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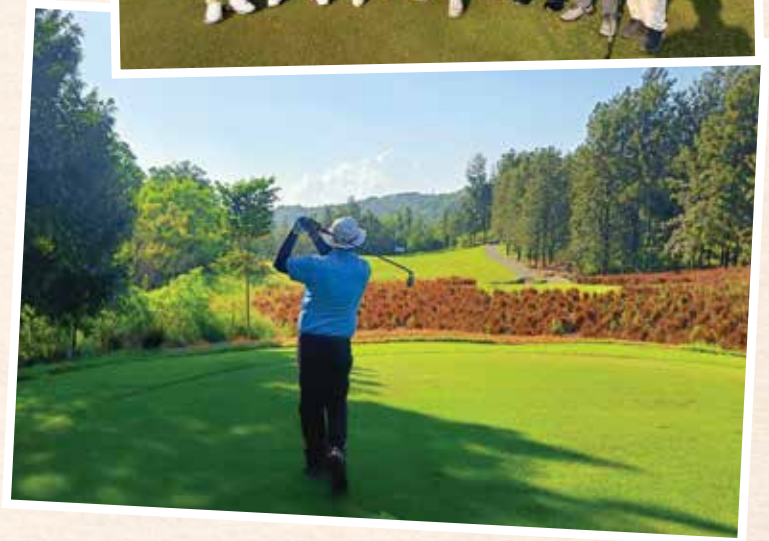
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An Industry Redefining Its Future

The Indian exhibition and MICE industry continues to move forward, driven by innovation, strategic partnerships, new venues and stronger international collaboration. This edition of TradeFairTimes brings together developments that highlight this transformation. Our interview section features Anurodh Parashar, Sr. Director, AutoTechnica, discussing Maharashtra's automotive components and aftermarket ecosystem, and Favas P, Director, HIFF, sharing his perspective on India's evolving furniture industry.

Our special story focuses on Messe Muenchen India's expanding portfolio, including the acquisition of India International Cargo Show, partnerships with dmg events and RX Africa, and the launch of India RentX. These developments reflect the growing shift towards specialised and interconnected exhibition platforms. The edition also covers EXHICON's joint venture with India Exposition Mart for the Mohali Convention & Exhibition Centre and Messe Düsseldorf's partnership with PMMAI for PLASTFOCUS, strengthening India's position in the global plastics and rubber industry.

Technology remains a key theme, with SEMICON India 2026 showcasing India's semiconductor ambitions and Global Fintech Fest 2026 highlighting the country's growing fintech ecosystem. We also bring coverage of DJGF 2026, INNOPROM India 2026, the 40th Garment Technology Expo, and the Singapore Tourism Board–Messe Berlin partnership.

Together, these stories reflect how exhibitions are evolving beyond traditional marketplaces into platforms for innovation, investment, knowledge, networking and global business.

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Dr. Neeraj Khairwal, IAS Gets Additional Charge as MD & CEO of ICCL

Appointment strengthens the institutional link between ITPO and Yashobhoomi as India prepares to expand its exhibition and MICE infrastructure

Dr. Neeraj Khairwal, IAS, Managing Director of the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), has been entrusted with the additional charge of Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of India International Convention & Exhibition Centre Ltd. (IICCL), the organisation responsible for the Government of India's flagship Yashobhoomi project at Dwarka, New Delhi.

The additional responsibility is understood to be an interim arrangement following an order issued by the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) dated September 11, 2026. Dr. Khairwal takes over the responsibilities earlier held by Shri Rajat Kumar Saini, IAS, while continuing in his role as MD of ITPO.

The appointment is significant for India's exhibition and MICE industry as it brings the leadership of ITPO and IICCL under one senior administrative officer, creating a closer institutional connection between the country's trade-promotion activities and one of its largest purpose-built exhibition and convention destinations.

A strategic convergence for India's exhibition industry

Dr. Khairwal's additional charge comes at an important stage in the development of Yashobhoomi. The project has emerged as one of India's largest integrated MICE infrastructure developments, combining exhibition, convention, hospitality, retail and supporting infrastructure. Yashobhoomi, officially known as the India International Convention & Expo Centre (IICC), has been developed as a Government of India project under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). With ITPO and IICCL now connected through Dr. Khairwal's additional responsibility, the arrangement could facilitate greater coordination between India's trade-promotion ecosystem and the country's growing exhibition infrastructure.



Yashobhoomi enters a new phase

The immediate challenge before the new leadership will be to move Yashobhoomi beyond the creation of physical infrastructure and towards its positioning as a globally competitive exhibition, convention and business-events destination.

For the Indian exhibition industry, this will involve sustained development and utilisation of the available exhibition capacity, attracting international exhibitions and business events, strengthening international business-event acquisition, and creating stronger linkages between India's trade-promotion machinery and the exhibition sector. Yashobhoomi is also strategically located in the national capital region, which already accounts for a substantial proportion of India's organised exhibition infrastructure. Its scale gives it the potential to become a major platform for international trade fairs, government-led trade promotion, conventions and large-scale business events.

ITPO experience meets exhibition infrastructure

Dr. Khairwal is already closely associated with India's exhibition and business-events ecosystem through his leadership role at ITPO. The convergence of the two institutions under his additional charge could therefore provide an opportunity to create greater operational and strategic coordination between trade promotion, exhibition acquisition and venue utilisation. For organisers, exhibitors and international trade-fair

Taking on the additional charge of Yashobhoomi at a time when India's MICE and exhibition sector is experiencing rapid expansion is a tremendous responsibility. Our immediate priority is to move beyond physical infrastructure—leveraging our experience at ITPO to foster deeper institutional synergy, streamline venue utilisation, and position Yashobhoomi as a globally competitive, premier destination for international trade fairs, conventions, and business events.

Dr. Neeraj Khairwal, IAS, Managing Director, India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) & MD & CEO (Additional Charge), India International Convention & Exhibition Centre Ltd. (IICCL)

stakeholders, the effectiveness of this coordination will be particularly important. The Indian exhibition industry is increasingly seeking larger, professionally managed venues capable of hosting international-scale exhibitions, while international organisers are looking for venues that can provide predictable infrastructure, connectivity, services and operating standards.

A larger opportunity for India's MICE sector

India's MICE industry is entering a phase of rapid expansion, driven by growing domestic exhibitions, international trade fairs, corporate events and government-led business platforms. Against this backdrop, the development of professionally operated large-scale venues such as Yashobhoomi assumes greater importance. The focus is increasingly shifting from simply adding exhibition space to creating integrated venues capable of competing with leading international destinations. Dr. Khairwal's additional charge of IICCL, therefore, comes at a strategically important moment.

The immediate priorities are expected to include the continued development and utilisation of Yashobhoomi, expansion of exhibition activity, international business-event acquisition and deeper integration between India's trade-promotion ecosystem and its exhibition infrastructure.

An important appointment for the industry

While the additional charge is understood to be an interim arrangement until a regular appointment is made or further orders are issued, the decision creates an important institutional alignment at a time when India is seeking to strengthen its position as a global destination for exhibitions, conventions and business events. For the exhibition and MICE industry, the key question now is not merely how much infrastructure India builds, but how effectively that infrastructure is operated, marketed and connected to the country's trade and economic priorities. With ITPO and IICCL now coming under the additional charge of one senior IAS officer, the industry will be watching closely to see whether this administrative convergence translates into a more coordinated and ambitious approach to building India as a global exhibition and MICE destination.

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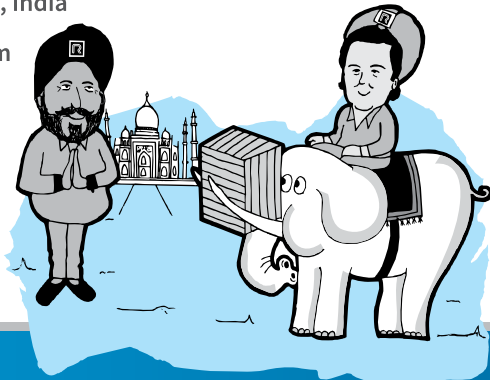
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SEMICON India 2026 Showcases India’s Growing Semiconductor Ecosystem

For three days, Yashobhoomi in New Delhi became a showcase of India’s expanding semiconductor capabilities as SEMICON India 2026 brought together chip designers, manufacturers, equipment and materials suppliers, researchers, investors, policymakers, start-ups and technology companies.

Held from 17 to 19 September 2026, the fifth edition was organised around the theme “Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem.” The event featured more than 600 exhibiting companies, alongside a Start-up Pavilion, Workforce Development Pavilion, country and state pavilions, and a hackathon.

The exhibition highlighted how India’s semiconductor ambitions are moving beyond chip design towards manufacturing, advanced packaging, research, materials, talent development and system-level applications.

From Chip Design to Advanced Computing

A key highlight was the display of indigenous semiconductor and computing capabilities. C-DAC showcased its work in high-performance computing and AI, including the AUM HPC-AI Processor and RUDRA-AUM compute node, reflecting India’s growing focus on developing capabilities across the computing value chain.

The exhibition also featured Indian companies developing application-specific semiconductor solutions for areas including automotive technology, telecommunications,

energy management, consumer electronics and industrial systems.

Vervesemi Microelectronics, for instance, showcased semiconductor solutions for motor control, energy meters and data acquisition, with applications extending to consumer appliances, electric mobility and drones.

Strengthening Indigenous Processor Technology

RISC-V emerged as an important part of India’s processor-development ambitions. C-DAC’s indigenous 64-bit RISC-V processor demonstrated the country’s progress in developing homegrown processor technologies for high-performance computing and emerging digital applications.

InCore Semiconductors showcased indigenous RISC-V processor IPs and SoC design automation tools. Its processor platforms address applications ranging from embedded systems to edge AI and have been silicon-proven across multiple customer chips and technology nodes.

