenticity, flexibility, and value.

ITB India provides an ideal environment for destinations and travel suppliers to engage directly with buyers who are responding to these changing demands. It allows businesses to showcase emerging tourism products, explore new partnerships, and gain valuable insights into one of the world's fastest growing outbound travel markets.

TFT: Technology continues to reshape the travel industry, from AI-powered trip planning to digital payments and smart tourism. How will ITB India 2026 showcase these innovations?

DS : Technology has become central to every stage of the travel journey, from inspiration and booking to customer engagement and operational efficiency. At ITB India 2026, digital innovation is integrated throughout both the exhibition and the conference programme.

Travel technology companies will exhibit alongside destinations, hotels, airlines, travel agencies, and tourism organisations, creating opportunities for solution providers to engage directly with businesses looking to accelerate their digital transformation.

Artificial intelligence will be a key area of discussion, particularly its growing role in personalisation, customer service, revenue optimisation, operational efficiency, and business intelligence. Delegates can also expect conversations around smart tourism, data-driven decision making, digital payments, automation, and emerging technologies that are reshaping the industry.

For established companies, ITB India offers an opportunity to showcase new solutions and strengthen commercial partnerships. For start-ups and innovative technology providers, it provides

valuable exposure to qualified buyers and industry leaders seeking practical technologies that address real business challenges. The objective is to create an environment where innovation translates into meaningful business collaboration.

TFT: Business matchmaking remains one of the biggest reasons professionals attend B2B exhibitions. What initiatives has ITB India introduced to ensure meaningful buyer-seller engagement?

DS : Meaningful business outcomes begin with connecting the right people. At ITB India, our priority is to facilitate meetings that have genuine commercial relevance rather than simply increasing the number of appointments.

Our Hosted Buyer Programme follows a structured qualification process to ensure buyers have purchasing authority and sourcing requirements that align with the products and services represented by exhibitors. We also maintain a balanced buyer profile across leisure, MICE, corporate travel, and travel technology to maximise business opportunities for participants.

To further enhance the experience, ITB India's event app, powered by Jublia, uses artificial intelligence to recommend relevant business connections based on participants' profiles, business interests, and meeting objectives. Together with our pre-scheduled business matching platform, exhibitors and buyers can review detailed profiles, receive personalised meeting recommendations, identify suitable partners, and schedule appointments before arriving onsite. This AI-enabled approach makes networking more targeted and efficient, helping participants maximise their time at the event.

In addition to scheduled appointments, networking functions and the conference programme provide valuable opportunities for delegates to continue conversations, exchange ideas, and build relationships beyond formal meetings. By combining AI-powered recommendations, structured business matching, and face-to-face networking, ITB India creates an environment where partnerships can develop naturally and deliver measurable value for both buyers and exhibitors.

TFT: ITB Berlin is regarded as one of the world's leading travel exhibitions. How does ITB India leverage this global legacy while creating an identity that reflects the unique needs of the Indian and South Asian markets?

DS : ITB India builds on the global reputation, industry expertise and international network of the ITB brand while maintaining a strong focus on the specific characteristics and business priorities of the Indian and South Asian travel markets.

The travel landscape in this region is unique. It is shaped by rapid economic growth, a diverse mix of traveller segments, expanding outbound demand, and increasing investment across tourism, hospitality, MICE, and travel technology. These dynamics require a B2B platform designed specifically around regional business priorities while connecting local stakeholders with the global travel industry.

ITB India continues to evolve alongside the market by prioritizing a high quality-first buyer strategy and expanding its focus on high-growth travel sectors. Dedicated content and business opportunities around areas such as wellness and cruise tourism reflect the changing interests of Indian travellers and the commercial opportunities these segments present. This balance allows international exhibitors to access one of the world's most dynamic travel markets while giving regional businesses opportunities to build global partnerships. The combination of the ITB brands' international reach and relevance and deep regional market understanding is what has defined ITB India's identity since its launch.

TFT: What is your long-term vision for ITB India? Are there plans to expand the exhibition in terms of scale, international participation, or new industry segments?

DS : Our long-term vision is for ITB India to continue serving as the gateway connecting India and South Asia with the global travel industry. As one of the world's fastest-growing travel markets, India will play an increasingly influential role in shaping the future of tourism, and we want ITB India to evolve alongside that growth.

While facilitating business remains our core purpose, our ambition extends beyond being a three-day exhibition. We want ITB India to be recognised as a year-round platform that fosters strategic partnerships, encourages knowledge exchange, and supports the long-term development of the travel industry. This means continually strengthening the quality of our buyer programme, expanding international participation, and creating greater value for exhibitors through meaningful business connections.

We also see significant opportunities to develop dedicated platforms around

high-growth sectors that are reshaping the Indian travel market. Segments such as destination weddings, wellness tourism, sports tourism, and spiritual, cultural, and heritage tourism continue to gain momentum, and we aim to provide specialised content, networking opportunities, and business matching that support these evolving markets.

Most importantly, we will continue listening to the industry and adapting to its changing needs. As traveller expectations, technology, and business models evolve, ITB India will remain focused on providing a relevant, results-driven platform that helps businesses identify new opportunities, build lasting partnerships, and contribute to the sustainable growth of India's travel and tourism ecosystem.

TFT: Lastly, what message you would like to give to our readers?

DS : India's travel industry is entering a remarkable period of growth and transformation. As traveller expectations evolve and new opportunities emerge across leisure, MICE, corporate travel, and travel technology, collaboration has never been more important.

My message to industry professionals is to view this as a time to build new partnerships, embrace innovation, and explore markets with a long-term perspective. The businesses that succeed will be those that remain adaptable, invest in meaningful relationships, and continue to evolve alongside changing consumer preferences.

ITB India 2026 is designed to bring together the people driving these conversations. Whether you are a destination, hotel group, airline, travel tech ITB India 2026 is designed to bring together the people driving these conversations. Whether you are a destination, hotel group, airline, travel technology provider, tour operator, or buyer, the event offers an opportunity to exchange ideas, discover new business opportunities, and connect with partners from across India, South Asia, and the international travel community. nology provider, tour operator, or buyer, the event offers an opportunity to exchange ideas, discover new business opportunities, and connect with partners from across India, South Asia, and the international travel community.

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**TFT Kolkata Correspondent
ADRIJA DASGUPTA interviewed
SHRI ROHAN A KHAUNTE, Hon'ble Minister
for Tourism, Goa regarding how Goa can
become a year-round MICE destination.**



ROHAN A. KHAUNTE
Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Goa

TFT: What are the key priorities for Goa Tourism over the next five years?

R.A.K : Our focus is to position Goa as a world-class, year-round destination through our vision of Goa Beyond Beaches and Regenerative Tourism. We are expanding experiences in wellness, heritage, adventure, MICE, weddings, cruise and hinterland tourism while improving connectivity, infrastructure and digital services. Our goal is simple: create high-value tourism that benefits communities, protects our environment and strengthens Goa's economy.

TFT: How is the government encouraging local communities to benefit from tourism?

R.A.K : Communities are at the centre of our tourism model. We are empowering local entrepreneurs, artisans, self-help groups and homestay owners through training, financial support and market access. When tourism creates opportunities at the grassroots, it strengthens livelihoods while preserving Goa's culture, heritage and traditions.



TFT: How will improved connectivity and infrastructure benefit Goa's tourism industry?

R.A.K : Goa already has good infrastructure and connectivity, and better connectivity opens Goa to new domestic and international markets while supporting MICE, weddings, sports, wellness and long-stay tourism. It also encourages visitors to explore our hinterland and lesser-known destinations, increasing visitor spending, extending stays and creating economic opportunities across the state.

TFT: Which tourism segments will receive special focus in the coming years?

R.A.K : Our strategy is diversification, not dependence on one segment. We are strengthening wellness, heritage, MICE, adventure and nature-based tourism under the umbrella of Goa Beyond Beaches. Every initiative is guided by regenerative tourism, ensuring growth that benefits both visitors and local communities while protecting Goa's natural and cultural heritage.



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SANJIV AGARWAL ON TTF KOLKATA

TTF Kolkata Correspondent Adrija Dasgupta spoke with Sanjiv Agarwal, Founder & CEO of Fair Fest Media Limited at the TTF Kolkata regarding the key highlights, journey and impact created.



"TTF KOLKATA HAS EVOLVED FROM A PRIMARILY CONSUMER FACING TRAVEL FAIR INTO A HYBRID B2B AND B2C POWERHOUSE"

TFT: What are the key highlights and new additions to this edition of TTF Kolkata?

SA: With a new government in the state bringing renewed energy and optimism, the significance of TTF Kolkata, has reached a new high, offering tourism boards and travel brands a powerful platform to connect with the region's vibrant travel trade. Deliberately held ahead of the Durga Puja and Winter Travel booking season, TTF Kolkata 2026 allows destinations and travel brands to connect with Eastern And Northeastern India's thriving market. This exhibition will support networking, destination promotion, and business development.

TFT: How has TTF Kolkata evolved over the years to meet the changing needs of the travel and tourism industry?

SA: TTF Kolkata has evolved from a primarily consumer facing travel fair into a hybrid B2B and B2C powerhouse. Over the years, TTF has played a significant role in driving collaboration, networking, and business development across India's key travel markets. Kolkata, which is one of the country's major hubs for both outbound and domestic travel, continues to serve as an important gateway for destinations and tourism business seeking to strengthen their presence in Eastern India.



TFT: Kolkata has always been an important gateway to Eastern and Northeast India. How does TTF leverage this strategic advantage?

SA: TTF leverages Kolkata's geographic edge as the gateway to Eastern and Northeast India by acting as a premier B2B and B2C networking platforms right before the peak of Durga Puja travel season. TTF Kolkata 2026 features 500+ exhibitors from 21 Indian States and 6 countries including Thailand, Nepal, Bhutan, the USA and Vietnam. The first two days will be dedicated to B2B networking, while the final day will be open to all, including B2C visitors.

TFT: What initiatives have been introduced to facilitate meaningful B2B networking and business generation during the event?

SA: At the event, TTF Kolkata, 2026, organizers structured the event with

dedicated B2B days, digital ecosystem integration, and targeted networking clinics. For over three decades, TTF has served as one of India's most established travel trade show networks, connecting exhibitors with the country's leading source markets. TTF continues to facilitate business growth, destinations promotion, and meaningful partnerships across the travel industry.

TFT: How are state tourism boards and international destinations utilizing TTF as a platform to attract travellers and trade partners?

SA: State Tourism boards and international destinations use the Travel and Tourism fair to directly tap into India's booming travel mart. In addition to the TTF series, Fairfest media also organises OTM - Asia's leading Travel Show and BLTM.

TFT: What are your future plans for expanding the TTF platform and supporting the growth of India's travel and tourism ecosystem?

SA: TTF is expanding its ecosystem by scaling its B2B trade show network across cities like Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, and Bengaluru and driving digital transformation.

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TFT: For the ones who don't know you, could you please brief us about yourself?

AS: I am Arun Sharma, Project Head and Director at India Med Expo, with a strong focus on the healthcare exhibition and business-events sector. Over the years, my professional journey has been driven by a passion for creating meaningful business platforms that bring together manufacturers, healthcare professionals, hospitals, distributors, and industry leaders.

At India Med Expo, my role involves overseeing the overall planning, execution, and strategic development of our exhibitions,

with a particular focus on creating valuable opportunities for business networking, knowledge exchange, and industry growth.

India Med Expo has evolved into a specialized B2B platform covering medical, surgical, hospital, diagnostic, and healthcare technologies. Our objective is not simply to organize exhibitions, but to create an ecosystem where businesses can showcase innovation, connect with decision-makers, explore new markets, and contribute to the advancement of the healthcare industry.

I believe that successful exhibitions are built on

strong industry relationships, understanding market needs, and continuously adapting to the changing healthcare landscape. My vision is to further strengthen India Med Expo as a trusted platform for the Indian healthcare industry and create greater opportunities for collaboration, innovation, and business growth.

The show is the best opportunity for doctors, hospital owners, and clinics to source new equipment and negotiate dealership deals. The exhibition is scheduled on 5-7 September 2026 at BIEC, Bengaluru.

TFT: India Med Expo has been

serving the healthcare industry for over 15 years. Looking back, what have been the biggest milestones in the exhibition's journey?