Aheesa Technology presented an indigenous internet connectivity solution capable of speeds of up to 1 Gbps, supporting connectivity for approximately 64 homes through a single Optical Line Terminal. The system runs on its India-developed Vihan software platform and is powered by C-DAC’s 64-bit RISC-V processor.

AI and Intelligent Systems

The convergence of semiconductors and artificial intelligence was another major focus. Netrasemi showcased



When the first edition was held, we discussed policy. In the subsequent editions, the discussion moved forward. We began discussing projects, including signing of files and laying foundation stones. This year, we are talking about commercial production. Our chips are now beginning to reach customers in the country and around the world from Indian plants. The world is looking for new and trusted manufacturing destinations. India is steadily preparing itself to meet this need.

Prime Minister
Narendra Modi

AI-enabled System-on-Chips designed for applications such as surveillance, smart sensors, robotics, drones and mobility.

The company has developed an indigenous AI SoC for CCTV surveillance using a 12 nm process node, integrating AI/ML accelerators, vision processing and video engines. Such developments highlight the growing role of Indian semiconductor technologies in edge AI, machine vision and smart infrastructure.

Building the Wider Semiconductor Value Chain

SEMICON India 2026 also reflected the broader infrastructure required to create a complete semiconductor ecosystem, covering materials, manufacturing equipment, testing, packaging and system integration.

This aligns with Semicon 2.0, approved in July 2026 with an outlay of ₹1,27,500 crore, focusing on six areas: design, machines and materials, fabs, advanced packaging, research and development, and talent development.

The Start-up Pavilion further highlighted India’s emerging semiconductor design ecosystem. Through initiatives such as the Design Linked Incentive Scheme and Chips to Startup Programme, more than one lakh engineers from over 500 organisations, including 400 academic institutions and 100 start-ups, have been onboarded by the ChipIN Centre. Together, these participants have developed more than 300 chip designs and recorded over four crore hours of chip-design tool usage.

From Policy to Production

The exhibition came at a significant stage in India’s semiconductor journey. Under the Semicon India Programme, 12 semiconductor projects have been approved across six states, representing investment commitments of more than ₹1.64 lakh crore, with three facilities already commencing commercial production.

SEMICON India 2026 therefore offered more than a showcase of technologies. It brought together the different components needed to build India’s semiconductor value chain from chip design and fabrication to packaging, equipment, research, applications and skilled talent.



UP International Trade Show 2026 Records ₹6,500 Crore in MoUs and 41,500 B2B Meetings



The fourth edition of the Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show (UPITS) concluded at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, with significant business outcomes, including 4,400 MoUs worth approximately ₹6,500 crore and potential business opportunities estimated at ₹15,500 crore.

Held from September 25 to 29, the five-day trade show provided Uttar Pradesh's MSMEs, exporters, manufacturers and artisans with a platform to connect with domestic and international buyers.

According to the Uttar Pradesh government, the event recorded 41,500 B2B and business meetings, including 13,500 meetings conducted through the Reverse Buyers-Sellers Meet (RBSM) and around 28,000 interactions across the main exhibition area.

The show attracted 5,98,693 visitors and business buyers, comprising 1,74,990 domestic business buyers and 4,23,703 general visitors.

UPITS 2026 also recorded strong year-on-year growth. B2B meetings increased by 31.12% from 31,650 in 2025, while meetings with

UPITS 2026 has once again demonstrated the extraordinary economic potential of Uttar Pradesh's MSMEs, artisans, and manufacturers. The exponential surge in foreign buyer engagements and the doubling of international business meetings reflect a growing global trust in our state's industrial capabilities. With 4,400 MoUs secured and business opportunities crossing ₹15,500 crore, this trade show is a monumental step forward in our resolute journey toward realizing the vision of a one-trillion-dollar economy.



foreign buyers through the RBSM more than doubled, rising 123.1% to 13,500.

The number of MoUs increased from 3,900 in 2025 to 4,400 this year, while their estimated value rose sharply from ₹2,680 crore to ₹6,500 crore. Potential business opportunities also increased by 24%, from ₹12,500 crore to ₹15,500 crore.

The international profile of the event expanded with Russia, Austria, Japan, Singapore, Belarus and Vietnam participating as partner countries. Foreign buyers showed interest in sectors including manufacturing, IT, electronics, textiles and agri-food processing.

The One District, One Cuisine (ODOC) initiative and products from all 75 districts also attracted attention, with traditional crafts, handlooms, brassware, carpets, leather and agricultural products showcased to buyers.

With increased international participation, business engagements and direct opportunities for MSMEs and artisans, UPITS 2026 further strengthened its role as a platform for promoting Uttar Pradesh's products and supporting the state's ambition of becoming a one-trillion-dollar economy.

Rakesh Kumar, Chairman, India Expo Mart Limited



AUTOTECHNICIA 2026

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF INDIA'S AUTOMOTIVE AFTERMARKET

In this conversation, we speak with Mr. Anurodh Parashar, Sr. Director, AutoTechnicia, about the evolution of India's auto components and aftermarket industry, the growing role of Maharashtra in the automotive ecosystem, and the opportunities emerging for manufacturers and suppliers. He also shares his perspective on innovation, localisation, EVs, technology and the future of India's automotive aftermarket, along with the vision behind AutoTechnicia as a platform connecting the industry.

ANURODH PARASHAR
Sr. Director- AutoTechnicia



TFT: AutoTechnicia is positioned as a dedicated platform for the auto components, parts and accessories industry in Maharashtra. What was the vision behind creating a focused exhibition for this segment?

AP : The vision was to create a centralized, specialized marketplace tailored specifically to Maharashtra's booming automotive aftermarket and manufacturing sectors. It bridges the gap between regional component manufacturers, suppliers, and buyers by offering a dedicated business-to-business platform. Ultimately, AutoTechnicia aims to foster trade collaborations, showcase technological innovations, and accelerate growth across the state's auto ancillary ecosystem.

TFT: Maharashtra has major automotive and engineering hubs such as Pune, Mumbai, Nashik and Aurangabad. How does AutoTechnicia leverage the strength of this regional ecosystem?

AP: AutoTechnicia unites key stakeholders across these distinct regional clusters under one roof to enable seamless cross-city networking and supply chain integration. It capitalizes on Mumbai's commercial network, Pune's & Nashik's R&D capabilities and manufacturing base, and Aurangabad's Engineering prowess. This synergistic setup helps local vendors scale operations, tap into

larger buyer pools, and strengthen the state's overall auto ecosystem.

TFT: What are the biggest opportunities you see for Indian component manufacturers in the domestic and global markets?

AP: Indian component makers have a massive opportunity to tap into the global "China Plus One" sourcing strategy as international OEMs seek reliable supply chain partners. Domestically, rapid vehicle ownership growth, rising demand for premium accessories, and the EV transformation are driving unprecedented market volume. Furthermore, expanding localized production of advanced high-tech components offers a strong competitive edge both locally and abroad.

TFT: What are the key challenges currently facing India's auto component manufacturers – whether in terms of raw materials, technology, skilled manpower, costs or global competition?

AP: Manufacturers face persistent pressures from fluctuating raw material prices, high input costs, and intense low-cost global competition. Additionally, there is an urgent need to upskill manpower to handle advanced electronics and modern automated manufacturing processes. Rapidly shifting regulatory norms and the high capital expenditure required

for technological upgrades also pose significant hurdles.

TFT: Do you see the growth of EVs as a threat to the traditional aftermarket or as an opportunity for the industry to reinvent itself?

AP: We view the EV transition as a vital catalyst for transformation and long-term industry reinvention rather than a threat. While conventional ICE components will see shifting demand, EVs introduce brand-new aftermarket avenues in battery management, power electronics, and specialized diagnostics. Adaptable manufacturers and service providers who upskill early will capture early-mover advantages in this evolving market.

TFT: What role do you see AutoTechnicia playing in connecting India's component manufacturers with global opportunities?

AP: AutoTechnicia acts as an international gateway by attracting global trade delegations, sourcing heads, and overseas distributors directly to Indian manufacturers. The exhibition provides domestic players a high-visibility platform to showcase world-class quality, engineering capabilities, and export readiness. Through structured B2B matchmaking sessions, it directly facilitates global trade partnerships, joint ventures, and export expansion.

IFQM Symposium 2026: Quality Must Move From Understanding To Adoption To Become A Force Multiplier For MSMEs

M SMEs must move faster in adopting quality processes and build quality into every stage of their operations, from design and manufacturing to delivery, to become stronger contributors to India's global competitiveness, emerged as a key message on Day 2 of the third edition of the IFQM Symposium 2026 in New Delhi.

The second day of the symposium focused on translating the quality and innovation agenda into action, with discussions around strengthening MSME capabilities, building industry-academia partnerships, developing talent and leveraging technology to improve productivity and competitiveness. As part of this effort, IFQM announced plans to roll out a leadership programme for MSMEs and subsequently extend a similar programme to large industries, with a focus on sharing best practices, reducing waste, improving quality and driving innovation through education and

continuous learning. Delivering the keynote address on "Wings of Viksit Bharat: Transforming India into a Global Aviation Hub," Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation, Government of India, emphasised the need to strengthen India's aviation manufacturing ecosystem and develop capabilities across the supply chain. He said, "The ultimate goal is to make aircraft in India. The government is committed to providing policy support for the aviation sector, especially for MRO. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has set a target of 350 airports by 2047; we are working to achieve it. But we need to strengthen aviation manufacturing in India. The industry needs to understand the importance of material quality; we need more people and more clusters; we also need skilling, from design to the factory floor. It has to be reflected in the Indian aviation sector." The Minister also called upon global OEMs to bring together their supply-chain

partners and MSMEs through collective industry forums. He urged companies such as Boeing and Airbus, etc to lead discussions with Indian MSMEs on the requirements of the aviation industry, noting that clarity on product and quality specifications would enable MSMEs to better plan, innovate, design and manufacture to global standards. He also highlighted the role that institutions such as IFQM can play in facilitating this collaboration. IFQM, established by a consortium of India's leading enterprises, is an industry-led movement committed to catalysing Indian organisations to become globally competitive and export-capable through Quality, Innovation and Excellence. The Foundation is focused on strengthening the capabilities of Indian industry, including MSMEs, through initiatives that promote quality, innovation and sustainable development in line with the nation-first objectives of Viksit Bharat.



WHAT'S NEXT FOR INDIA'S FURNITURE INDUSTRY?

In this conversation, we speak with Mr. Favas P, Director – Hindustan International Furniture Fair (HIFF), about the evolving landscape of India's furniture industry and the growing need for greater organisation, collaboration and innovation within the sector. He shares his perspective on furniture manufacturing, design trends, technology, international opportunities and the future of India's furniture market, along with the vision behind HIFF as a platform connecting manufacturers, buyers, designers and industry professionals.

FAVAS P.
Director, Hindustan
International Furniture Fair

TFT: HIFF was conceived with the vision of bringing the Indian furniture industry together under one roof. What was the industry gap that led to the creation of HIFF?

Favas : When we started HIFF in 2016, we saw a very big industry but without enough connection between manufacturers, retailers and buyers. Our idea was simple: bring the real furniture industry under one roof and create business, not just an exhibition.

TFT: India's furniture industry remains highly fragmented, with a large share of the market comprising independent manufacturers, carpenters and retailers. How is this structure evolving?

Favas: This fragmentation is also one of India's strengths. We have thousands of capable manufacturers and skilled people across the country. Now they are becoming more organised, investing in branding, technology, design and better production, and thinking beyond their local markets.

TFT: With more than 650 exhibitors participating over the last two years,

what does this participation tell you about the growth and changing aspirations of India's furniture industry?

Favas: It tells us one thing very clearly: the industry wants to grow. Manufacturers today want new markets, stronger dealer networks, better visibility and international opportunities. The ambition is much bigger than it was a few years ago.

TFT: What are the biggest challenges preventing India's furniture industry from becoming more organised and globally competitive?

Favas: India has the talent, manufacturing capability and market. What we need now is better standardisation, technology, skilled manpower, organised supply chains and stronger industry collaboration. If we improve these areas, India has enormous global potential.

TFT: How important is standardisation and quality control for Indian furniture manufacturers looking to compete globally?

Favas: It is no longer optional. If we want the world to buy Indian furniture, we must deliver consistent

quality, safety and reliability. Good design may open the door, but quality is what builds long-term business.

TFT: Are you seeing greater interest from international buyers and brands looking to source from Indian manufacturers?

Favas: Definitely. International buyers are looking at India much more seriously today. We have craftsmanship, materials, manufacturing capability and design talent. The opportunity now is to convert that interest into long-term sourcing relationships.

TFT: Finally, what makes HIFF different from other furniture exhibitions, and why should furniture professionals, designers and buyers visit the show?

Favas: HIFF is not just about filling exhibition halls with stalls. We want to fill those halls with business opportunities. We bring manufacturers, retailers, distributors, designers, architects and buyers together with one purpose – to connect, discover products and create business. That has been the DNA of HIFF from day one.

India Hosts Curtain Raiser Ahead of Routes Asia 2027 in New Delhi



India has commenced preparations for Routes Asia 2027 with a curtain-raiser event in New Delhi, ahead of the international aviation gathering scheduled from 16-18 March 2027 at Bharat Mandapam.

The event brought together representatives from 28 embassies along with stakeholders from the aviation and tourism sectors, highlighting the international interest surrounding the upcoming event in the Indian capital.

Hosted by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), Routes Asia 2027 will bring together airlines, airports, tourism authorities and other aviation industry stakeholders to focus on strengthening air connectivity and developing new routes and networks. The event is expected to attract more than 115 airlines and representatives from over 55 countries, providing a platform for industry stakeholders to connect with international counterparts, explore new partnerships and discuss opportunities for route development.

For India, hosting Routes Asia comes at a time when enhanced air connectivity is increasingly important for tourism, trade and business travel. The event will provide Indian aviation and tourism stakeholders with an opportunity to engage with global airlines, airports and destination representatives and strengthen India's position within the regional aviation network.

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When Temporary Structures Fail, Who Owns Safety?

The reported Gandhinagar German Hangar incident should become a catalyst for a national safety framework for exhibitions, events and temporary venues

THE ISSUE IN ONE LINE: A reported collapse of a 60 m wide temporary German Hangar structure at GIFT City, Gandhinagar, raises questions not only about one installation, but about how India designs, supplies, erects, certifies and inspects large temporary structures used by the public.

The reported collapse in the early hours of 18 September 2026 has drawn attention to an important question for India's rapidly growing events and exhibitions industry: are the systems used to design, erect, certify and inspect large temporary structures keeping pace with the scale of events being hosted?

THAT DISTINCTION IS IMPORTANT: A structural failure should be examined through engineering evidence, site records, approved drawings, material documentation, installation records, weather data and independent technical assessment. The incident nevertheless provides a timely opportunity for the industry to examine the larger safety framework around temporary venues.

A temporary structure is still a structural engineering project

The word 'temporary' should not be allowed to imply a lower engineering threshold. A German Hangar, large exhibition tent, temporary hall, stage,

truss system or covered event venue may stand at a location for only days or months, but during that period it can carry large numbers of people, equipment, lighting, HVAC systems, branding, furniture and other imposed loads.

Its safety is therefore a chain of interdependent decisions:

- Design and structural calculations
- Material selection and traceability
- Fabrication and component quality
- Transportation and handling
- Site conditions and foundations
- Erection methodology
- Anchoring, ballasting and bracing
- Final inspection and certification
- Weather monitoring and operational controls
- Emergency and evacuation procedures

Event & Entertainment Management Association's Health, Safety & Environment Quick Reference Guide already treats temporary structures—including stages, trusses and tents—as a specific safety area, alongside load calculations, rigging and weather preparedness. Its guide identifies temporary structures, lifting plans, load calculations, wind monitoring and rain contingencies within its HSE framework.

The Gandhinagar questions that

require technical answers

1. Did the erected structure match the approved design?

The engineering drawings and calculations should be compared with what was actually erected, including structural members, connections, bracing, roof geometry, cables and anchoring arrangements.

2. What were the actual material specifications?

For aluminium components, the relevant alloy or grade, section dimensions, mechanical properties and manufacturing specifications should be established from procurement and technical records and, where necessary, independent testing.

3. What wind-load assumptions were used?

The engineering basis should identify the design wind speed, exposure, pressure effects, uplift, load combinations and anchoring requirements. These assumptions can then be considered against the actual site and weather conditions.

4. How was the structure anchored?

Anchors, foundations, ballast, bracing and connections are integral to stability. The installed arrangement should be checked against the approved engineering design.

5. What happened during final inspection?

The record should establish who inspected the structure after erection, what was inspected, what documentation was reviewed and who authorised it for use.

Material quality must be established by evidence

Public discussion following the incident has included questions about the aluminium framework and the material supply chain. Those questions should be answered through evidence rather than assumption.

The key point is simple: a material should be assessed against the specification for which it was designed and procured. The investigation should then consider material findings alongside design, connections, anchoring, loading, erection and environmental factors rather than treating any single factor as automatically determinative.

Wind, weather and environmental forces

A temporary structure of a 60 mtr span is the biggest pillarless span currently available in India and presents

a substantial exposed span. Wind effects, uplift, anchoring, bracing and site-specific conditions therefore deserve particular attention.

India's wind-load standard, IS 875 (Part 3):2015, addresses wind loads for buildings and structures. For any specific project, the applicable engineering standard, local requirements and approved design basis need to be identified and reviewed in context.

Certification needs to be understood in context

Temporary structures should generate a substantial volume of certificates and technical documents—structural certificates, stability certificates, wind-load calculations, material certificates, inspection reports and other approvals. Each document needs to be understood for precisely what it certifies.

A certificate relating to a particular material, component, calculation or design assumption should not automatically be interpreted as certification of every aspect of the final structure as erected. The complete safety chain matters.

Where any institutional or academic certification or technical review has been cited in connection with the Gandhinagar structure, the document should be examined to establish its scope, date, assumptions, issuing authority and the specific work covered.

Pre-opening inspection should be treated as a critical control point

The structure should be physically checked against the approved design and critical connections, anchoring, bracing, access routes, fire systems and emergency arrangements should be verified.

For structures above an agreed size or occupancy threshold, the industry could consider an independent pre-opening inspection rather than relying exclusively on the organisation that designed, supplied or erected the structure.

The responsibility of industry associations

Safety is not solely the responsibility of government regulators. Structural engineers, venue operators, organisers, contractors, suppliers and clients all have defined roles. Industry associations also have an important responsibility to build competence, standardise good practice and create mechanisms through which members can learn from incidents.

IESA states among its objectives the promotion of safe working conditions in the event, exhibition and conference services sector, education and training,

research and guidance on regulatory developments, and collaboration with other associations. EEMA has already developed a comprehensive HSE framework for events, including specific guidance on temporary structures, load calculations and weather preparedness.

A possible National Temporary Structure Safety Protocol

- Structural Design Certificate — engineering calculations and drawings prepared and signed by a suitably qualified professional.
- Wind & Weather Assessment — site-specific wind and environmental conditions considered in the engineering design.
- Material Traceability — critical structural components supported by identifiable specifications and procurement records.
- Erection Inspection — verification that the installed structure corresponds with the approved drawings and methodology.
- Anchoring Verification — physical inspection and documentation of anchors, foundations, ballast, bracing and connections.
- Independent Pre-Opening Inspection — independent verification for structures above an agreed size or occupancy threshold.
- Weather Monitoring — documented wind, rain and lightning monitoring with predetermined operational thresholds.
- Stop-Work / Evacuation Protocol — clear authority and procedures to suspend operations or evacuate when safety thresholds are reached.
- Digital Safety File — a single record containing drawings, calculations, material certificates, erection records, inspection reports, approvals and photographs.
- Incident & Near-Miss Reporting — an anonymised industry database so lessons can be shared across the sector. Safety must become part of procurement

One of the industry's biggest opportunities is to move safety upstream into procurement. A project discussion should not begin and end with price, delivery date, aesthetics and capacity. The organiser should also know who designed the structure, what material is being used, who is erecting it, what engineering basis has been adopted, who is inspecting it and who has authority to stop the operation if conditions become unsafe.