AS: The India Med Expo evolved from a specialized regional trade show into India's largest B2B medical exhibition. Key milestones includes like nationwide geographic expansion, the rise of "Make in India" MedTech, digital transformation, and the integration of comprehensive medical conferences.

From Regional to Pan-India: The early years focused on establishing strong footholds in key metropolitan hubs. A major milestone was expanding the expo across multiple strategic regions (such as Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Coimbatore and Delhi-NCR), bridging the gap between global manufacturers and regional medical fraternities.

Reaching Tier-2 & Tier-3 Markets: Extending the exhibition to fast-growing cities (like Coimbatore and Noida) to ensure healthcare technology and surgical innovations reach local hospitals and clinics.

Focus on Indigenization: Shifting the showcase from predominantly imported products to highlighting domestic manufacturing, aligning with the national Make in India movement.

Next-Gen MedTech Integration: Evolving the equipment profile from basic consumables to showcasing advanced precision engineering, such as AI-driven diagnostic equipment, robotics, and modular operation theatres.

Direct Manufacturer-to-Buyer Connections: Eliminating middlemen by facilitating dedicated Reverse Buyer-Seller Meets and B2B networking sessions. This allowed thousands of dealers, distributors, and hospital CEOs to negotiate and place confirmed orders directly on the floor.

Scaling Exhibitor & Visitor Footprints: Growing from a small gathering into an event hosting hundreds of domestic and international exhibitors alongside tens of thousands of trade visitors.

TFT: India's healthcare sector is witnessing unprecedented growth, driven by increased investments, digital healthcare, and expanding medical infrastructure. How is India Med Expo evolving to reflect these industry changes?

AS: India's healthcare sector is undergoing a significant transformation, and India Med Expo is evolving alongside these changes to remain a relevant platform for the industry. Today, healthcare is

- **Strategic Role :** Arun Sharma oversees the overall planning, execution, and strategic development of the India Med Expo, with a focus on facilitating B2B networking and industry collaboration.
- **Ecosystem Approach:** Rather than just organizing trade shows, his goal is to build a collaborative platform where medical manufacturers, healthcare professionals, hospital administrators, and distributors can directly connect.
- **Upcoming Exhibition Details:** The upcoming edition of the India Med Expo is scheduled to take place from 5 to 7 September 2026 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC) in Bengaluru].

no longer limited to conventional medical equipment—it encompasses digital health, diagnostics, hospital infrastructure, advanced surgical technologies, medical devices, AI, automation, and innovative healthcare solutions.

At India Med Expo, we are continuously expanding the exhibition's scope to bring together manufacturers, technology providers, distributors, hospitals, healthcare professionals, and decision-makers under one platform. We are focusing on emerging technologies and solutions that can improve efficiency, patient care, diagnostics, and hospital operations.

We are also strengthening our knowledge-sharing initiatives through conferences, workshops, and professional networking opportunities, allowing industry leaders to discuss emerging trends, challenges, and opportunities in healthcare.

Our vision is to make India Med Expo more than just an exhibition—it should serve as a comprehensive B2B platform where businesses can discover new technologies, build partnerships, understand market trends, and contribute to the future growth of India's healthcare ecosystem.

TFT: What are the key objectives of the upcoming edition of India Med Expo, and how will it create value for exhibitors, healthcare professionals, and buyers?

AS: The upcoming edition of the India Med Expo in Bengaluru is aimed

at accelerating the growth of India's healthcare sector. It serves as a comprehensive B2B bridge designed to connect global manufacturers with healthcare professionals and buyers to foster innovation, technology exchange, and business collaborations.

Lead Generation & Sales: Provides direct access to over 12,000 targeted trade visitors, including hospital owners, dealers, and procurement heads looking to make purchasing decisions.

Brand Visibility: Offers a prime stage to launch new products, increase market share, and showcase everything from small surgical needles to modular operation theatres.

Distribution Expansion: Enables medical technology and device companies to build strategic partnerships and expand their distribution and dealer networks across South India's booming healthcare market.

Access to Cutting-Edge Technology: Allows doctors, surgeons, and pathologists to explore thousands of products spanning medical devices, surgical instruments, and diagnostic solutions.

Networking: Connects R&D heads and clinical directors directly with manufacturers to discuss custom solutions for their specific hospital infrastructure needs.

Sourcing Under One Roof: Provides an efficient, centralized location for hospital administrators and procurement heads to compare a vast array of vendors, evaluate product quality, and negotiate bulk orders.

Supplier Vetting: Gives buyers the opportunity to evaluate a diverse range of products directly, find reliable partners, and secure the best deals for their clinics and hospitals.

TFT: The Government of India has been promoting initiatives such as Ayushman Bharat, Digital Health Mission, and Make in India for medical devices. How are these initiatives influencing the healthcare exhibition landscape?

AS: Government of India initiatives like Ayushman Bharat, the Digital Health Mission, and Make in India have fundamentally shifted the healthcare exhibition landscape from traditional product showcases to dynamic B2B ecosystems. They are redefining value by driving local manufacturing, standardizing technology, and facilitating access to universal health coverage.

Shift to Digital & AI: India Med

Expo now heavily feature platforms integrated with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), showcasing Artificial Intelligence, telemedicine, and interoperable health record systems.

Spotlighting Digital Health: Exhibitions now prioritize telemedicine, AI-driven diagnostics, and cloud-based electronic health records (EHR), aligning closely with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.

Spotlight on Indigenous MedTech: Make in India features explicitly highlight homegrown devices, shifting the focus away from pure import displays.

Focus on Standards: Expo now integrate high-level conferences addressing regulatory compliance, ensuring manufacturers meet national quality standards.

TFT: How has the profile of exhibitors and visitors changed over the years? What new industry segments are you seeing participate in the exhibition?

AS: Over the years, the profile of attendees and exhibitors at India Med Expo has evolved from simple medical equipment trading into a highly specialized B2B ecosystem. The event now features advanced surgical tech, diagnostics, and integrated healthcare tech, driven by expanding domestic investments and government "Make in India" initiatives

Historically dominated by local surgical tool and consumable manufacturers. Today, the mix includes high-end medical electronics, modular operation theatre builders, and digital health developers. There is also a much stronger presence of international brands. Past attendees were mostly general doctors and basic traders. The current visitor demographic includes hospital CEOs, directors,

Key Historical Milestones

- **Pan-India Expansion:** Expanded from a localized trade show into a multi-city national platform, hosting exhibitions in key metropolitan hubs like Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Coimbatore, and Delhi-NCR[2].
- **Tier-2 & Tier-3 Outreach:** Extended exhibitions to fast-growing secondary markets to ensure regional clinics and hospitals can easily access medical innovations and surgical equipment.
- **Domestic Manufacture Integration:** Shifted the focus from showing imported medical supplies to spotlighting homegrown medical devices, aligning with the national "Make in India" initiative.
- **Technological Progression:** Transitioned the equipment profile from standard consumables to next-generation systems, such as modular operating theatres, robotics, and AI-driven diagnostic instruments.
- **Direct Trade Channels:** Facilitated structured Reverse Buyer-Seller Meets and direct manufacturer-to-buyer networking, helping hospital directors and distributors negotiate contracts on the floor.

and corporate procurement heads looking to source bulk products.

TFT: Do you have plans to expand India Med Expo in terms of international participation, new product segments, or regional editions?

AS: Yes, India Med Expo has been actively scaling its footprint to meet the growing demands of the Indian and global healthcare sectors.

International Participation: Organizers have continued to welcome global companies in India Med Expo and international delegates to introduce foreign medical devices, surgical technologies, and diagnostic innovations into the Indian market India Med Expo.

New Product Segments: The expo has expanded its comprehensive range to cover a wider array of specialty medical sectors, ranging from basic disposables to high-tech systems like Cardiology Equipment, Endoscopy tools, and Modular Operation Theatres Exhibitors Profile.

Regional Editions: To capture rising investments in different metropolitan markets across the country, the expo hosts multi-city editions. For example, its regional events span locations including Bengaluru, Coimbatore, Noida and Hyderabad.

TFT: Finally, what message would you like to share with industry stakeholders who are planning to participate in India Med Expo?

AS: As the Indian healthcare sector continues its rapid expansion, we invite you to be at the forefront of this growth by participating in the upcoming India Med Expo 2026 in Bengaluru.

Expand Your Network: Connect directly with key opinion leaders, hospital administrators, dealers, and global buyers.

Showcase Innovations: Demonstrate your latest medical technologies and services to a highly targeted, B2B audience.

Drive Business Growth: Generate qualified leads, secure distribution partnerships, and explore new collaborations.

83rd National Garment Fair Attracts 48,500+ Buyers, Delivers Strong Business Momentum

The 83rd National Garment Fair (NGF), organised by the Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI), concluded successfully after three days of robust business activity from 13–15 July 2026. Held simultaneously at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Goregaon, and MMRDA Grounds, BKC, the Womenswear and Menswear edition recorded an impressive response from the apparel industry.

Together with the Kidswear

segment held earlier, the 83rd NGF attracted a combined footfall of over 48,500 trade buyers, including retailers, distributors, wholesalers, and buying agents, reaffirming its position as India's largest apparel sourcing exhibition.

Spanning more than 60,000 square metres of exhibition space, the fair featured over 600 womenswear brands, 345 menswear brands, 600 kidswear brands, and 45 fashion accessories labels, making it one of the most comprehensive editions of the event.

The exhibition witnessed strong order bookings ahead of the festive and wedding season, reflecting healthy demand across apparel categories. Participation from leading retailers and buying houses from metro cities as well as Tier II and Tier III markets further highlighted the growing importance of organised sourcing platforms in India's expanding retail sector. The presence of 284 Platinum Buyers also contributed to significant business opportunities for exhibitors.



Indusfood Ahmedabad 2026 Debuts to Boost Western India's Position in Global Food Trade

The inaugural edition of Indusfood Ahmedabad 2026, organised by the Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI), commenced on 24 July 2026 at the Helipad Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, marking the regional expansion of one of Asia's leading food and beverage trade exhibitions. The three-day B2B event aims to strengthen Western India's food processing and export ecosystem while connecting regional businesses with global markets.

The exhibition was inaugurated in the presence of Mohit Singla, Chairman, TPCI; Rahul Kumar, Chair, TPCI National Committee on Dairy and COO, Parag Milk Foods; Ashish Aggarwal, Chair, Western Region Committee on Snacks and Managing Director, Sunshine Food Products; and Aditya Jain,

Group Head – IDF & Codex, National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB), along with exhibitors, buyers, and industry stakeholders.

The debut edition has brought together leading companies from the food processing, packaging, retail, agri-food, and export sectors, providing a dedicated platform for business networking, sourcing, and market expansion. More than 300 exhibitors have participated in the exhibition. Products are being showcased across 15 major categories, complemented by knowledge sessions addressing key industry trends and opportunities.

Speaking at the inauguration, Mohit Singla, Chairman, TPCI, said, "Indusfood Ahmedabad has been conceived to provide regional producers and grassroots exporters with direct access to global buyers and



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Mohit Singla, Chairman, Trade Promotion Council of India

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On the sidelines of the exhibition, TPCI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) to promote trade and investment through collaborative initiatives. The event also features participation from organisations such as the Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO), showcasing premium food, agriculture, and horticulture products from the Union Territory to strengthen export opportunities for local producers. Highlighting the significance of the event, Singla said that Indusfood Ahmedabad 2026 reflects India's growing stature as a global food sourcing and manufacturing destination. He noted that Gujarat and Western India have emerged as key hubs for food processing, value-added agriculture, and exports, and the exhibition seeks to strengthen supply chains, encourage technology adoption, and facilitate international business partnerships. A major attraction of this edition is the Processing & Packaging Technology Pavilion, which brings together equipment manufacturers, processors, automation providers, and technology innovators on a single platform.

Jewellers Association Jaipur Signs MoU with Dubai Jewellery Group

The 20th edition of JAS and its seventh exclusive B2B edition commenced on 3 July 2026 at the Jaipur Exhibition & Convention Centre (JECC), Sitapura, bringing together jewellery manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, buyers and industry professionals from India and overseas for three days of business networking, sourcing and trade engagement.

Organised by the Jewellers Association Jaipur (JAJ), the exhibition serves as a leading platform for showcasing the latest trends, designs and innovations in the jewellery industry while fostering new business

opportunities and strengthening domestic and international trade relationships.