The commercial procurement process should therefore recognise engineering competence, documentation, track record, safety systems and independent inspection alongside price and delivery.

Learning from international practice

The need for structured safety systems is not unique to India. International temporary-structure sectors have developed formal guidance covering design, installation, use and dismantling, with competence and independent auditing forming part of some industry schemes. The lesson for India is not to copy another country's system wholesale, but to develop a practical Indian framework that reflects local codes, climate, approval structures and the realities of the Indian event market.

From Gandhinagar to a national safety framework

The reported Gandhinagar collapse should not become a debate about one contractor, supplier or material before the technical facts are established. The more constructive question is systemic: does India have sufficiently consistent processes for designing, supplying, erecting, inspecting and operating large temporary structures?

India is hosting increasingly large exhibitions, conferences, festivals and corporate gatherings. Temporary infrastructure is becoming more sophisticated and more important to the country's event economy. The safety framework must evolve with that scale.

The objective should be straightforward: a large temporary structure should open to the public only after its design, materials, installation, stability, anchoring, weather preparedness and emergency arrangements have been appropriately verified.

"The real legacy of Gandhinagar should not be another debate about who is responsible. It should be an industry-wide decision that safety is engineered into every major temporary structure before the first visitor enters it."

Editorial note

This article is a research and industry-analysis piece. The incident details described above are based on public reports available as of 25 September 2026 and remain subject to independent verification. Any allegations concerning contractual relationships, material quality or certification should be established through official records, technical investigation and independent evidence.

Disclaimer : The reporting reviewed for this article does not establish the technical cause of the collapse. Accordingly, this article does not attribute the incident to any contractor, supplier, material, engineering decision or weather condition.



A Month of Strategic Moves : Messe Muenchen India Expands Its Industry Footprint

September 2026 marked an interesting month for Messe Muenchen India, with a series of strategic announcements and industry developments extending its footprint across logistics, construction, data centres, equipment rental and international trade fairs.

From acquiring the India International Cargo Show and launching new platforms such as India RentX and AiX DataWorld, to strengthening its African partnerships and opening the eighth edition of bauma CONEXPO INDIA, the company's latest moves point towards a broader strategy: building specialised business platforms around sectors experiencing structural growth.

For an exhibition organiser, this represents more than simply adding events to a portfolio. It reflects an effort to connect individual trade fairs into larger industry ecosystems, linking businesses, technologies, investors, buyers and decision-makers across markets.

From Cargo to a Complete Logistics Ecosystem

One of the month's biggest developments was the acquisition



of the India International Cargo Show (IICS) from Upstream Business Solutions LLP.

IICS has established itself over the past four years as a focused platform for freight forwarders, airlines, shipping lines, ports, terminals, warehousing and cold-chain operators, express logistics providers, cargo-handling companies and logistics technology businesses.

Its 2025 edition attracted more than 25,000 trade visitors from over 80 countries, with more than 200 exhibiting brands occupying over 15,000 sq. m. of exhibition space.



The acquisition brings IICS into Messe Muenchen India's existing logistics portfolio, alongside transport logistic India and air cargo India, while the forthcoming project cargo India is expected to further expand the portfolio in 2027.

Together, these platforms are intended to cover a wider section of the cargo and logistics value chain from movement and handling to storage and management across air, sea, road and rail.

Bhupinder Singh, President IMEA, Messe München and CEO, Messe Muenchen India, described the move as an opportunity to offer the industry a series of "focused yet complementary platforms", allowing exhibitors, visitors and industry partners to engage with a wider part of the logistics value chain.

The acquisition also comes against the backdrop of India's expanding international trade. According to Ministry of



Our recent initiatives represent much more than simply adding events to a portfolio. By bringing platforms like the India International Cargo Show, AiX DataWorld, and India RentX together, we are building focused yet complementary business ecosystems that connect businesses, technologies, investors, and decision-makers across sectors experiencing structural growth.

Bhupinder Singh
President IMEA, Messe München and CEO, Messe Muenchen India

Commerce and Industry data cited in the announcement, India's merchandise exports reached US\$441.78 billion in FY 2025-26, while imports stood at US\$774.98 billion, taking combined merchandise trade to approximately US\$1.22 trillion.

The next IICS edition will proceed from 2-4 December 2026 at Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, with Messe Muenchen India and Upstream Business Solutions working together on its next phase.



Building the Infrastructure Behind India's AI Economy

Perhaps the most future-facing announcement of the month was the partnership between Messe Muenchen India and dmg events to launch AiX DataWorld 2027.

Positioned under the tagline "The Infrastructure of Intelligence," AiX DataWorld will focus on India's rapidly expanding data-centre ecosystem, with two editions planned for Mumbai and Chennai in the latter part of 2027.

The platform is being developed against the backdrop of increasing demand for artificial intelligence, cloud computing, digital services and enterprise data processing.

The exhibition and conference will bring together data-centre developers and operators with technology providers, infrastructure specialists, investors and enterprise users.

Its scope will extend across power and cooling, connectivity, engineering and construction, AI computing infrastructure, cybersecurity, renewable energy, data-centre technology and related

services.

The decision to host the platform in Mumbai and Chennai is particularly significant. Both cities are among India's established data-centre markets, while the wider Indian ecosystem is witnessing increasing investment in hyperscale facilities and AI infrastructure.

Bhupinder Singh described the ability to build secure, efficient and resilient infrastructure at scale as central to India's digital ambitions.

For Messe Muenchen India, AiX DataWorld represents an expansion beyond conventional industrial sectors into one of the infrastructure segments expected to underpin India's next phase of digital growth.



A Stronger Foothold in Africa

Messe Muenchen India also announced a strategic partnership with RX Africa to strengthen the 2027 editions of analytica Lab Africa and IFAT Africa.

The collaboration will bring the Africa Automation Technology Fair (AATF) into the same co-located event at Gallagher Convention Centre in Johannesburg from 6–8 July 2027.

The combination brings together three complementary areas: laboratory technology and analysis, environmental technologies, and industrial automation.

IFAT Africa serves the water, sewage, refuse and recycling sectors across South Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa, while analytica Lab Africa focuses on laboratory technology, analysis and biotechnology. AATF adds automation and industrial technology to the platform, creating a broader environment for technology providers and industrial buyers.

The partnership is significant for Messe Muenchen India as it extends the company's role in supporting Messe München's international networks across the African market.

Bhupinder Singh said the alliance would allow the exhibitions to deepen connections between international exhibitors and local buyers, while RX Africa brings established regional knowledge and on-ground relationships.

For exhibitors, the expanded platform could provide access to a wider cross-section of industries and decision-makers, while for visitors it creates an opportunity

to see technologies from multiple stages of the industrial value chain in one location.



bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2026 Sets the Scale

The company's flagship construction-sector platform also delivered a strong show during September.

The eighth edition of bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2026 opened at the India Expo Centre, Greater Noida, with participation from government representatives, diplomatic missions, manufacturers, contractors and infrastructure stakeholders.

The sold-out edition featured more than 1,100 exhibitors across 1.45 million sq. ft. of exhibition space.

The opening brought global manufacturers face-to-face with contractors, fleet owners, infrastructure developers and institutional buyers evaluating equipment for upcoming projects. Bhupinder Singh noted that the strong response reflected a market prepared to invest, with buyers arriving with defined project timelines and operating requirements.

The scale of bauma CONEXPO INDIA provides an important foundation for Messe Muenchen India's wider construction-equipment strategy, one that now extends from large-scale machinery and infrastructure solutions to the increasingly important rental ecosystem.



India RentX: Entering the Equipment Rental Conversation

Another major announcement was the launch of India RentX, a new trade fair dedicated to India's construction equipment rental ecosystem.

Scheduled to debut in September 2027 at Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai,

the exhibition is being launched by Messe Muenchen India in association with the Aerial Platform Association of India.

The concept reflects a broader change in how construction and infrastructure companies approach equipment acquisition. Instead of relying exclusively on capital-intensive ownership models, project companies and contractors are increasingly looking at rental as a way to manage capital expenditure, improve asset utilisation and respond to changing project requirements.

India RentX will cover a broad range of equipment, including earthmoving machinery, road construction equipment, concrete equipment, cranes and lifting solutions, material handling systems, power and utility equipment, specialised machinery, attachments, fleet-management technology and aerial work platforms.

The platform is also expected to bring together rental companies, equipment manufacturers, dealers, technology providers, maintenance and inspection specialists, training organisations and service providers. Bhupinder Singh described equipment access as an increasingly strategic project-delivery decision and positioned India RentX as a platform where senior project and procurement leaders can evaluate rental-led equipment solutions. The launch adds another specialised vertical to Messe Muenchen India's growing construction and infrastructure portfolio.

From Trade Fairs to Industry Ecosystems

Taken together, September's developments reveal a clear pattern in Messe Muenchen India's strategy. The company is not simply expanding the number of events it organises. It is building specialised platforms around high-growth industries, while connecting individual events to broader international networks. Logistics is being developed through a coordinated portfolio spanning cargo, freight forwarding, air cargo and project cargo. Construction equipment is being addressed through both the established bauma CONEXPO INDIA platform and the upcoming rental-focused India RentX. Data centres bring the organiser into India's digital infrastructure story, while the RX Africa partnership extends its international engagement into Africa. The approach also reflects a changing exhibition industry. Today's trade fairs increasingly compete not only on floor space and visitor numbers, but on the quality of business connections, sector specialisation, international reach and the ability to create year-round industry communities.