The exhibition was inaugurated by K. P. Abdul Salam, Group Vice Chairman, Malabar Gold & Diamonds. Guests of Honour included Surjit Bhujabal, Member, Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC); Tawhid Abdulla, CEO, Jawhara Jewellery, Dubai; and Pramod Kumar Agrawal Derewala, Chairman, National Gems & Jewellery Council of India (NGJCI). The dignitaries were welcomed by Raju Agarwal Mangodiwala, President, Jewellers Association Jaipur; Ajay Godha, Honorary Secretary; Ashok Maheshwari, JAS Convenor; and members of the association.

A major highlight of the inaugural ceremony was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Jewellers Association Jaipur (JAJ) and the Dubai Jewellery Group (DJG). The strategic partnership aims to enhance cooperation between the jewellery industries of Jaipur and Dubai by promoting collaboration in trade, education, market development, business networking and international industry engagement. The agreement is expected to facilitate stronger commercial ties between the two jewellery hubs while creating new opportunities for knowledge exchange, cross-border partnerships and business growth.



ACMA Invests in Next-Generation Pre-Engineered Exhibition Infrastructure for Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2027

Landmark Initiative Sets New Benchmark for India’s Exhibition Infrastructure

In a significant move that reflects the growing maturity of India’s MICE industry, the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA) has announced a major investment in 30,000 square metres of pre-engineered exhibition infrastructure for the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2027 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi.

The initiative marks one of the largest investments by an industry association in modern exhibition

infrastructure and demonstrates ACMA’s commitment to enhancing the quality, scale and global competitiveness of India’s flagship mobility exhibition.

To deliver the project, ACMA has awarded the design, engineering and execution contract to Exhicon Events Media Solutions Limited (EXHICON). The infrastructure will be developed between September 2026 and January 2027 using advanced pre-engineered systems that offer faster deployment, improved safety, greater

Our investment in 30,000 square metres of pre-engineered exhibition infrastructure for the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2027 represents a significant step forward for India’s exhibition standards. Partnering with EXHICON allows us to deliver a modern, safe, and sustainable environment that enhances the experience for our global exhibitors and visitors alike.

Vinnie Mehta, Secretary, ACMA

sustainability and a superior exhibitor and visitor experience.

The agreement was signed on 30 July 2026 by Vinnie Mehta, Secretary, ACMA; Anil Unni, CEO – Business Development & Strategic Partnerships, ACMA; M. Q. Syed, Chairman & Managing Director, EXHICON; and Ms. Zainab Rizvi, Director – Design & Projects, EXHICON.

As India prepares to host increasingly larger global exhibitions, ACMA’s investment signals a shift towards creating high-quality exhibition infrastructure that can support world-class trade events while strengthening India’s position as an emerging international MICE destination.

The project also reinforces the importance of industry-led investments in creating long-term exhibition assets that contribute to economic growth, international trade and business tourism.



EXHICON’s Exhibition Venue Development Pipeline Reaches 25% of India’s Indoor Exhibition Capacity

125,000 Sq. M. Development Portfolio Positions EXHICON Among India’s Largest Private Exhibition Infrastructure Developers

Exhicon Events Media Solutions Limited (EXHICON) has achieved a landmark milestone by expanding its exhibition venue development pipeline to 125,000 square metres, equivalent to 25% of India’s current operational indoor exhibition capacity of approximately 500,000 square metres.

The milestone establishes EXHICON as one of the country’s largest private contributors to purpose-built exhibition infrastructure, supporting India’s rapidly growing meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions (MICE) sector.

More than 60,000 square metres of EXHICON’s venue development portfolio is expected to be completed during FY 2026–27, adding significant new capacity

to India’s exhibition ecosystem.

The latest addition to this portfolio is the 30,000-square-metre exhibition infrastructure project awarded by the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA) for the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2027 at Yashobhumi, New Delhi. Beyond developing exhibition venues, EXHICON has created an integrated Venue as a Service (VAS) platform that combines venue development, Operations & Maintenance (O&M), exhibition infrastructure, venue operations and event execution, enabling venue owners to maximise utilisation, improve operational efficiency and enhance long-term asset value. Commenting on the milestone, M. Q. Syed, Chairman & Managing Director of

EXHICON, said:

“Reaching a venue development pipeline equivalent to one-quarter of India’s current indoor exhibition capacity reflects our long-term commitment to building the country’s exhibition infrastructure. As India expands its MICE ecosystem, our focus remains on delivering world-class venues supported by integrated operations, maintenance and infrastructure solutions that create sustainable value for venue owners and event organisers alike.”

With a growing national footprint and integrated execution capabilities, EXHICON continues to play a significant role in developing the infrastructure required to support India’s ambition of becoming one of the world’s leading MICE destinations.



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WTM Spotlight India debuts in Delhi, 2 to 4 March 2027

WTM Spotlight India, the newest addition to the WTM portfolio by RX India, will make its debut at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, from 2 to 4 March 2027. The business event is designed to bring together international destinations, tourism boards, travel companies and industry leaders to strengthen partnerships between India and

global markets. Speaking at the launch, Umang Gupta, Country Head, RX India, said the timing was ideal as India's travel industry continues to witness unprecedented growth, fuelled by rising incomes, increasing spending power and a strong appetite for travel across all segments. Gupta said WTM Spotlight India will showcase India's soft power, including its culture,

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Umang Gupta, Country Head, RX India

heritage, spirituality and diversity, while creating a platform for meaningful two way tourism partnerships. He added that the trusted global WTM brand would offer Indian travel businesses greater access to international buyers, investment opportunities and worldwide networks. Highlighting the country's immense tourism potential, Gupta said the event will also shine a spotlight on India's lesser-explored destinations, alongside established tourism hubs, helping position the country as one of the world's most important travel markets.

Bharat Tex 2026 Reinforces India's Position as a Global Textile Sourcing Hub

Bharat Tex 2026, India's flagship global textile exhibition, was inaugurated by Union Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, marking the opening of one of the world's largest integrated textile value chain events. Organised by the Bharat Tex Trade Federation (BTTF) with the support of the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, the event underscores India's growing prominence as a global sourcing destination and a key player in sustainable and innovation-led textile manufacturing. This year's edition has attracted more than 6,000 international buyers from over 130 countries and is expected to welcome over 130,000 trade visitors. Spanning more than 1.6 million square feet of exhibition space, Bharat Tex 2026 features over 20,000 textile products representing the complete textile value chain. The inaugural ceremony was attended by Union Minister of State for Textiles Shri Pabitra Margherita, Textiles Secretary Neelam Shami Rao, senior government officials, industry leaders, exporters, investors, sourcing heads, and representatives



from the global textile industry. The event also witnessed participation from international delegations, including Timur Gavaev, Minister of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, and Mark Patterson, Associate Minister of Agriculture and Minister for Rural Communities, New Zealand, highlighting Bharat Tex's growing role as a platform for international trade and policy engagement. Demonstrating strong participation from across India, the exhibition features eight sponsor states - Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu, alongside nine participating states and Union Territories, showcasing their textile capabilities, industrial infrastructure, investment opportunities, and policy initiatives. The event was further graced by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant

Mann, Bihar Industries Minister Shreyasi Singh, Tamil Nadu Minister for Handlooms, Textiles and Khadi M. Vijay Balaji, and Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Minister Selvi S. Keerthana, reflecting robust Centre-State collaboration in advancing India's textile sector. To encourage investment and strengthen industry partnerships, Bharat Tex 2026 is hosting dedicated State Investor Connect Sessions featuring Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Bihar, Maharashtra, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu. A special PM MITRA Master Developer Session for Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh is also being organised to facilitate investment in India's integrated textile parks. Bharat Tex 2026 showcases India's complete textile ecosystem, covering fibres, yarns, fabrics, apparel, home textiles, technical textiles, handlooms, handicrafts, machinery, and ancillary industries. The exhibition also highlights renowned textile clusters such as Tirupur, Ichalkaranji, and Ahmedabad, while welcoming exhibitors from 14 countries, further strengthening India's position as a preferred global textile manufacturing and sourcing destination.



4th Gas India Expo 2026 Successfully Concludes in Greater Noida

The 4th Gas India Expo 2026, India's leading international exhibition on natural gas, LNG, hydrogen, industrial gases, gas technologies, and allied industries, concluded successfully after three days of business networking, innovation, and knowledge exchange at the India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, from 23–25 July 2026.

Organised by Indian Exhibition Services (IES) and Indian Trade Fair Academy (ITFA), the exhibition featured 100+ exhibitors and welcomed 5,000+ business visitors from India and abroad, bringing together industry leaders, manufacturers, technology providers, policymakers, investors, and business professionals.

The event was inaugurated by Shri Praveer Kumar Agrawal, Chairman, Central U.P. Gas Limited & Executive Director, GAIL

(India) Limited, in the presence of Dr. Swadesh Kumar, CEO, Indian Exhibition Services (IES), N. K. Sehgal, Senior Advisor, and other distinguished dignitaries.

A key highlight of the event was the 4th World Gas Summit 2026, organised by IES in association with the International Confederation of Trade and Industry (ICTI) under the theme "Gas Systems: Efficiency, Safety & Sustainability." Industry experts discussed the future of gas infrastructure, hydrogen, clean energy, safety, innovation, and sustainable growth.

Throughout the exhibition, exhibitors showcased the latest technologies and solutions across CNG, PNG, LNG, Hydrogen, Green Hydrogen, Biogas, Bio-CNG, CGD, Industrial Gases, Cryogenic Technologies, Gas Equipment, Storage & Transportation, Safety Systems, and allied industries. The expo served as a valuable



The success of the 4th Gas India Expo reflects the growing momentum of India's gas and clean energy sector. The exhibition continues to connect industry stakeholders, promote innovation, and create meaningful business opportunities that support the country's energy transition.

Dr. Swadesh Kumar, CEO, Indian Exhibition Services (IES)

platform for business meetings, technology exchange, strategic partnerships, and investment opportunities.

Speaking on the successful conclusion of the event, Dr. Swadesh Kumar, CEO, Indian Exhibition Services (IES), said:

"The success of the 4th Gas India Expo reflects the growing momentum of India's gas and clean energy sector. The exhibition continues to connect industry stakeholders, promote innovation, and create meaningful business opportunities that support the country's energy transition."

The event was organised by Indian Exhibition Services (IES) and Indian Trade Fair Academy (ITFA) with the support of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India. It was supported by Gold Partners – GAIL (India) Limited and Nilon Valves Pvt. Ltd.; Vehicle Partner – Vibhu; and leading industry associations including the Indian Biogas Association (IBA), Association of Welding Products Manufacturers (AWPM), and All India Association of Industries (AIAI).

The event was organised by Indian Exhibition Services (IES) and Indian Trade Fair Academy (ITFA) and the conference was organised in association with International Confederation of Trade and Industry (ICTI). The event was supported by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India.

Uttar Pradesh Positions IBET Expo 2026 as a Catalyst for Green Energy Investment and Innovation

The Government of Uttar Pradesh is stepping up preparations for the India Bioenergy and Tech (IBET) Expo 2026, an international platform aimed at accelerating investments, innovation, and collaboration in the renewable energy sector. Scheduled to take place from 11–13 August 2026 at the India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, the three-day event is expected to bring together policymakers, industry leaders, technology providers, investors, and global clean energy experts.

To review the preparations, Uttar Pradesh's Minister for Urban Development and Energy, Shri A.K. Sharma, chaired a high-level stakeholder meeting in Lucknow, emphasising the state's commitment to becoming a leading

destination for green energy investments. He described IBET Expo 2026 as Uttar Pradesh's flagship platform for showcasing emerging technologies and fostering strategic partnerships across the bioenergy ecosystem.

The expo is being jointly organised by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, the Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA), and the Indian Federation of Green Energy (IFGE). The exhibition will highlight cutting-edge solutions in compressed biogas (CBG), ethanol, biodiesel, green hydrogen, sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), waste-to-energy, and other renewable energy technologies driving India's clean energy



transition.

The review meeting was attended by senior government officials and industry representatives, including Chief Minister's Advisor Awanish Awasthi, Additional Chief Secretary (Energy) Ashish Goyal, UPNEDA Director Ravindra Singh, Secretary Pankaj Singh, and leading experts from the bioenergy sector. During the meeting, Shri A.K. Sharma noted that Uttar Pradesh generates nearly 17 million tonnes of agricultural residue annually, while only around 5 million tonnes is currently being utilised. He highlighted this untapped potential as a major opportunity to strengthen the state's bioenergy ecosystem and attract new investments.



India Strengthens Its Global Toy Manufacturing Ambitions at the 17th Toy Biz International B2B Expo 2026

India's journey toward becoming a global toy manufacturing powerhouse received a significant boost with the inauguration of the 17th Toy Biz International B2B Expo 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The four-day exhibition was inaugurated by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, bringing together leading toy manufacturers, exporters, buyers, policymakers, and industry stakeholders from India and abroad.

The exhibition showcases a comprehensive range of products, including educational toys, STEM-based learning solutions, traditional Indian toys, eco-friendly products, electronic toys, and innovative play solutions, highlighting the growing capabilities of India's domestic toy manufacturing sector.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Piyush Goyal highlighted the remarkable transformation of the Indian toy industry over the past few years, driven by initiatives such as the Make in India campaign, mandatory BIS quality standards, and supportive government policies aimed at strengthening domestic manufacturing. He encouraged manufacturers to focus on quality, innovation, branding, and exports to position Indian-made toys as globally competitive products.

The minister noted that the expo is expected to welcome thousands of trade visitors from across India and more than 50 countries, creating valuable business opportunities for Indian companies to expand their international footprint.

Emphasising the importance of quality manufacturing, Shri Goyal said India's success in sectors such



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as automobiles demonstrates the country's manufacturing potential. He urged toy manufacturers to invest in superior product quality and innovation, stating that these factors would enable India to emerge as a global leader in the toy industry while generating significant employment opportunities.

He also encouraged Indian companies to strengthen their international presence by participating in overseas exhibitions instead of limiting promotional activities to the domestic market. The government, he said, remains committed to supporting exporters through various initiatives, including assistance with warehousing facilities during the initial stages of overseas expansion.

Highlighting India's long-term vision, the minister said the country aims to capture a 5 percent share of the global toy market by 2032. Achieving this ambitious target, he observed, would require sustained growth, greater manufacturing capacity, stronger exports, and collaborative efforts across the industry.

Shri Goyal further stressed the importance of developing a complete domestic toy manufacturing ecosystem by encouraging the local production of components such as motors, electronics, and other critical inputs. Strengthening the supply chain, he noted, will reduce dependence on imports, lower production costs, and enhance India's self-reliance.

Messe Muenchen India signs strategic MOU with mac. brand spaces Singapore Pte. Ltd and meplan

Messe Muenchen India has announced a strategic cooperation with mac. brand spaces Singapore Pte. Ltd., a creative and live-communication specialist, and meplan, an agency for brand spaces and stand construction.

International pavilion organisers will receive a fully managed, single-partner solution covering booth construction, additional services, supplier coordination, logistics and on-site execution. By combining international trade fair standards with local delivery capabilities, the partnership will help organisers maintain quality, manage costs, and reduce coordination efforts among participating exhibitors.

Bhupinder Singh, President IMEA, Messe München and CEO, Messe Muenchen India, said, "India's trade-fair



market is seeing growing participation from international companies, country pavilions and industry associations, along with higher expectations for design, quality, sustainability and delivery. This arrangement brings together Messe Muenchen India's trade fair experience, mac. brand spaces' creative and regional execution capabilities, and meplan's construction expertise. It will offer pavilion organisers and exhibitors a coordinated path from planning to on-site delivery, while strengthening the quality and international character of our trade fairs."

A dedicated mac. brand spaces team will manage delivery, construction partners, on-ground services and timelines.

Jackie Soh, Managing Director, mac. brand spaces Singapore Pte. Ltd., said, "International pavilion organisers require consistency across every exhibitor space, but they also need the flexibility to accommodate different brands, objectives and budgets. Managing this across several partners can quickly become complex. Our role is to bring creative thinking, structured project management and regional execution together. By working with Messe Muenchen India and meplan, we can help organisers maintain a coherent pavilion identity while giving individual exhibitors the support they need to present their businesses effectively in India."



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AMTEX 2026 and Fastener Fair India 2026 take place at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida

AMTEX 2026 and Fastener Fair India 2026 take place at India Expo Mart, Greater Noida, bringing together leading manufacturers, technology providers, suppliers and buyers from the machine tool and fastener industries. Organised by RX India, this edition marks the first time both exhibitions are being hosted at the Greater Noida venue.

The 14th edition of AMTEX is being held from 24–27 July, while Fastener Fair India runs from 24–26 July. AMTEX 2026 presents a comprehensive showcase of advanced manufacturing technologies, including CNC

machining, robotics, precision engineering, metrology and factory automation. Prominent industry players such as Siemens, Fagor Automation, Kyocera Precision Tools, Heidenhain, Zeiss and Kennametal are demonstrating their latest innovations and solutions for modern manufacturing.

Running alongside AMTEX, Fastener Fair India highlights the latest developments in fasteners, fixings and assembly technologies. Companies including fischer, Unbrako, Dörken, Landmark HP and Metaltech Engineers are exhibiting a wide range of products while engaging



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Speaking at the inauguration, Umang Gupta, Country Head, RX India, said, "What we're looking forward to this year isn't just the footfall, it's the quality of conversations that will happen on the floor. Buyers are walking in with clear sourcing mandates, and we're confident exhibitors will walk away with the kind of leads that turn into real business. That's the whole point of bringing AMTEX and Fastener Fair India together under one roof in Greater Noida, the value chain doesn't work in silos, so the show shouldn't either. We're delighted to welcome our exhibitors, partners and visitors to this edition, and look forward to four days of great business."

The co-located exhibitions underscore the continued growth of India's manufacturing ecosystem and its increasing importance across sectors including infrastructure, automotive, aerospace, electronics and defence. With its strategic location in the Delhi-NCR industrial belt, India Expo Mart provides an ideal platform for industry stakeholders to discover new technologies, strengthen supply chains and forge valuable business partnerships.

Symbroj Media Unveils InnoBus Expo & Conference 2026 to Drive Innovation in India's Bus and Commercial Mobility Sector

Symbroj Media Pvt. Ltd., a New Delhi-based B2B media and events company and publisher of Metro Rail News, has announced the launch of InnoBus Expo & Conference 2026, a dedicated business platform for India's bus, electric bus and commercial vehicle ecosystem. The inaugural edition will be held on 15 October 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, bringing together policymakers, transport authorities, fleet operators, manufacturers, financiers and technology providers to discuss the future of sustainable public mobility.

Designed as a comprehensive one-day industry platform, InnoBus Expo & Conference 2026 will combine a focused exhibition with a high-level conference programme, creating opportunities for business networking, knowledge exchange and collaboration across the



commercial transportation value chain.

The exhibition will feature more than 30 innovators showcasing the latest advancements in electric buses, commercial vehicles, charging infrastructure, fleet management technologies and mobility solutions. Complementing the exhibition, the conference will comprise seven knowledge sessions addressing key developments shaping India's public transport sector.

Discussions will focus on major Government of India initiatives, including the PM e-Bus Sewa and PM E-DRIVE schemes, alongside topics

such as charging infrastructure, fleet digitisation, financing models for electric fleets, safety standards and regulatory compliance. The sessions will be led by senior representatives from State Transport Undertakings (STUs), original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), policymakers and industry experts.

In addition to the conference, the event will host several dedicated engagement platforms, including an STU Buyer Forum, government roundtables, deployment clinics and finance-focused sessions. These initiatives are designed to facilitate meaningful dialogue between government authorities, procurement agencies, fleet operators, investors and solution providers while encouraging greater adoption of sustainable transportation technologies.



HGH India 2026 Showcases the Future of India’s Home & Lifestyle Industry

The 19th edition of HGH India, India’s leading trade exhibition for home textiles, home décor, houseware and gifting solutions, commenced with an inaugural ceremony at Hall 6, Bombay Exhibition Centre, NESCO, Mumbai, marking the start of one of the country’s largest gatherings for the home and lifestyle industry.

The event was inaugurated by Vrunda Manohar Desai, IRS, Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India. Guests of Honour included Walter Ferrara, Consul General of Italy, and Vikas Pansare, IAS, Managing Director, MSSIDC. The ceremony was also attended by prominent members of the design and architecture community, including Ketan Sheth, Chairman, IIID MRC; Reza Kabul, President and Principal Architect,

ARK Reza Kabul Architects; Raajeev Kasat, Principal Architect, Raajeev Kasat and Associates; and Makrand Pataskar, Principal Architect, Makrand Pataskar Architect.

The inaugural proceedings were hosted by Arun Roongta, Managing Director, Texzone Information Services Pvt. Ltd., and Dr. Geert Böttger, Director, Expo + Consulting Associates Ltd., organisers of HGH India.

“HGH India has been built on the belief that the Indian home industry deserves a platform that matches its ambition,” said Arun Roongta, Managing Director, Texzone Information Services Pvt. Ltd. “The 19th edition reflects the extraordinary pace at which this sector is evolving – in design, in sustainability, and in its global outlook. We are proud to welcome 700+ brands, thousands of trade



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Walter Ferrara, Consul General of Italy, commented, “India is one of the world’s most dynamic and fast-growing markets, with a rapidly expanding demand for premium home furnishings, décor, and design-led products. Italy and India share a deep appreciation for craftsmanship, innovation, and quality, creating strong opportunities for collaboration between our industries. Through the official Italian Pavilion at HGH India, we are proud to showcase the excellence of five distinguished Italian brands. Together, they represent the finest traditions of Italian design, creativity, sustainability, and craftsmanship. We look forward to strengthening business partnerships and further deepening the trade relationship between Italy and India.”

Among the major attractions of HGH India 2026 are PreSense: Trend Forecast 2026-27, the Technical Textiles Pavilion, Sustainability Pavilion, Smart Kitchen Pavilion, Indian Heritage Pavilion, and the H-Circle Product Innovation Awards.

With strong participation from industry leaders, designers, retailers and policymakers, HGH India 2026 reinforced Mumbai’s position as a key business hub for the global home and lifestyle industry.

Plastindia Foundation Announces New Leadership Team for the 2026-2028 Term

Plastindia Foundation, the apex body representing the leading associations, organisations and institutions of India’s plastics industry, has announced the election of its new office bearers for the 2026–2028 term. Dr. Raju Desai has been elected as President, Dharmendra Gandhi as Vice President, and Dr. Sameer Joshi as Honorary Treasurer.

The announcement was made during the Foundation’s Annual General Meeting (AGM), held on 30 July 2026 at the Plastindia Foundation office in Mumbai. The newly elected Managing Committee assumed office with immediate effect.

Dr. Raju Desai succeeds Ravish Kamath, who served as President from 2023 to 2026. During his tenure, Kamath played a pivotal role



in strengthening the Foundation’s initiatives and successfully leading the organisation of PLASTINDIA 2026.

A highly respected entrepreneur and industry veteran, Dr. Raju Desai is the Chairman of the Jyoti Group and brings over four decades of experience in plastics manufacturing, technology and industry development. He currently serves as Vice President of Plastindia International University and has previously held key leadership positions, including Past President of the All India Plastics Manufacturers’ Association (AIPMA) and Chairman of the National Advisory Board of Plastivision India. Having contributed

to Plastindia Foundation in several leadership capacities, most recently as Vice President, Dr. Desai is set to lead the Foundation into its next phase of growth and innovation.

Accepting the responsibility, Dr. Raju Desai said:

“It is an honor & privilege to serve as President of Plastindia Foundation. The Indian plastics industry is entering a transformative phase driven by innovation, sustainability, circular economy initiatives and manufacturing excellence. Together with our Managing Committee, industry associations, government bodies and stakeholders, we will work towards strengthening India’s position as a global plastics manufacturing hub while promoting responsible growth, technological advancement, skill development and sustainability.”



FAITH Conclave 2026 Positions Tourism as a Key Driver of India’s Economic Growth

The Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH) successfully hosted the FAITH Conclave 2026 on 16–17 July 2026 at the Taj Palace, New Delhi, bringing together policymakers, tourism leaders, hospitality professionals, aviation stakeholders, and industry experts to chart a transformative roadmap for India’s tourism economy. The conclave was held under the theme “Incredible India: Invaluable Economics.”

The two-day conclave focused on positioning tourism as one of India’s strongest economic growth engines, with deliberations on policy reforms, infrastructure development,

aviation connectivity, destination competitiveness, sustainable tourism, and public-private collaboration. The event reinforced the industry’s collective vision of making tourism a significant contributor to India’s GDP, employment generation, and regional development.