EXHICON Enters JV with India Exposition Mart for Mohali Convention & Exhibition Centre

Strategic partnership strengthens both companies’ presence in India’s growing MICE sector

Exhicon Events Media Solutions Limited, a leading exhibitions, events and media infrastructure company listed on the BSE, has entered into a Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) with India Exposition Mart Limited (IEML) for its subsidiary, Exhicon Mohali Convention Centre Private Limited (EMCCPL), which is developing the Mohali Convention & Exhibition Centre under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model with the Government of Punjab.

Under the terms of the agreement, Exhicon will transfer 35% of its stake in EMCCPL to IEML for a cash consideration, while retaining a 65% stake in the subsidiary. The JVA was approved by Exhicon’s Corporate Restructuring

and Investment Committee and executed on September 21, 2026.

The Mohali Convention & Exhibition Centre is being developed at IT City, Sector 83, Mohali, Punjab, under a PPP model with the Government of Punjab. Phase 1 of the project has a projected cost of 75 crore and is expected to create a modern, large-scale venue for exhibitions and conventions in North India, a region identified as having significant potential for world-class MICE infrastructure.

The partnership is expected to enable Exhicon to bring in a strategic partner to co-fund and de-risk the large-scale infrastructure project while retaining majority ownership and control. IEML’s participation will also bring its



This partnership represents an important milestone in IEML’s journey towards building a truly pan-India MICE network. Our entry into the Punjab–Chandigarh market provides access to a high-growth region while allowing us to leverage the complementary strengths of both partners to create a sustainable, scalable and value-accretive platform.

Mukesh Gupta,
Director, IEML

established operational and market expertise in the Indian exhibition industry to the Mohali project.

As part of the governance structure, Exhicon will continue to control the board and nominate two of the three directors. The JV structure is also expected to expand Exhicon’s convention-centre portfolio into North India while maintaining its control over the subsidiary.

For IEML, the partnership marks a strategic entry into the Punjab–Chandigarh tricity market, giving the company a direct stake in a PPP convention-centre project and extending its presence beyond its existing venues. IEML will also have board representation and affirmative-vote rights on specified matters, while retaining proportional rights to participate in future capital requirements.

Commenting on the partnership, Padma Mishra, Whole Time Director at EXHICON, said, “It’s a matter of great happiness for the group to further extend our partnership to Punjab’s growing MICE Industry.”

Mukesh Gupta, Director, IEML, said, “This partnership represents an important milestone in IEML’s journey towards building a truly pan-India MICE network. Our entry into the Punjab–Chandigarh market provides access to a high-growth region while allowing us to leverage the complementary strengths of both partners to create a sustainable, scalable and value-accretive platform.”

The partnership brings together Exhicon’s experience in exhibitions, events and infrastructure with IEML’s established capabilities in exhibition venue operations, creating a collaborative platform for the development of MICE infrastructure in the Punjab–Chandigarh region.

UFI Global Congress 2026 to Bring Global Exhibition Industry Together in Bahrain

UFI, the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry, is set to host the 93rd UFI Global Congress from 2–5 November 2026 in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The event will be hosted by Exhibition World Bahrain and the Bahrain Tourism & Exhibitions Authority (BTEA).

Held under the theme “Stronger Connections, Smarter Futures”, the congress will focus on how the global exhibition industry can prepare for the opportunities and



challenges ahead. The programme will explore strategies for sustaining growth, making informed decisions

and identifying new opportunities amid an increasingly complex and unpredictable business environment.

Sara Ahmed Buhejji, CEO of Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) and Chairperson of Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB), highlighted the significance of hosting the global gathering, noting that the 93rd UFI Global Congress would bring the international exhibition community together in the Kingdom for the first time.

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Artificial intelligence (AI) is getting plenty of attention in the trade show industry. But for exhibitors, the important question isn't, "What is AI?" It's much more practical:

What can AI and ChatGPT actually do to help me exhibit better?

The answer: quite a lot.

Before the show, an Exhibit Manager can use ChatGPT to review a lengthy exhibitor manual and identify important deadlines, required forms, shipping information and potential late charges. AI can help research the expected audience, develop pre-show emails, sharpen booth messaging, create staff briefing materials and even generate realistic role-playing exercises for booth personnel.

During the show, AI can help organize what your staff is learning from visitors. Feed it notes about recurring questions, objections and interests, and it can identify patterns you might otherwise miss. Instead of discovering after the show that visitors misunderstood your message, you may be able to recognize the problem on Day One and make adjustments for Day Two.

Then comes the area where exhibitors have historically left the most money on the table: post-show follow-up.

A badge scan gives you a name. It doesn't necessarily give you a qualified sales lead.

AI can help organize booth notes, separate prospects by interest and urgency, summarize conversations and prepare different follow-up messages for different types of prospects. It can also help identify people who need immediate attention versus those who should



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"AI doesn't replace the Exhibit Manager. It makes a knowledgeable Exhibit Manager more capable."
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enter a longer-term nurturing process.

Finally, AI can assist with measurement. It can help organize costs, opportunities, pipeline information and sales results into a management summary that goes considerably further than reporting how many badges were scanned.

But AI doesn't replace the Exhibit Manager. It doesn't establish objectives, build relationships, take ownership of leads or make important business judgments.

It makes a knowledgeable Exhibit Manager more capable.

After more than 50 years in the trade show industry, I see AI as one

of the most useful tools exhibitors have ever been given—not because it changes the fundamentals of successful exhibiting, but because it can help us execute those fundamentals faster and better.

The exhibitors who gain the greatest advantage won't necessarily be AI experts.

They'll be the ones who learn where to use it, what to ask it, and what to do with the answers. Richard Erschik is an author, speaker and trade show educator. He is the author of The AI-Enabled Exhibit Manager and The AI Exhibitor Edge.

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GFLOOR / GCLAD 2026 Postponed, Revised Dates to Be Announced

The organisers of GFLOOR / GCLAD 2026, scheduled to take place from 23–25 October 2026 at HITEX, Hyderabad, have announced the postponement of the exhibition.

In a communication to exhibitors and industry stakeholders, the organisers cited the current industry response and various factors affecting participation as the reasons behind the decision. They said the postponement was taken after careful consideration and in the interest of exhibitors



who had already confirmed their participation and supported the event.

The organisers stated that the revised dates will be announced once

finalised and expressed their intention to return with stronger industry participation and a more favourable business environment.

GFLOOR / GCLAD thanked exhibitors, partners and industry stakeholders for their continued confidence and support, while expressing regret for any inconvenience caused by the postponement. The exhibition is expected to bring together stakeholders from the flooring and allied surface solutions industry when the rescheduled edition takes place.



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For decades, the exhibition industry has followed a simple rule: go big, go central. Book the largest venue in the biggest metro, secure the global brands, and the crowds will follow. Delhi NCR, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and their international equivalents have built entire calendars on this logic. But look closely at where buyers are, where factories are expanding, and where new demand is coming from, and a different picture emerges. The real volume growth is happening in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities. Organisers and exhibitors who keep chasing only the metros risk competing for a crowded, expensive slice of the market while the fastest-growing opportunities sit a few hundred kilometres away.

Manufacturing doesn't stay in metros for long. Rising land prices, congestion, and wage pressure push factories outward, and they tend to settle in clusters. India is full of examples: Rajkot for engineering and auto components, Coimbatore for pumps and textile machinery, Morbi for ceramics, Ludhiana for bicycles and hosiery machinery, Tiruppur for knitwear, and Jamnagar for brass parts. Government industrial corridors, logistics parks, and state incentive schemes keep adding new nodes to this map. These clusters are where purchasing decisions are actually made. A plant owner in Rajkot choosing between three CNC suppliers is exactly the buyer an exhibitor wants to meet, and an event held inside or near the cluster puts the product in front of the people who will use it, not only the head-office executives who approve budgets. A metro trade fair looks accessible on paper, but in practice attending often means a day of travel each way, hotel costs, and time away from the shop floor. For the owner of a small or mid-sized enterprise, who is often also the chief buyer, that is a real barrier, and many of them simply don't go. Hold the event in their region and the calculation changes. A buyer can drive in for the morning, bring the production head and the maintenance supervisor, and be back at the plant by evening. Visitor numbers may be smaller than at a flagship metro show, but a far higher share of them are decision-makers with an immediate need. For exhibitors, that means fewer casual browsers and more qualified conversations per hour on the stand.

Costs also fall on both sides of the aisle. Venue rent, stand construction, hotel rooms, local transport, catering, and staffing are all cheaper outside the metros. For the organiser, lower costs mean an event can break even with fewer exhibitors, making it viable to



MID-TIER CITIES ARE THE REAL GROWTH MARKETS

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launch in markets that a metro-scale economic model would never justify. For exhibitors, especially regional manufacturers and dealers, lower participation costs make it possible to take a bigger stand, bring more working equipment, or attend several regional events instead of one expensive national show. A company that could only afford a small booth at a major metro fair might become a headline exhibitor in its own region, with all the visibility that comes with it.

Competition is weaker too. At a flagship metro event, a mid-sized brand is one of hundreds or thousands of exhibitors, competing for attention with global leaders that have large outdoor stands, live demonstrations, and big marketing budgets. A regional event is a much quieter room, with fewer exhibitors, fewer competing events on the calendar, and fewer media outlets chasing the same stories. In a smaller market, every voice carries further. A new product launch can dominate the local trade press, and a company can become the recognised name in its category for an entire state. For organisers the same logic applies: the first credible show in an emerging cluster often becomes the default event for that region for years, because latecomers have to break an established habit. None of this means the big metro shows are finished. National and international fairs still play a vital role in launching flagship products, signing distributors, meeting global partners,

and signalling market leadership. The shift is about balance, not replacement. For organisers, the opportunity is a hub-and-spoke model: keep the flagship event in the metro, and build a circuit of smaller, sector-focused shows in the clusters that feed it. Each regional event builds relationships that lead toward the national show, and the national brand lends credibility to the regional ones. For exhibitors, the question to ask is no longer "which is the biggest event?" but "where are my next hundred customers, and what's the cheapest way to stand in front of them?" Increasingly, the answer is a regional show within driving distance of a manufacturing cluster.