Senior representatives from the Government of India, state tourism departments, airlines, hotel chains, travel companies, convention centres, and tourism associations participated in high-level discussions aimed at strengthening India’s global tourism competitiveness. Sessions also highlighted the importance of year-round tourism, frontier destinations,

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digital transformation, and investment in tourism infrastructure.

As the apex policy federation representing India’s travel, tourism, and hospitality sector, FAITH reiterated the need for closer collaboration between government and industry to unlock the country’s immense tourism potential. The conclave emphasized that tourism is not merely a service sector but a strategic economic multiplier capable of driving inclusive growth, employment, entrepreneurship, and foreign exchange earnings.

For the Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) industry, the FAITH Conclave carries special significance. As India continues to invest in world-class convention infrastructure—including Bharat Mandapam, Yashobhoomi, and several emerging convention destinations—the convergence of tourism, aviation, hospitality, and business events presents a unique opportunity to position India among the world’s leading MICE destinations.

TradeFairTimes believes that sustained policy support, destination marketing, seamless connectivity, and continued investment in exhibition and convention infrastructure will be instrumental in achieving the Government’s vision of making tourism a major pillar of India’s economic development.

Messe Muenchen India Expands Mumbai Office Amid Rapid Business Growth

Messe Muenchen India has expanded its Mumbai corporate office across two floors, marking another milestone in its growth journey following exceptional business expansion over the past three years. The newly expanded workspace was inaugurated by Christoph Hallier, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Mumbai, in the presence of children from the NGO TOUCH, along with exhibitors, industry leaders, partners, stakeholders and employees. The expansion comes just two years after the company moved into its current premises. Originally planned to accommodate operations for five years, the office reached capacity much sooner as the company’s rapid growth surpassed expectations.

Since 2023, Messe Muenchen India has recorded more than 100% growth in



revenue, with 2026 projected to generate higher revenue than the company’s first 15 years of operations in India combined. The company’s exhibition portfolio has also witnessed remarkable expansion, with exhibition space expected to grow by over 70% between 2023 and 2026, driven by increasing exhibitor participation and strong demand across multiple industry sectors.

Today, Messe Muenchen India

organises 28 trade fairs covering diverse sectors, including electronics, construction, infrastructure, environmental technologies, transport and logistics, laboratory technology, agriculture, laser and photonics, and energy. Supporting this growth, the company has also expanded its workforce by more than 40%, reinforcing its commitment to serving India’s rapidly evolving exhibition industry.



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EEMA Appoints Deepak Choudhary as President; Announces New Governing Body

The Event and Entertainment Management Association (EEMA), India's apex industry body representing the events and experiential ecosystem, has announced its new Governing Body for the upcoming term, appointing Deepak Choudhary as its President.

The newly elected leadership team brings together experienced professionals from across the country's events, entertainment, MICE, live experiences and experiential marketing sectors. The Governing Body is expected to further strengthen EEMA's role in driving industry growth, fostering

collaboration and representing the interests of the event fraternity at both national and international levels.

Alongside President Deepak Choudhary, the new office bearers include Mahavir Sharma as Executive Vice President, Vinod Janardhan as General Secretary, Hareesh Babu as Secretary and Vipul Agarwal as Treasurer.

The regional Vice Presidents appointed for the new term are Vipul Pandhi (North), R. Ramkumar (South), Harshal Kothari (West) and Saroj Mallia (East), ensuring strong representation across the country.

The association has also appointed Naveen Gupta (North),

I am honored to lead EEMA alongside such a dedicated governing body. Our focus for the 2026-28 term will be to strengthen industry advocacy, foster regional collaboration, and drive skill development to support the rapid expansion of India's events and experiential ecosystem.

Nehal Shah (West) and Vishnu Muchhal (East) as Joint Secretaries, while Anup Joy (South), Pankaj Bansal (East) and Manaswini Saraswati (East) have been inducted as Committee Members.

The announcement reflects EEMA's continued commitment to strengthening leadership within the industry and creating a unified platform to address emerging opportunities and challenges. With India's events and experiential sector witnessing rapid expansion, the new Governing Body is expected to focus on industry advocacy, skill development, innovation, sustainability and strengthening collaboration among stakeholders.

EEMA has played a pivotal role in representing the interests of the event and entertainment industry, bringing together event management companies, experiential agencies, production houses, destination specialists and allied service providers under one umbrella. Through policy advocacy, knowledge-sharing initiatives and industry engagement, the association continues to contribute to the professional growth and global positioning of India's events ecosystem. The newly constituted Governing Body will lead EEMA's vision under the association's guiding philosophy of "One Industry. One Voice. Limitless Impact," working towards creating greater opportunities, stronger industry partnerships and a more resilient future for the Indian events and entertainment sector.

India to Host Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026 in New Delhi

India is set to host the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo (BRE Summit & Expo) 2026 from November 2-5 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, bringing together global policymakers, industry leaders, investors, technology providers, and renewable energy experts to strengthen international collaboration and drive the clean energy transition.

The announcement was made by Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi, during the curtain raiser event held on July 23, 2026. He revealed that, for the first time, three major international renewable energy events will be held under one umbrella, the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026, the 9th Session of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly, and the 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH).

Joshi informed that Prime Minister

Narendra Modi will inaugurate the summit, highlighting the Government of India's commitment to renewable energy as a cornerstone of the country's vision for Viksit Bharat and its contribution to global sustainable development.

According to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), the event will bring together stakeholders from across the renewable energy value chain, including project developers, technology providers, equipment manufacturers, battery storage companies, green hydrogen firms, financial institutions, investors, and international organisations.

The Minister said invitations have been extended to representatives from 34 countries for the BRE Summit & Expo, while the International Solar Alliance has invited delegates from 128 countries



to participate in its Assembly, giving the event significant global representation.

Describing the summit as a landmark initiative, Joshi said it will provide a platform to foster international partnerships, encourage innovation, mobilise investments, and strengthen cooperation in advancing clean energy technologies. He invited governments, industry leaders, researchers, entrepreneurs, and development partners from around the world to participate in the event. The BRE Summit & Expo 2026 aims to serve as a comprehensive global platform where governments, businesses, investors, innovators, and international partners can collaborate to accelerate technology adoption, expand investment opportunities, and advance the global transition towards sustainable energy.



SATTE launches its 1st ever independent Economic Impact Report, developed with EY

Informa Markets in India has released the country's first-ever independent Economic Impact Report for an exhibition, measuring the direct and wider economic contribution of SATTE 2026 to India's travel and tourism ecosystem.

The report, titled "One Event. Millions of Journeys.", was unveiled at Le Méridien, New Delhi, in the presence of senior government officials, industry leaders and international dignitaries.

The report was formally launched by Suman Billa, IAS, Additional Secretary & Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, along with Gyan Bhushan (IES), Senior Economic Advisor, Ministry of Tourism; H.E. Ms. Chavanart Thangsumphant, Ambassador of Thailand to India; members of the SATTE 2026 Awards Jury including Arvind Singh (Former

Secretary, Ministry of Tourism), Dr. Abhay Sinha (Director General, SEPC India), Himanshu Patil (President, OTOAI), Aashish Gupta (Consulting CEO, FAITH), Jyoti Mayal (Chairperson, THSC), Meena Bhatia (Vice President & General Manager, Le Méridien New Delhi), along with Bhavesh Laddha, Director, EY Consulting, Yogesh Mudras, Managing Director, Informa Markets in India, and Pallavi Mehra, Senior Group Director, Informa Markets in India.

Addressing the gathering, Suman Billa described the report as an important milestone for the exhibitions industry.

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industry gatherings; they are engines of economic growth and platforms for market intelligence. We need events like SATTE to continue growing from strength to strength," he said.

Sharing the significance of the study, Yogesh Mudras, Managing Director, Informa Markets in India, said the report independently quantifies the exhibition's economic contribution while demonstrating the broader value business events create across India's tourism ecosystem.

"Beyond the three days of the exhibition, SATTE acts as a catalyst for partnerships, business growth and tourism activity that continues throughout the year. We hope this report becomes a valuable reference for policymakers, tourism boards, investors and industry stakeholders," he said.

Presenting the findings, Bhavesh Laddha, Director, EY Consulting, revealed that SATTE 2026 generated an estimated ₹193 crore in economic impact. According to the study, the exhibition also contributed to more than 45,000 man-days of employment, generated over 50,000 hotel room nights, and facilitated more than 25,000 flight bookings.

The report further estimates that if even one percent of the business discussions and Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) initiated during SATTE convert into actual transactions, the longer-term economic impact could range between ₹3,000 crore and ₹4,000 crore, demonstrating the powerful multiplier effect created by business exhibitions.

ICPB Launches Certified Conference Specialist (CCS) Programme

The Indian Convention Promotion Bureau (ICPB) has announced its two-day Certified Conference Specialist (CCS) Programme, a professional certification initiative designed to nurture talent and strengthen India's growing Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, Conventions and Exhibitions (MICE) industry. The programme aims to equip participants with the knowledge, skills and industry exposure required to build successful careers in the conference and convention sector.

Open to front-line professionals, students and aspiring entrepreneurs,

the CCS Programme offers a structured learning platform led by experienced industry leaders and subject matter experts. Over two days, participants will gain comprehensive insights into conference and convention management, covering key aspects of the business while learning about industry best practices, operational strategies and emerging trends.

A key feature of the programme is ICPB's commitment to supporting career development. Qualified students completing the programme will receive placement assistance, with their profiles being shared among ICPB's member partners to facilitate employment

opportunities across the MICE industry. By reaching aspiring professionals at an early stage, the Bureau aims to build a stronger talent pipeline for India's business events ecosystem. The Certified Conference Specialist (CCS) Programme reflects ICPB's ongoing efforts to promote professional excellence and develop a skilled workforce capable of supporting India's ambition to become a leading global destination for conferences, conventions and business events. Through education, industry engagement and placement support, the initiative is expected to contribute significantly to the future growth and competitiveness of the Indian MICE industry.



India's PV Community Comes Together at the 6th Edition Drug Safety Symposium 2026 – India Chapter to Shape the Future of Patient Safety

The 6th Edition Drug Safety Symposium 2026 – India Chapter, organized by Eminence Business Media, concluded successfully in Mumbai, reaffirming its position as one of India's leading knowledge-sharing platforms dedicated to pharmacovigilance, drug safety, regulatory affairs, and patient safety.

The two-day symposium brought together senior leaders from pharmaceutical companies, CROs, regulatory bodies, technology organizations, and healthcare institutions to discuss the rapidly evolving pharmacovigilance landscape. With artificial intelligence, automation, regulatory transformation, and global collaboration reshaping the industry, the focused on practical solutions that organizations can implement to strengthen patient safety and operational excellence.

The conference was inaugurated with an inspiring keynote address by Dr. Nilima Kshirsagar, one of India's most respected clinical pharmacologists, whose distinguished career has significantly influenced clinical research, rational use of medicines, and patient safety in the country. Her address highlighted the importance of scientific integrity, regulatory excellence, and patient-centric innovation as healthcare continues to evolve.

The symposium featured an outstanding faculty of experts, including Dr. Dharini Bhoopathi (PVPI, Government of India), Dr. Rahul Somani (Alkem), Dr. Rajendra Kasi (Glenmark), Dr. Manoj Swaminathan (Sandoz),

Dr. Jamal Baig (MSD), Dr. Greame Ladds (PharSafer), Dr. Devang Patel (Zydus Lifesciences), Dr. Neha Vala (Emcure), Dr. Mayuresh Kiran (Centauro Pharmaceuticals), Dr. Gopal Muralidharan (Pivot Path), Dr. Mangesh Kulkarni (Lupin), Dr. Mukesh Gori (Amgen India), Dr. Vikram K (Bristol Myers Squibb), Dr. Pranjal Bordoloi (Lambda Therapeutic Research), Chaitanya Kulkarni (Marksans Pharma), Dr. Girish Bassavaraju (Cossett Pharma), Dr. Kabil Kalathingal (Dr. Reddy's), Dr. Abhay Chimankar (Rhyme Life Sciences), Dr. Vipin Sethi (Biomatrix Healthcare), Sriram Varma (Techsol), Umesh Khadale (Veeva Systems), and Sridivya Palacharla (SafeVig Solutions) along with several distinguished leaders from the Indian pharmacovigilance ecosystem. Together, they shared practical experiences and strategic insights on regulatory intelligence, signal management, artificial intelligence, inspection readiness, medical review, literature surveillance, and the future of Pharma-CRO collaboration.