Digital formats strengthen the case further. Hybrid events, virtual booths, and AR/VR product demos can extend a regional show's reach well beyond the hall, letting a buyer in a smaller town explore equipment in detail before or after the event. Combined with the physical access that regional shows provide, this makes mid-tier markets easier to serve than ever.

Metros will keep the headlines, but headlines are not volume. The growth in orders, new buyers, and first-time customers is increasingly coming from the cities most organisers overlook. Those who go where the clusters are forming, where buyers can easily attend, and where costs and competition are lower will be best placed to capture the next phase of market growth.



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When thousands of exhibitors, buyers, delegates and visitors arrive for a major trade show, the activity does not remain confined to the exhibition hall. Hotel rooms fill up, airports become busier, restaurants see increased footfall, taxis and public transport carry additional passengers, and local businesses benefit from a sudden influx of visitors. In many global cities, exhibitions have become an important part of the urban economy and a catalyst for infrastructure development.

Dubai offers perhaps the most visible example of this evolution. The legacy of Expo 2020 is no longer simply a memory of a successful global event. Expo City Dubai is being developed as a permanent mixed-use urban district combining business, residential, hospitality, entertainment and event infrastructure. The idea is compelling: an exhibition should not disappear when the show closes. Its infrastructure and investment should continue generating economic value.

Dubai's wider tourism strategy reinforces this approach. The city welcomed a record 19.59 million international overnight visitors in 2025, demonstrating how business travel, exhibitions and leisure tourism increasingly overlap. For many visitors, a trade show is no longer just a two-day business commitment. It can become the starting point for a longer stay, meetings, shopping and tourism.

Singapore has followed a similarly integrated model. The city-state has long understood that the success of its MICE sector depends on more than the size of its convention halls. Connectivity is central to the experience. Marina Bay Sands, for example, is linked directly to Singapore's MRT network and is approximately 20 minutes from Changi Airport. The result is a remarkably seamless movement between airport, hotel, meeting space, restaurants and the city itself.

Singapore is also looking ahead. The proposed Downtown MICE Hub around Marina Bay is being planned as an integrated destination bringing together exhibition and convention facilities with hotels, dining, retail and entertainment. It reflects a broader understanding of what the modern business visitor expects: not simply a venue, but an entire ecosystem around the event.

New Delhi is now moving in the same direction. The development of Bharat Mandapam at Pragati Maidan has significantly strengthened the capital's ability to host large international exhibitions, conferences and conventions. With expansive exhibition halls, meeting facilities and modern event infrastructure, the venue has changed the scale at which



BEYOND THE BOOTH : HOW EXHIBITIONS ARE TRANSFORMING CITIES



An exhibition may occupy a venue for three or four days, but its impact on a city can last much longer

Sadaf Rizvi

- **The Broader Economic Impact :** Major trade shows drive widespread economic activity beyond the exhibition hall, boosting hotels, airports, restaurants, public transport, and local businesses.
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Delhi can compete for major events.

The impact extends beyond Pragati Maidan. Delhi's airport handled more than 73 million passengers in FY 2025-26, while its growing international connectivity continues to support the capital's position as a business and events destination. Better airports, metro connectivity, hotels and convention infrastructure are becoming interconnected pieces of the same economic puzzle.

There is also a more human side to this transformation. An exhibitor arriving in a city may initially be thinking about a stall, a product launch or a business meeting. But that visitor will also need a room, a meal, transportation and perhaps a few hours to experience the destination. Multiply that individual experience by thousands of visitors and the exhibition becomes a significant temporary economic engine for the city.

This is why the future of exhibitions cannot be measured only in square metres sold, number of booths or visitor registrations. The more meaningful question is what happens around the exhibition.

For city planners and tourism authorities, exhibitions can create demand for better infrastructure. For hotels, restaurants and local businesses, they create concentrated periods of economic activity. For organisers, the destination itself increasingly becomes part of the value proposition offered to exhibitors and visitors.

The booth, therefore, is only the visible part of the exhibition economy. Behind it lies an entire city in motion.

And perhaps that is where the next chapter of the exhibition industry will be written: not inside the exhibition hall, but in the airports, hotels, streets, restaurants and public spaces that bring the event to life.



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Modern corporate business development has hit an operational wall. Over the past decade, enterprise go-to-market strategies leaned almost exclusively into automated digital funnels, algorithmic LinkedIn outbound cadence, and relentless cold email campaigns.

However, extensive longitudinal buying journey research conducted by Gartner and the Harvard Business Review reveals that this digital highway is effectively jammed. Cold email response rates across industrial engineering, software, and advanced manufacturing sectors have plummeted to under 1.8 percent. Sales representatives spend hundreds of frustrating hours chasing ghosted threads, running through automated sequences, and battling organizational gatekeepers, only to see standard enterprise sales cycles stretch out across eight to twelve grueling months.

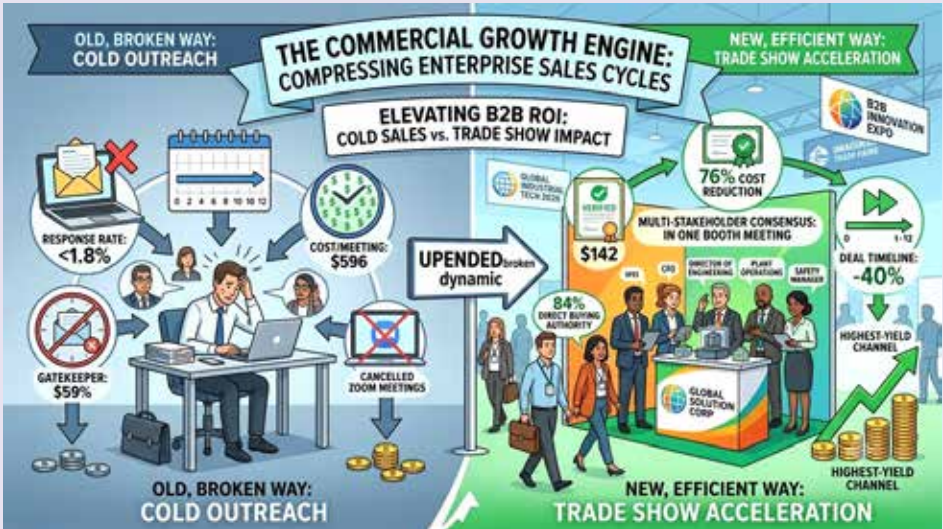
The Outbound Roadblock: Diminishing Returns At the exact same time, acquiring customers through conventional remote channels has become prohibitively expensive. Figures tracked by the Sales Management Association show that a standard direct sales call or qualified discovery meeting now costs an average of \$596 (approximately ₹49,000) when factoring in software subscriptions, SDR overhead, and management time. Companies are spending massive capital simply to establish initial contact, often with little to show for it.

The Economics of the Exhibition Floor: This broken dynamic explains why modern enterprise commerce is experiencing a decisive return to physical exhibition venues. When an enterprise transitions its acquisition strategy to flagship industrial exhibitions—such as IMTEX Bengaluru, ELECRAMA, ACETECH, or global stages like Hannover Messe and ADNEC—the economic fundamentals shift immediately.

Benchmark data compiled by the Center for Exhibition Industry Research (CEIR) shows that generating a verified, qualified trade show lead costs approximately \$142 (roughly ₹11,800). Compared directly against the \$596 baseline of cold direct sales calls, trade show participation slashes initial lead acquisition costs by 76 percent, saving \$454 per lead over standard SDR outreach.

Flipping the Psychological Script: The underlying catalyst for this dramatic efficiency gain is the psychological and physical shift in the buyer's posture. In cold outbound prospecting, the vendor is an unwelcome intruder competing against hundreds of unread inbox notifications.

On an exhibition floor, the dynamic



THE COMMERCIAL GROWTH ENGINE : COMPRESSING ENTERPRISE SALES CYCLES AND ELEVATING B2B ROI

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is completely inverted. Prospects have actively stepped away from their desks, cleared their calendars, and traveled across cities or countries with conscious procurement intent. Data verifies that 84 percent of exhibition attendees possess direct buying authority or heavily influence executive procurement decisions within their organizations. They do not walk convention halls to browse passively; they arrive to inspect solutions, validate claims, and award contracts.

Cracking the Consensus Barrier: Beyond lowering initial acquisition costs, trade show participation fundamentally compresses execution speed. Deals originating from qualified exhibition interactions cost 38 percent less to close, and they compress standard enterprise deal timelines by roughly 40 percent. An eight-to-twelve-month sales marathon contracts into an agile sprint of a few weeks or months.

This acceleration occurs because physical exhibitions solve the single greatest bottleneck in modern B2B purchasing: the multi-stakeholder consensus barrier. Enterprise procurement is no longer a unilateral decision. Comprehensive data from Gartner indicates that typical enterprise buying committees now comprise six to ten distinct stakeholders spanning technical engineering, finance, health and safety, and plant operations. In a standard remote outbound environment, a vendor must pitch each of these stakeholders through disconnected, fragmented virtual meetings spread across quarters.

An engineering lead reviews specs in month two, the safety auditor raises objections in month four, and the chief financial officer evaluates pricing only in month eight, creating ample room for momentum to die.

On a dynamic exhibition floor, this sequential friction dissolves into parallel alignment. Buying organizations routinely dispatch entire cross-functional executive delegations together. Inside an experiential booth, the engineering director physically inspects live machine tolerances and builds, the plant manager verifies operational ergonomics, and the chief financial officer sits in a dedicated executive lounge negotiating contractual frameworks simultaneously. In a single thirty-minute interactive session, months of back-and-forth email clarification are eliminated.

The Verdict: A High-Velocity Growth Engine: When evaluated as an end-to-end investment, commercial trade fairs represent a premier catalyst for revenue generation. By substituting uncertain digital sequences with tangible face-to-face demonstrations, enterprises bypass gatekeepers, align multi-member buying committees in real time, and lower customer acquisition expenditure across the board.

The modern exhibition floor has proven itself not as an optional marketing showpiece, but as an indispensable commercial engine engineered to deliver unmatched pipeline velocity and verifiable return on investment.



Fifth National Spice Conference 2026 Concludes in Jaipur with Focus on Farmer Empowerment, Food Safety and Market Linkages

The World Spice Organisation (WSO), the not-for-profit technical partner of the All-India Spices Exporters Forum (AISEF), has successfully concluded its 5th National Spice Conference (NSC) 2026 at the Novotel Jaipur Convention Centre, Rajasthan. Held on September 19–20 under the theme “Empowering Farmers, Protecting Consumers,” the conference brought together farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), processors, exporters, regulators, researchers, technology providers and other stakeholders from across the spice value chain.

The two-day conference focused on strengthening farmer incomes, food safety, responsible sourcing, sustainability, innovation and market access, with discussions addressing challenges across the spice value chain. The event also featured an exhibition showcasing technologies and indigenous agri-products and a dedicated Buyer–Seller Meet to facilitate market linkages.

Speaking at the conclusion of the conference, Mr. Ramkumar

Menon, Chairman, World Spice Organisation, said, “NSC 2026 has brought the different stakeholders of the spice value chain together around two priorities that are closely connected: enabling farmers to create greater value from their produce and ensuring that consumers can place greater trust in the spices they use. The discussions over the two days have highlighted the importance of stronger farm-level practices, responsible sourcing, food safety, innovation and market linkages. The focus now is on carrying these conversations forward through meaningful collaboration and action across the value chain.”

The first session of Day 2 focused on Changing Regulations in Organic Farming & Certifications, examining the evolving certification landscape and its implications for farmers and other stakeholders in the spice value chain. This was followed by a session on the Role of FPOs in Consumer Protection and Food Safety, highlighting the role of farmer organisations in strengthening quality and compliance at the farm level.



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Ramkumar Menon, Chairman, World Spice Organisation

Mr. Manoj Kumar Menon, CEO, ICCOA said, “India’s organic sector has come a long way from being a niche segment. With organic exports growing from INR 67 crore in 2005 to over INR 5,400 crore in 2025, the sector has significant potential for further growth. However, as global markets and regulations evolve, strengthening certification, maintaining credibility and ensuring compliance will be critical to sustaining this momentum.”

Across the two days, the conference covered a broad range of issues including farmer empowerment and income growth, sustainability and responsible sourcing, food safety and consumer protection, innovation and future readiness, farmer challenges and crop outlook, organic farming and certifications, FPOs and market requirements. Discussions also highlighted emerging solutions in areas such as digital traceability, post-harvest infrastructure, farm-level technologies, testing and processing, warehousing and financing.

The National Spice Conference 2026 concluded with a renewed focus on strengthening collaboration across the spice ecosystem and creating stronger linkages between farmers, FPOs, industry, regulators and buyers. The discussions over the two days highlighted the need for continued engagement and practical solutions to support a safer, more sustainable and more rewarding spice value chain.

Vikas Sood Appointed General manager of JECC & Novotel Jaipur convention Centre

With 29 years of experience in the hospitality industry, Sood brings extensive expertise in luxury hospitality, hotel operations and the MICE sector. His appointment is expected to further strengthen the operational and hospitality capabilities of the integrated convention and hotel destination.

Located in Jaipur, JECC and Novotel Jaipur Convention Centre serve as a key destination for exhibitions, conferences, conventions and business events, catering to India’s growing MICE industry. Sood’s experience across hospitality and MICE operations is expected to support the venue’s continued growth and enhance its positioning as a leading business-events destination in Rajasthan.





Global Fintech Fest 2026: India’s Fintech Ambition Takes Centre Stage in Mumbai

The 7th edition of the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026 brought together policymakers, regulators, financial institutions, technology companies, startups, investors and global fintech leaders in Mumbai from 8–11 September, creating a major international platform for discussions on the future of financial technology. The event was held at Jio World Centre and Trident BKC.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Fintech Fest on 8 September, highlighting India's transformation into a major global fintech ecosystem and the role of digital public infrastructure in expanding financial inclusion. The Prime Minister also called for the fintech sector to focus on cybersecurity, ethical data protection, stronger consumer protection and greater collaboration between regulators

and industry.

A major focus of the event was the evolution of India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI), which completed 10 years in August 2026. PM Modi noted that UPI processed more than 2,400 crore transactions in August alone, underlining the scale at which India's digital payments infrastructure has expanded. He also called for UPI's global footprint to grow further and for fintech innovation to move beyond payments into areas such as credit, insurance, savings, investments and pensions.

The discussions at GFF 2026 extended beyond digital payments to emerging technologies that are expected to shape the next phase of financial services. Agentic AI, tokenisation and quantum technologies featured prominently, alongside conversations around responsible innovation, data protection and the resilience of

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The Fest also provided a platform for product launches, AI-driven demonstrations, startup investment pitches, innovation challenges and market-access programmes. These initiatives were designed to connect emerging fintech companies with investors, financial institutions, regulators and international markets.

One of the notable developments during the event was the announcement of a new tap-and-pay capability for UPI, allowing users to make contactless payments through NFC-enabled smartphones. The development further highlighted the continuing evolution of India's real-time payments ecosystem.

With participation spanning more than 100 countries, GFF 2026 reinforced Mumbai's position as a significant meeting point for the global fintech community. The event moved beyond traditional conference discussions, combining policy dialogue, technology showcases, networking, investment opportunities and cross-border collaboration.

For India's exhibition and conference ecosystem, the Global Fintech Fest also demonstrates how specialised business events can evolve into global knowledge and deal-making platforms, bringing together government, financial institutions, technology companies and investors around a rapidly developing sector.

In essence, GFF 2026 reflected India's next phase of fintech growth, moving from scale and digital payments towards AI-enabled finance, global interoperability, stronger security and more inclusive financial services.

Messe München and UnternehmerTUM have agreed on a partnership

Messe München and UnternehmerTUM are combining their strengths in a strategic partnership. The goal of the collaboration is to enable start-ups to gain access to new international markets and customers, as well as to forge partnerships with key industry players and identify investment opportunities. In doing so, the partners are combining Messe München's international reach with UnternehmerTUM's leading European innovation and start-up ecosystem.

UnternehmerTUM connects start-ups, established companies, academia,



investors, the public sector and talented individuals within a unique innovation ecosystem. More than 140 scalable tech start-ups are launched there each year. The start-ups in the ecosystem of UnternehmerTUM also raise approximately two billion euros in

venture capital annually.

"Innovations only have an impact once they successfully reach the market. The partnership with Messe München connects our innovation ecosystem with international industry platforms and creates new opportunities for start-ups and companies to grow globally. Together, we build a bridge between technological excellence and access to international markets," said Prof. Dr. Helmut Schönenberger, CEO and Co-Founder of UnternehmerTUM GmbH, and Christian Mohr, Managing Director and CCO of UnternehmerTUM.



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14th Edition of DJGF takes place in New Delhi as India Targets USD 100 Billion Gems & Jewellery Export Goal

The 14th edition of the Delhi Jewellery & Gem Fair (DJGF) 2026, organised by Informa Markets in India, is taking place at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, bringing together 650+ exhibitors, 3,000+ jewellery brands and 150,000+ designs under one roof. The three-day B2B exhibition, being held from September 26–28, 2026, witnessed participation from jewellery manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, distributors, exporters and allied industry professionals from across India.

The grand expo was inaugurated by esteemed dignitaries including Chief Guest, Shri Praveen Khandelwal, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha; Mr. Pramod Derawala, Chairman, NJGCI ; Mr. Sachin Jain, Regional CEO-India, World Gold Council; Mr. Ramavtar Verma, Chairman, TBJA; Mr. Naveen Kumar Jindal, Senior Chairman, TBJA; Mr. Pankaj Arora, National President, AIJGF; Mr. David Lynn, CEO, inD; alongside Mr. Yogesh Mudras, Managing Director, Informa Markets in India; and Ms. Pallavi Mehra, Senior Group Director, Informa Markets in India.

Addressing the need to strengthen the competitiveness and export potential of the jewellery industry, Shri Praveen Khandelwal, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, said, “India’s gems and jewellery sector exports approximately ₹2.5 lakh crore worth of goods against imports of around ₹1.65 lakh crore, reflecting its strong export orientation and contribution to the country’s trade. As we work towards the government’s 2030 export ambitions, the industry must strengthen the journey from ‘Vocal for Local’ to ‘Local to Global’ through investment, skill development and greater value

addition. Equally important is recognising and upskilling our artisans, whose craftsmanship directly contributes to product quality and global competitiveness. Building their capabilities will help Indian jewellery become more competitive and strengthen its presence across international markets.”

Highlighting the growth opportunities for India’s jewellery sector and the need to strengthen the value chain, Mr. Pramod Derawala, Chairman, National Jewellery and Gemstone Council of India (NJGCI), said, “India’s jewellery sector has significant growth potential across manufacturing and exports, supported by government initiatives and greater market access through FTAs. Countries with which India has signed FTAs import nearly USD 55 billion worth of jewellery, while India’s share is around USD 8 billion, indicating considerable scope for expansion. Rising gold prices are also shifting consumer preferences towards lightweight jewellery, while over 90% of high-value jewellery purchases continue through physical retail. As the industry adapts and grows, strengthening value addition and ensuring better livelihoods and social security for skilled workers must remain a priority. Platforms such as the Delhi Jewellery and Gems Fair help bring the industry together to strengthen the ecosystem and support sustainable growth.”