One of the most talked-about sessions of the symposium was the interactive Signal Management Workshop, where delegates were divided into teams and challenged to step into the role of global regulators. Working on landmark case studies inspired by the FDA, EMA, Health Canada, and the World Health Organization, participants evaluated safety data, literature evidence, media reports, and regulatory information before making benefit-risk decisions. The workshop demonstrated that pharmacovigilance is not merely about detecting safety signals, it is



"Our vision has always been to create a platform where meaningful conversations take place, conversations that extend beyond presentations and continue long after the conference concludes. The 6th Edition Drug Safety Symposium 2026 – India Chapter demonstrated that while technology is transforming pharma-covigilance, collaboration, scientific excellence, and patient safety remain the foundation of everything we do."

Guneet Hayer,
Managing
Director,
Eminence
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about making informed regulatory decisions when evidence is still evolving.

Reinforcing its commitment to healthcare beyond pharmacovigilance, the conference also featured a special #EminenceHealthAwareness Initiative, led by Guneet Hayer, who conducted an engaging hands-on CPR training session for delegates. The session equipped participants with practical life-saving skills and emphasized that patient safety extends beyond medicines, preparedness, timely intervention, and the confidence to act can make the difference between life and death.

The symposium concluded with a leadership panel on "The Future PV Operating Model: AI, Automation & the Next Generation Collaboration," moderated by Vrushali Negandhi, Research & Conference Head for Drug Safety Symposium. Bringing together perspectives from Pharma and CRO leaders, the discussion encapsulated the key themes that emerged throughout the conference, embracing AI and automation to transform pharmacovigilance operations while reaffirming that scientific judgment, strong governance, ethical decision-making, and patient-centricity will remain the foundation of effective drug safety.

Throughout the conference, delegates also gained practical insights into evolving global regulatory expectations, FDA inspection readiness, E2B(R3) implementation, benefit-risk assessment, real-world evidence, risk management, and operational excellence. Rather than focusing solely on emerging technologies, the discussions emphasized the importance of combining innovation with robust quality systems, regulatory compliance, and cross-functional collaboration.

The success of DSS 2026 was made possible through the support of its valued industry partners like PharSafer, Pivot Path, Techsol, Synapmed, SafeVig Solutions, Vizen Life Sciences, Rhyme Life Sciences, Navatio and 4C Pharma, whose continued commitment to advancing pharmacovigilance education and innovation played a significant role in the event's success. Their participation enabled delegates to explore emerging technologies, digital solutions, and best practices that are helping transform drug safety operations across the industry.



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ONGC Launches URJATVA and Urja Bharat Convention Centre in Goa, Expanding India's MICE Infrastructure

India's MICE industry received a significant boost with the launch of URJATVA and the unveiling of the ONGC Urja Bharat Convention Centre (UBCC) at the ONGC Advanced Training Institute (ATI) in South Goa.

Developed within a 250-acre integrated campus, the new destination brings together modern convention and exhibition facilities, premium accommodation, training infrastructure and hospitality services, positioning itself as a promising new venue for

business events in India. The launch programme brought together leading professionals from the MICE, exhibition, convention, tourism and hospitality sectors, who were invited to experience the campus firsthand and explore its infrastructure and event capabilities.

A key highlight of the venue is its distinctive architectural design, featuring bold red tones symbolising strength and ambition, complemented by warm yellow hues representing energy and optimism, creating a visually striking yet highly



The launch of URJATVA and the ONGC Urja Bharat Convention Centre (UBCC) represents our dedication to enhancing India's business events ecosystem. By combining world-class infrastructure with a strong focus on sustainable development, we aim to provide an inspiring, highly functional environment that supports regional economic growth and reinforces India's position as a premier global destination for business events.

Saket Gupta,
Executive
Director, ONGC
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functional business events environment. ONGC UBCC has already demonstrated its operational readiness by successfully hosting India Energy Week, underscoring its capability to handle large-scale conferences, exhibitions and international gatherings. Speaking at the event, Saket Gupta, Executive Director, ONGC ATI, outlined the vision behind URJATVA and UBCC, emphasising ONGC's commitment to supporting India's expanding business events ecosystem through world-class infrastructure and sustainable development. As India's convention industry continues to grow beyond traditional metro cities, emerging destinations such as South Goa are expected to play an increasingly important role in attracting conferences, exhibitions, corporate meetings and incentive travel programmes. The launch of URJATVA and ONGC UBCC marks another important step in strengthening India's convention infrastructure and reinforces the country's ambition of becoming a leading global destination for business events, while also contributing to regional tourism and economic development.

Messe Frankfurt Expands Lighting Portfolio with Acquisition of LiGHT Expo London

Messe Frankfurt has acquired LiGHT Expo London from [d]arc media and will operate the event through its London subsidiary, further strengthening its position in the global lighting and building technology sector. Launched in 2022, LiGHT Expo London has quickly emerged as one of the UK's leading platforms for the lighting specification community, bringing together architects, interior designers, lighting designers, engineers, specifiers, and international lighting brands for product discovery, knowledge sharing, collaboration, and networking. The acquisition adds LiGHT to Messe Frankfurt's internationally recognised Light + Building portfolio, which includes established events across Frankfurt, Dubai, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Mumbai, New Delhi, Las Vegas, Istanbul, Kuala Lumpur, Buenos Aires, Hangzhou, and Tashkent. Messe Frankfurt UK will build on the

strong foundation created by [d]arc media while preserving the event's community-focused identity and its commitment to the lighting specification market. [d]arc media will continue to support LiGHT through promotional activities and the curation of its content programme. Messe Frankfurt UK CEO, Simon Albert said of the deal, "LiGHT has become one of the most important meeting places for the UK lighting and design community in a remarkably short space of time. We have long admired what the [d]arc media team has built and the passionate community that has grown around the event. This acquisition represents an exciting opportunity to support LiGHT's continued growth as part of Messe Frankfurt's international lighting portfolio, while carefully preserving the qualities that have made it such a success. We are committed to investing in the event for the long term and ensuring it continues to deliver

exceptional value for exhibitors, visitors and the wider lighting industry." Paul James, MD of [d]arc media echoed the sentiments, "When considering the future of LiGHT, it was important for us to find a partner that not only had the scale and expertise to support the event's growth, but also genuinely understood the lighting industry and the community we have built around it. Messe Frankfurt UK shares our commitment to the sector and brings significant experience in delivering high-quality international events. We are excited to support the next chapter of LiGHT's journey and look forward to seeing the event continue to flourish." LiGHT is now part of Messe Frankfurt's Light + Building Technology fair portfolio, led by the biennial Light + Building exhibition in Frankfurt, Germany. The next edition of the flagship event is scheduled to take place from 5-10 March 2028.



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Collaboration between competing shows is inevitable!

By Ms. Jagriti Pandey (PhD Scholar) Project Lead - Futurex Trade Fair and Events Pvt. Ltd.



It's still taboo to say out loud in the exhibitions industry, but the data is starting to make the case for you. UFI's latest Global Exhibition Barometer, which is based on nearly 470 companies across 59 countries and was released this July shows only 27% of organizers expect revenue growth above 5% annually, while 38% expect it to stay flat, and in the US the picture is tighter still: just 13% of American organizers predict revenue growth above 5%, with 73% forecasting flat revenue. That's not a shrinking industry; UFI still counted roughly 32,000 exhibitions held worldwide in 2024, with rented space close to pre-pandemic levels, but it is a maturing one, and maturing markets change the economics of competition. When two shows are chasing a buyer pool that isn't expanding, every dollar spent outbidding a rival for the same VIP badge is a dollar not spent growing

the category, and that's exactly the dynamic organizers are quietly working around: co-locating shows like MEDICA and COMPAMED so one trip covers two exhibitions, folding acquisitions into shared portfolios (Easyfairs absorbing Houston's Energy Projects Conference & Expo, Hyve making its eighth acquisition since 2024, WTE Miami joining the Fairfest umbrella specifically to widen its buyer reach), and increasingly treating consolidation itself as the collaboration a handful of groups (Informa, RX, Clarion, Comexposium, Messe Frankfurt) now dominate a market still projected to grow at a 4.8% CAGR toward \$53.7 billion by 2033, which only works if the biggest players stop bidding against each other for the same finite floor space and start sharing it. Pure head-to-head competition made sense when trade show attendance was expanding every year; in a market where 73% of US organizers are bracing for flat revenue, it's an expensive way to protect a shrinking margin. The organizers who move first on shared buyer programs, aligned calendars, and cross-promoted audiences won't look weaker for it; they'll be the ones still standing when the next barometer comes out.

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- The biggest players are stopping bidding against each other for the same finite floor space, and starting to share it.
- India holds only about four percent of the Asia-Pacific region's venue capacity despite its rapid growth, showing that the constraint isn't demand; it's infrastructure.

India complicates the saturation argument interestingly, because it isn't saturated at all. IEIA and JWC put the country's exhibition growth at nearly 13% annually, well ahead of the global pace, with the market valued around \$5.7 billion in 2025 and projected to reach roughly \$8.4–9 billion by 2030–31. UFI's COO Adeline Vancauwelaert at the India for MICE 2026 event recently noted India still holds only about 4% of Asia-Pacific's venue capacity despite that growth, which tells you the constraint isn't demand; it's infrastructure. That changes what collaboration looks like on the ground. Instead of shows merging out of exhaustion, you're seeing organizers coordinate because capacity is scarce and geo-cloning (the Indian industry's term for replicating a proven show format city to city) is easier to pull off jointly than solo, especially outside the metros where venues remain limited. The clearest real-time example is World Events Economy Week itself: IEIA, IESA, and EEMA are normally separate bodies representing overlapping parts of the same industry, folded exhibitions, MICE, weddings, and the creative economy into one shared platform at HITEX Hyderabad this June rather than running competing calendars. Foreign majors are playing the same game locally: NürnbergMesse and Informa Markets operate India-specific arms that partner with domestic venues and associations rather than building parallel infrastructure from scratch. So, India's version of the collaboration story isn't "growth has stalled, so let's share the pie"; it's "growth is outrunning capacity, so let's share the runway." Same conclusion, different math.

World Inclusion Conference (WIC) India 2026 takes place at Yashobhoomi

The World Inclusion Conference (WIC) India 2026 which took place at Yashobhoomi (India International Convention & Expo Centre), New Delhi, brought together global experts, educators, policymakers, researchers, and inclusion practitioners to advance dialogue on inclusive education, accessibility, equity, innovation, and

social impact. The conference is being organised by Affairs Exhibitions & Media Pvt. Ltd., under the leadership of Vivek Shukla, in collaboration with the International Forum of Inclusion Practitioners (IFIP). A key attraction is the Global Inclusion Expo, showcasing innovations in EdTech, assistive technologies, institutional partnerships, and inclusive practices

that are shaping the future of education and society. TradeFairTimes commends Vivek Shukla and the Affairs Exhibitions & Media team for successfully curating a global platform that reinforces India's growing stature as a destination for impactful knowledge conferences while promoting collaboration, accessibility, and inclusive development on an international scale.

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Jaipur MICE Roadshow Showcases City’s Convention Readiness

The India Convention Promotion Bureau (ICPB), in collaboration with JECC and Novotel Jaipur, organised the Jaipur MICE Roadshow from June 18–20, 2026, positioning the city as “MICE Ready” and highlighting Rajasthan’s ease-of-doing-business initiatives.

The programme brought together leaders of national

medical and non-medical associations, Professional Conference Organisers, Event Management Companies and Destination Management Companies. A half-day conference, held with the Government of Rajasthan, presented the state’s evolving MICE ecosystem, tourism policies and incentive schemes for attracting national and international conventions.

The Jaipur MICE Roadshow successfully highlighted the region’s robust infrastructure and supportive policies. We are grateful to the Government of Rajasthan and our partners for presenting Jaipur as a capable destination for major conventions.

Chander Mansharamani, Vice Chair, ICPB

Delegates toured JECC’s modern facilities and participated in a Familiarisation tour covering Hotel Clarks Amer, Rajasthan International Centre, Fairmont Jaipur, Birla Auditorium & Convention Centre, Rambagh Palace, Jai Mahal Palace and Taj Amer.

Supported by Rajasthan Tourism and FHTR, the roadshow also featured networking evenings hosted by Novotel/JECC, Fairmont Jaipur and Accor Group.

The delegation was led by ICPB Vice Chair Chander Mansharamani, along with Dr. Poonam Rajput, Executive Director, ICPB, Mohammad Ali, Director – Global Sales, Accor Group and Mr Ajay Vinayak, Governing Board Member.

ICPB thanked Mr Manuj Ralhan, General Manager, Novotel JECC, Rajinikanth Ramadass, Director of Sales and Marketing, Novotel JECC and Mr Ankit Pareek, Director of Sales and Marketing Fairmont & team for curating the experiential hosting and program.

Procam International and Exhibetter Global Launch PLAYSCAPE

Procam International has joined hands with Exhibetter Global to launch PLAYSCAPE, a new experiential platform that will make its debut during the Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon race week.

Designed to bring together brands, consumers, creators and communities from across the active living ecosystem, PLAYSCAPE aims to create a dynamic space for engagement across sport, fitness, wellness, lifestyle, innovation and commerce.

Developed by Procam International, pioneers of distance running in India, in collaboration with Exhibetter Global, a specialist exhibition advisory and planning company, the platform is positioned as an evolution of the traditional race expo format.

Built around the theme “More than an expo. A landscape of active living,” PLAYSCAPE will offer an immersive experience for runners, businesses, brands and enthusiasts, with a focus on community interaction, product discovery and experiential engagement.

Vivek Singh, Joint Managing Director, Procam International,



said, “Over the years, the Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon has grown into a celebration of movement and the communities that come together around it. With PLAYSCAPE, we are taking the race week experience a step further by creating a shared platform where runners, brands, businesses and innovators can connect, discover and engage.

“It reflects our vision of building a larger ecosystem around active living and creating experiences that extend well beyond race day. We are delighted

to partner with Exhibetter Global to bring this vision to life and look forward to seeing PLAYSCAPE Expo evolve into a premier destination that delivers lasting value for the entire active living community,” Singh said.

Yogesh Vyas, Chief Executive Officer – ExhiBetter Global Pvt. Ltd., said, “At Exhibetter Global, we believe great exhibitions are more than just showcase platforms. They create spaces where communities connect, ideas are exchanged, and businesses grow. By combining Procam International’s unparalleled expertise in delivering world-class running events with our experience in curating impactful exhibition platforms, at Playscape we aim to create an immersive Expo experience that delivers meaningful value for runners, brands, businesses, and the wider community. Together, we look forward to establishing PLAYSCAPE as India’s premier Expo for sport, fitness, and wellness.”

At its core, PLAYSCAPE is envisioned as a platform where movement, wellbeing, creativity and business opportunities converge, helping shape the future of India’s active living ecosystem.



Pharma Pro&Pack Expo 2026 Concludes Its Biggest-Ever Edition with Strong Industry Participation

Pharma Pro&Pack Expo 2026, jointly organised by Messe Muenchen India and the Indian Pharma Machinery Manufacturers' Association (IPMMA), concluded successfully at HITEX Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad, after three days of innovation, business networking, product demonstrations, and knowledge-sharing across the pharmaceutical manufacturing and packaging sectors.

Held from 9-11 July 2026, the standalone edition marked the largest in the event's history. The exhibition welcomed 19,206 trade visitors, featured 353 exhibiting

brands, and spanned more than 35,000 square metres across all seven exhibition halls at HITEX.

The 2026 edition offered an enhanced experience for both exhibitors and visitors through an expanded technology showcase, increased international participation, structured business matchmaking programmes, a dedicated International Pavilion, a larger software solutions segment, and a comprehensive three-day conference programme. Together, these initiatives created valuable opportunities for attendees to explore new technologies, engage with industry leaders, and

The expanded format enabled pharmaceutical professionals, engineers, and procurement specialists to seamlessly transition from discovering new technologies to conducting detailed technical evaluations and supplier discussions within a single visit.

strengthen business relationships.

Compared to the previous edition, the exhibition recorded a 30 per cent increase in exhibition space and witnessed visitor attendance grow by more than 100 per cent, reflecting the growing demand for the platform. The event attracted participants from over 30 countries, including Canada, Germany, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Singapore, the United States, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, Switzerland, South Korea, Thailand, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka, further reinforcing its position as a key international meeting point for the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry.

The expanded exhibition format enabled visitors to seamlessly transition from discovering the latest technologies to conducting detailed technical evaluations and supplier discussions within a single visit. Pharmaceutical manufacturers, production and packaging professionals, engineers, procurement specialists, and business leaders had the opportunity to compare advanced solutions, evaluate machinery firsthand, and engage directly with technology providers for existing and future projects.



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Informa Markets India Supports Digital Inclusion Through 'Umeed on Wheels' Initiative

Informa Markets India, in collaboration with SOS Children's Villages of India, has supported the launch of Umeed on Wheels, a Mobile Digital Learning Centre, at Shakurbasti, New Delhi, reinforcing its commitment to promoting digital inclusion and community empowerment.

More than just a mobile classroom, Umeed on Wheels aims to serve as a platform for holistic learning by offering training in computer literacy, digital education, creativity, communication, and life skills. The programme seeks to equip learners with the knowledge and competencies needed to thrive in an increasingly digital world while opening pathways to future educational and career opportunities.

18th IPCA Electronics Expo Rescheduled to January 2027

Acexm7 Events Private Limited, a leading organiser of B2B trade exhibitions and industry conferences in India, has announced the rescheduling of the 18th IPCA Electronics Expo and several co-located industry exhibitions to January 2027. The rescheduled exhibitions will be held at Bharat Mandapam. The events were originally planned for 2026. Key Factors behind the Rescheduling included rising raw material costs and ongoing supply chain disruptions, global geopolitical developments and economic uncertainty, requests from exhibitors and buyers for additional preparation time to maximise participation and return on investment, alignment with major government initiatives, including Make in India, the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, and the broader Viksit Bharat @2047.



Marie Servais takes over as head of Light + Building



On 1 July 2026, Marie Servais has taken over as head of Light + Building, the leading international trade fair for lighting and building technology. In her new role, she will be responsible for the strategic development of the world's leading trade fair and its international brand portfolio.

Sudhir Dhavan appointed as new MD of R E Rogers India Pvt. Ltd.



R.E. Rogers India Pvt. Ltd. has appointed Sudhir Dhavan as its Managing Director following the approval of the Board of Directors at its meeting held on July 18, 2026. The Board also inducted Dhavan as a Director. Ravinder Sethi will serve as Executive Chairman and continue on the Board, while Mrs. Kiran Sethi and Raj Sharma will continue in their existing positions.

Dhavan brings more than 30 years of experience in the logistics industry and most recently served as Chairman of the International Exhibition Logistics Association (IELA). According to the company, he will be supported by the senior management team comprising Chief Operating Officer Sushil Upadhyay, Chief Operating Officer (Defence & Aerospace) Manoj Kumar and Chief Financial Officer Ms. Lalita Singh.

Tube & Pipe Fair 2026 Bridges Demand, Supply and Opportunity in the Industry

Three days of networking, technology showcase and high-value business interactions marked the successful conclusion of Tube & Pipe Fair 2026, reaffirming its position as a key platform for India's tube and pipe industry. The exhibition brought together professionals from tube and pipe manufacturing, EPC, fabrication, construction & real estate, infrastructure, automotive, offshore, oil & gas, energy, water supply, water treatment, chemical and petrochemical, HVAC, defence and other industrial sectors.

Tube & Pipe Fair 2026, organised by Tulip 3P Media Pvt. Ltd., successfully concluded at HITEX Exhibition Center, Hyderabad, from 16–18 July 2026. Bringing together the complete tube and pipe value chain under one roof, the exhibition witnessed participation from leading manufacturers, suppliers, distributors,



buyers and technology providers from India and overseas.

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Partner – Tube & Pipe India Magazine, the fourth edition of the exhibition showcased the latest advancements, technologies and solutions shaping the tube and pipe sector.

The three-day event featured live machinery demonstrations, product launches, technology displays and extensive buyer-seller interactions, providing an effective platform for companies to explore new opportunities, strengthen partnerships and drive business growth.

Since its launch in New Delhi in 2023, Tube & Pipe Fair has evolved into one of India's most focused industry platforms for the tube and pipe ecosystem. Following successful editions in Hyderabad (2024) and New Delhi (2025), the 2026 edition further strengthened its role as a meeting point for industry leaders, technology providers and key decision-makers.

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Sustainability in Events: The New Benchmark for India’s Exhibition Industry



By Sadaf Rizvi

Sustainability has moved well beyond being a corporate buzzword. In today’s exhibition and events industry, it is becoming a defining factor in how events are designed, delivered and evaluated. What was once limited to eliminating plastic bottles or reducing printed brochures has evolved into a much broader commitment that influences venue selection, exhibitor participation, supply chains and long-term business strategy.

India’s exhibition industry is at a particularly exciting juncture. With world-class venues such as Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi and Yashobhoomi, coupled with the country’s growing prominence as a global MICE destination, organisers are increasingly expected to deliver events that are not only commercially successful but also environmentally and socially responsible. Sustainability is no longer an add-on. It is becoming an expectation from clients, exhibitors, sponsors and visitors alike.

One of the most significant shifts is the move towards circular event design. Across leading trade fairs, organisers are replacing disposable exhibition infrastructure

with modular stands, reusable signage, recyclable carpeting and lightweight aluminium systems that can be repurposed across multiple editions. These changes reduce waste generation while offering better long-term value for exhibitors who participate in multiple events throughout the year.

Technology has also emerged as a powerful sustainability enabler. Digital registrations, mobile event apps, QR code-based catalogues, AI-powered networking platforms and smart visitor analytics have considerably reduced the industry’s dependence on printed collateral. Beyond lowering paper consumption, these digital solutions improve visitor engagement and provide organisers with actionable insights that help optimise future events.

The conversation is also expanding to carbon management. While venue operations are becoming more energy efficient, industry leaders are increasingly recognising that exhibitor logistics, freight movement and delegate travel account for a significant share of an exhibition’s carbon footprint. As a result, many organisers are encouraging local sourcing, consolidated freight movement and partnerships with vendors who follow sustainable

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- Sustainability is no longer an add-on. It is becoming an expectation from clients, exhibitors, sponsors, and visitors alike.
- Sustainability is no longer separate from business growth. It is becoming central to it.
- The most successful exhibitions will not simply be remembered for their scale or visitor numbers, but for the positive and measurable impact they leave on businesses, communities, and the environment.

procurement practices. Food waste management, waste segregation and donations of surplus catering are gradually becoming part of responsible event operations rather than isolated initiatives.

At flagship events hosted at Bharat Mandapam, sustainability is increasingly being discussed alongside innovation, infrastructure and business growth, highlighting that the future competitiveness of the industry will depend on responsible event management as much as commercial success.

Equally important is the shift from environmental sustainability to ESG-led event planning. Accessibility, diversity, ethical sourcing, local community engagement and employee well-being are becoming integral to how successful events are measured. Today’s stakeholders expect transparency, and they can easily distinguish between meaningful sustainability initiatives and superficial green marketing.

Events such as Bharat Tex have demonstrated how sustainability can be embedded into an exhibition’s core narrative by showcasing circular textiles, responsible manufacturing and traditional crafts that promote sustainable livelihoods alongside business opportunities. Such examples underline the fact that sustainability is no longer separate from business growth. It is becoming central to it.

The future of India’s exhibition industry will belong to organisers who embed sustainability into every stage of the event lifecycle, from planning and procurement to execution and post-event reporting. The most successful exhibitions will not simply be remembered for their scale or visitor numbers, but for the positive and measurable impact they leave on businesses, communities and the environment. In an increasingly conscious marketplace, sustainability is no longer the future of events. It is the new benchmark for excellence.

BeautySum India 2026 to Spotlight Global Beauty Innovations and Strengthen India–Korea Business Partnerships

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eautySum India 2026, an international B2B exhibition dedicated to the beauty, cosmetics and personal care industry, is set to take place from 27–29 August 2026 at Yashobhoomi – India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC), Dwarka, New Delhi. The three-day

event will bring together global beauty brands, manufacturers, dermatology suppliers, distributors, retailers and professional buyers, creating a platform for business networking, technology exchange and international sourcing.

Organised by South Korea-based exhibition company MESSE ESANG Co.,

Ltd., the exhibition aims to connect international beauty innovators with India’s rapidly expanding cosmetics, skincare, personal care and professional aesthetics market. The show will be held in Exhibition Hall 1, with exhibition hours from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on 27 and 28 August, and from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on the final day.



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After more than fifty years in the trade show industry, training over 45,000 exhibiting professionals, speaking at more than 350 conferences and workshops, and helping companies process more than one million trade show sales leads, I've reached one simple conclusion.

Trade shows are not broken. The exhibiting process is

That may sound like a bold statement, but I've watched companies invest hundreds of thousands—and sometimes millions—of dollars in trade shows while unknowingly sabotaging their own return on investment.

The irony is that trade shows remain one of the most powerful forms of business-to-business marketing ever created. Buyers voluntarily come to sellers. Few other marketing channels offer that advantage. Yet countless companies still question whether exhibiting is worth the investment.

The problem isn't the show. It's what happens before, during, and especially after the show

One of the biggest misconceptions in the industry is that exhibitors have a lead generation problem. In my experience, they don't. They have a lead follow-up problem.

Companies spend months planning their exhibit. They invest heavily in booth space, travel, staffing, shipping, and promotions. They celebrate the number of badge scans collected and the traffic through their booth. Then they return home and, far too often, allow those opportunities to quietly disappear.

The leads didn't fail. The process failed

Another costly mistake occurs the moment the show closes.

Marketing plans the exhibit. Marketing develops the messaging. Marketing drives booth traffic. Marketing captures the leads. Then marketing hands those leads to sales and hopes for the best.

Hope has never been a business strategy

During the twenty-two years my company qualified and managed more than one million trade show leads, I learned something that changed my perspective forever.

Salespeople don't ignore qualified leads. They ignore names.

There's an enormous difference between a qualified opportunity and a badge scan. A qualified lead includes context, buying interest, timing, and



FIVE TRADE SHOW TRUTHS EVERY EXHIBITOR SHOULD KNOW BEFORE EXHIBITING

next steps. A badge scan is simply a name on a list. Expecting the same results from both is one of the most expensive assumptions an exhibitor can make.

Perhaps the greatest misunderstanding in exhibiting is believing that trade show success happens on the show floor. It doesn't. The show floor creates opportunity. The follow-up process creates revenue.

The companies that consistently outperform their competitors understand that exhibiting is not a three-day event. It's a business process that begins long before the doors open and continues long after the exhibit hall closes. Ironically, the phase responsible for generating measurable ROI is usually the one that receives the least planning and the fewest resources.

Eventually, every company faces the same question

After the booth is dismantled and the reports have been presented, someone in the executive suite asks, "How much revenue did we generate?"

Marketing proudly reports booth traffic, demonstrations, and lead counts. Those numbers may sound impressive, but they don't answer the question that matters most.

Executives don't invest in activity. They invest in results

Organizations that can connect trade show spending to qualified opportunities, sales, and revenue rarely struggle to justify future exhibit budgets. Over the years, I've learned one final lesson that may be the most important of all.

Process beats budget every time.

One client transformed a \$450,000 trade show investment into \$4.5 million in documented sales. They didn't buy a

larger booth. They didn't spend more on technology. They simply changed the process.

During twenty-two years of managing more than one million trade show leads, I watched disciplined companies consistently outperform competitors with larger budgets but weaker systems.

The difference wasn't money. It was methodology.

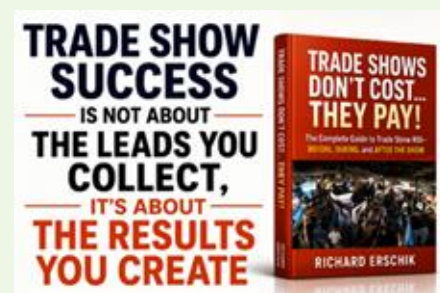
If there's one message I'd like every exhibitor, marketing professional, CEO, and CFO to remember, it's this:

Trade show success is not about the leads you collect. It's about the results you create

Companies that focus on process rather than activity don't simply generate more leads. They convert more opportunities, justify larger budgets, and transform exhibiting from a marketing expense into a measurable business investment.

Because Trade Shows Don't Cost They Pay

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Business Acceleration & Festive Season

■ Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)



Career: August brings new business enquiries and last-minute exhibition opportunities. Quick decisions will put you ahead of competitors.

Finance: Revenue improves through sponsorships and repeat clients. Avoid overspending on promotional activities.
Relationships: Strong networking opens unexpected partnerships.
Tip: Stay proactive—your confidence attracts new business.

■ Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)



Career: Consistency becomes your biggest strength. Existing clients return with larger projects.
Finance: Stable cash flow allows better planning for the festive season.

Relationships: Vendor negotiations conclude positively.
Tip: Focus on quality rather than quantity this month.

■ Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20)



Career: Meetings, presentations and travel dominate your schedule. Communication becomes your biggest asset.
Finance: Multiple income sources

strengthen your business outlook.
Relationships: Collaborations flourish with marketing and creative teams.
Tip: Organize your schedule carefully to avoid overlaps.

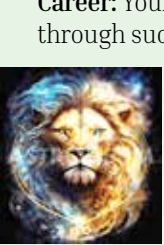
■ Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)



Career: Leadership skills are recognised during major event preparations. Your calm approach wins trust.
Finance: Budget planning pays off with

improved profitability.
Relationships: Team morale remains high under your guidance.
Tip: Delegate responsibilities—you don't have to manage everything alone.

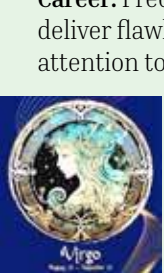
■ Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 22)



Career: Your visibility increases through successful event launches and public recognition.
Finance: Premium projects boost revenue significantly.
Relationships: Your enthusiasm inspires both clients and

colleagues.
Tip: Celebrate milestones, but stay focused on upcoming deadlines.

■ Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)



Career: Precision and planning help deliver flawless exhibitions. Your attention to detail stands out.
Finance: Careful expense management improves margins.
Relationships: Clients appreciate your reliability and professionalism.

Tip: Avoid overthinking—trust your preparation.

■ Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)



Career: Business partnerships and collaborations take center stage. New alliances bring long-term benefits.
Finance: New contracts strengthen your financial position.

Relationships: Diplomacy resolves pending issues smoothly.
Tip: Maintain balance between business growth and personal wellbeing.

■ Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)



Career: Challenging projects test your resilience, but success enhances your reputation.
Finance: Investments in technology begin

showing returns.
Relationships: Honest communication prevents misunderstandings.
Tip: Stay adaptable when plans change unexpectedly.

■ Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Career: Expansion opportunities



emerge through travel, conferences and international contacts.
Finance: Business development efforts generate rewarding

returns.
Relationships: Your optimism attracts influential connections.
Tip: Say yes to networking opportunities—they'll pay off.

■ Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)



Career: Long-term planning brings measurable progress. Strategic decisions strengthen future projects.
Finance: Large corporate assignments improve

stability.
Relationships: Senior industry leaders become valuable mentors.
Tip: Build systems that can support larger events in the coming months.

■ Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18)



Career: Innovation becomes your competitive advantage. Digital and hybrid event solutions receive appreciation.

Finance: Investments in new technology prove worthwhile.
Relationships: Creative collaborations spark fresh ideas.
Tip: Experiment with new event formats while maintaining quality.

■ Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)



Career: Creative thinking helps you stand out during the festive exhibition season. Branding initiatives gain attention.
Finance: Marketing investments begin

delivering results.
Relationships: Strong client relationships lead to repeat business.
Tip: Trust your intuition, but support it with careful planning and execution.



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The grand inauguration of India HoReCa Expo 2026 at CODISSIA, Coimbatore marked the opening of South India's leading B2B exhibition for the hospitality and foodservice industry. The inaugural ceremony brought together industry leaders, distinguished guests, exhibitors, and professionals, setting the stage for three days of business networking, innovation, and growth across the HoReCa sector.

FOOD AFAIR EXPO 2026



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BHARAT FOOD EXPO 2026



The BharatFoodExpo & BharatPackExpo 2026 opened with remarkable energy, witnessing packed exhibition aisles, live machinery demonstrations, product launches, and engaging business discussions among industry professionals. Bringing together key players from the food processing, packaging, ingredients, automation, and smart manufacturing sectors, the exhibition floor showcased a wide range of innovative solutions and emerging technologies driving the future of the industry.

IIAB EXPO 2026



IIAB Expo 2026 commenced with a grand inauguration ceremony, bringing together distinguished leaders from the agribusiness sector to celebrate the start of two days of innovation, collaboration, and business networking. The ceremony was graced by Mark Birrell, Trade Counsellor (South Asia), UK Government; Deepak Shah, Chairman & Managing Director, Sulphur Mills Ltd.; Ankur Aggarwal, Chairman & Managing Director, Crystal Crop Protection Ltd.; Raj Kumar Agarwal, Managing Partner, RAY One Agri Consulting and Organiser of IIAB Expo 2026; and Mrs. Anita Agarwal, Organiser of IIAB Expo 2026. The event sets the stage for showcasing the latest advancements and fostering strategic partnerships across the agribusiness industry.

JEWELLERS ASSOCIATION SHOW 2026



The 20th edition of JAS and its 7th exclusive B2B Edition, organised by the Jewellers Association Jaipur (JAJ), opened on 3 July 2026 at the Jaipur Exhibition & Convention Centre (JECC), Sitapura. The inaugural day witnessed an impressive turnout, with buyers, retailers, manufacturers, and jewellery professionals from India and overseas coming together, creating a vibrant atmosphere for business networking, sourcing, and industry collaboration over the three-day exhibition.

15TH STRATEGIC ELECTRONICS SUMMIT 2026



A view of the 15th Strategic Electronics Summit 2026 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), featuring an address by Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on regional development.

TUBE AND PIPE FAIR SOUTH 2026



The opening ceremony set the stage for an engaging showcase of advanced technologies, industry solutions, and emerging trends, as leading manufacturers, suppliers, professionals, and stakeholders gathered under one roof to explore new business opportunities and strengthen industry connections. With a focus on fostering partnerships and driving innovation, Tube & Pipe Fair South 2026 serves as a key platform for the industry to exchange knowledge, discover the latest developments, and shape the future of the tube and pipe sector.

UFSEC 2026



The 5th edition of UFSEC took place at Hall No. 1, India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, bringing together industry professionals, innovators, and key stakeholders from the industrial safety and emergency management sectors. The two-day exhibition, being held on 10–11 July 2026, showcased the latest advancements and solutions shaping the future of workplace safety and emergency preparedness. With the theme “NextGen Protection: Technology for Modern Industrial Safety and Emergency Management,” UFSEC highlights the growing role of technology, innovation, and smart solutions in addressing evolving safety challenges across industries.

RAILTRANS EXPO 2026



The second and final day of the 6th RailTrans Expo & Conference 2026 concluded on a high note at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, bringing together policymakers, railway professionals, technology innovators, infrastructure experts, academicians, entrepreneurs, and international delegates. Building on the strong momentum of the opening day, the conference featured insightful discussions on next-generation mobility, digital transformation, indigenous technologies, and sustainable railway infrastructure, underscoring India's vision of developing a modern, resilient, and globally competitive rail ecosystem in line with the goals of Viksit Bharat 2047.

PRINT EXPO CHENNAI – MEDIA EXPO CHENNAI 2026



With 185 participating companies, Print Expo Chennai and Media Expo Chennai at the Chennai Trade Centre, Tamil Nadu, brought together industry leaders, manufacturers, business professionals, buyers, and technology providers from the printing, signage, branding, and advertising sectors. The exhibition showcased the latest innovations in printing machinery, digital signage, LED display solutions, branding technologies, and visual communication systems, offering visitors a comprehensive view of emerging industry trends. The show witnessed an overwhelming response from B2B visitors, creating a vibrant platform for networking, business collaborations, and technology sourcing.

PHARMAEX KOLKATA 2026



PharmmaEx Kolkata 2026 brought together the pharmaceutical fraternity for two days of innovation, knowledge sharing, and business networking. The exhibition witnessed engaging discussions, cutting-edge product showcases, and meaningful collaborations, providing a dynamic platform for industry professionals to connect, explore new opportunities, and shape the future of the pharmaceutical sector.

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