Mr. Sachin Jain, Regional CEO, India, World Gold Council said, “India’s gold and jewellery industry has significant opportunities ahead as the country progresses towards Viksit Bharat 2047, with the economy expected to grow from USD 4.5 trillion to USD 30 trillion. India is already the world’s



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leading gold jewellery market, and the Swarnim Udaan 2047 roadmap outlines the industry’s growth potential. Over the next 5 to 7 years, nearly 20 to 25% of India’s gold consumption could come from domestic mines, while jewellery exports are targeted at USD 100 billion. With nearly 31,000 tonnes of gold held by Indian households and a median age of 28 years, financialisation, innovation and evolving consumer demand can unlock greater economic value. Platforms such as the Delhi Jewellery and Gems Fair encourage industry collaboration and knowledge exchange, helping strengthen India’s capabilities to serve and shape the global jewellery market.”

Speaking on India’s growing role in the global jewellery market, Mr. David Lynn, CEO, inD, said, “India combines strong consumer demand, manufacturing depth and craftsmanship with an increasingly global outlook. The country exported USD 27.7 billion of gems and jewellery in 2025-26, with the UAE alone accounting for USD 8.7 billion, while studded gold jewellery exports grew 60% and silver jewellery exports by more than 50%. As high gold prices shift demand towards lightweight, studded and designed jewellery, the opportunity lies in creating greater value through design, technology, craftsmanship and stronger brands. With international buyers from 14 countries participating at DJGF, the platform is helping connect India’s manufacturing capabilities with new buyers, markets and business opportunities globally.”

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Yogesh Mudras, Managing Director, Informa Markets in India, said, “India’s jewellery industry continues to demonstrate its significance in the global market, while also undergoing an important period of transformation. In the second quarter of 2026, India accounted for 27% of global gold jewellery demand, even as high gold prices continued to influence purchasing patterns and encouraged consumers and retailers to explore lighter-weight and value-conscious formats. At the same time, India’s gems and jewellery exports reached USD 27.72 billion in FY26, with the recently outlined 2040 roadmap sets an ambition of taking exports to USD 100 billion, highlighting the sector’s strong role in international trade.

DJGF 2026 reflects these evolving market dynamics by bringing together a diverse

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For agencies, presenting a stall concept often means sending a render and waiting for feedback. The client sees one viewpoint and has to imagine the rest. A request to change the branding or layout sends the design back for another round of work.

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Once the concept is ready, the stall can be exported as an FBX or OBJ file. Agencies can continue developing the model in compatible 3D software, keeping Boothlane connected to their existing design process.

Supporting agency expertise

Boothlane focuses on design and visualisation. Engineering decisions and fabrication remain with the professionals responsible for delivering the stall.

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For too long, exhibition design pitches have been slowed down by rigid workflows and single-angle renders. With Boothlane, our goal was to bridge that gap—giving agencies the power to build fully customized, high-quality 3D stalls in under 15 minutes, and allowing clients to walk through their future booth in AR before a single fabrication quote is drawn.

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Pradeep Kandari Appointed General Manager of The Leela Gandhinagar & MMCEC

The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts has announced the appointment of Pradeep Kandari as the General Manager of The Leela Gandhinagar & Mahatma Mandir Exhibition and Convention Centre (MMCEC).

Pradeep is known for his strong understanding of guest expectations and deep

commitment to hospitality. His approach is rooted in personalised service, attention to detail, and creating meaningful connections with guests. He has been a part of The Leela since January 2023. During his tenure with the brand, he has held progressive leadership roles across its Bengaluru portfolio. Prior to this appointment, he served as Hotel Manager at The Leela Palace Bengaluru.





HIFF 2026: Where Furniture Ideas Become Business Opportunities

Furniture today reflects far more than household necessity; it shapes how people live, work, and unwind, from homes to offices to hotels. Behind every strong collection sits a mix of material choices, craftsmanship, function, and a genuine read on market demand.

That's the space HIFF, the Hindustan International Furniture Fair, brings together.

Scheduled for 24–26 October 2026 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre, HIFF 2026 will gather manufacturers, brands, dealers, retailers, architects, designers, project buyers, and other industry decision-makers. Positioned as India's largest B2B finished furniture exhibition, it gives businesses a place to discover products, exchange ideas, and open up new opportunities.

More Than a Display

A furniture fair isn't just a row of stalls; it's a meeting point for the whole ecosystem. Manufacturers

can showcase new collections. Dealers and retailers can find products suited to their markets. Architects and designers can source materials and finishes for upcoming projects. Buyers can meet suppliers directly, getting a feel for the people and processes behind the products.

That in-person contact matters. A catalogue shows dimensions and finishes, but only being there lets buyers judge texture, comfort, and build quality firsthand.

A Stage for New Products

Product innovation drives much of today's furniture industry, as buyers look for designs that balance style with comfort, durability, and everyday practicality.

HIFF gives exhibitors room to launch new collections and gives visitors a preview of where design is headed. The 2026 edition is expected to feature more than 500 new product launches, hinting at what may soon appear in showrooms, homes, offices, and commercial spaces.

Furniture today is much more than a household necessity—it shapes how we live, work, and unwind. HIFF 2026 is designed to bring the entire ecosystem together under one roof at BIEC, providing a powerful platform for manufacturers, designers, and retailers to connect, launch innovative collections, and forge the partnerships that will drive the industry forward.

For manufacturers, launching here also creates useful feedback conversations with dealers and buyers, which often reveal which finishes, sizes, and price points are resonating in different markets.

Building Lasting Connections

Long-term growth in furniture depends on more than a single sale. Manufacturers need reliable dealer networks; retailers need suppliers who deliver consistent quality; project buyers need partners who handle deadlines, customization, and after-sales support.

HIFF creates space for these relationships to begin; a single stand conversation can lead to a dealership, a project order, or a lasting sourcing partnership, provided both sides follow up after the event.

Scale and Setting

The exhibition brings together a diverse mix of exhibitors, products, and business models under one roof. Visitors can explore and compare a wide range of furniture solutions while emerging brands gain the opportunity to showcase their offerings alongside established industry names.

Bengaluru, one of India's key hubs for business, design, and technology, makes a fitting host city, and BIEC offers the professional setting needed for serious sourcing and networking.

The furniture industry's future depends on collaboration between manufacturers, designers, retailers, and buyers, all responding to changing expectations and demand for quality. These goals come together at HIFF 2026, where concepts are initially examined, collaborations are formed, and the next phase of the industry is initiated.

HIFF 2026 runs 24–26 October 2026 at BIEC, Bengaluru.

Aero India 2027 Set to Return to Bengaluru in February

The 16th edition of Aero India, Asia's major aerospace and defence exhibition, will take place from February 8–12, 2027, at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru. Organised by the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, the event will bring together global aerospace and defence companies, policymakers, armed forces, technology leaders, innovators and industry stakeholders.

The five-day event will feature



exhibitions, business meetings, technology demonstrations and strategic engagements, alongside aerial displays by the Indian Air Force and participating

international flying teams. A dedicated online portal has been launched to facilitate participation, with exhibitor registration and exhibition-space booking through www.aeroindia.gov.in.

Aero India 2027 is expected to further support India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision by creating opportunities for domestic manufacturers, MSMEs and start-ups to build international partnerships, attract investment, expand exports and participate in the global aerospace and defence supply chain.

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International Hardware Fair India 2026 to Bring the Tools and Hardware Industry Together from 23–25 October in New Delhi

The hardware industry is getting ready to come together at International Hardware Fair India (IHF India) 2026, powered by EISENWARENMESSE. The fourth edition of the event will take place from 23–25 October 2026 at Bharat Mandapam (Pragati Maidan), New Delhi. Organised by Koelnmesse in association with the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), IHF India 2026 is expected to bring together 170+ exhibitors and more than 10,000 trade visitors, with participation from 30+ countries. The event will bring manufacturers, brands, distributors, retailers, importers, exporters and buyers together under one roof, creating opportunities to discover new products, connect with business partners and explore new markets.

India’s Tools and Hardware Market Offers Strong Growth Potential

India’s hand and power tools industry has a growing opportunity in the global market. According to a 2025 report by NITI Aayog, the global trade market for hand and power tools is worth around US\$100 billion and is expected to reach around US\$190 billion by 2035.

The report also estimates that India currently exports around US\$600 million worth of hand tools and US\$425–470 million worth of power tools. It identifies a potential opportunity for India to generate more than US\$25 billion in additional exports over the next 10 years by increasing its presence in the global market.

This growth opportunity makes platforms such as IHF India important for Indian manufacturers, international



With India’s tools and hardware industry looking to expand both within the country and in international markets, IHF India 2026 will provide a place for the industry to meet, learn about new products and build global business connections. The event will also give Indian manufacturers an opportunity to showcase their products to buyers, while international companies can explore the most innovative solutions.

Milind Dixit,
Managing
Director,
Koelnmesse
India

brands and buyers looking to explore new products, suppliers and markets.

A Wide Range of Hardware Solutions

IHF India 2026 will showcase products from across the tools and hardware industry, including hand tools, power tools, industrial hardware, safety equipment, fasteners, fittings and building materials.

Leading companies such as Best One Tools Pvt. Ltd., Birla Precision Technologies Limited, Dee Neers Tools Limited, DN Safety Products Pvt. Ltd., Gardex India Pvt Ltd, H.R. International, India International House Ltd, JK Maini Precision Technology Limited, Jhalani Forge Pvt. Ltd., Pilot Pneumatics Pvt. Ltd., Proxima Steel Forge Pvt. Ltd., Shiv Forgings (BAUM), Taparia Tools Ltd., Varindera Tools Pvt. Ltd., Victor Forgings, Vidhi Exports, Vishal Tools & Forgings Pvt. Ltd., Electrosark, Dayton Tools, Mech Choice Tools and RL Jain Power Tools LLP are set to participate in the 2026 edition.

Visitors will be able to discover products from different brands, meet manufacturers and suppliers, compare products and explore new sourcing opportunities.

Bringing Global Buyers and Suppliers Together

A key highlight of IHF India 2026 will be the Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet (RBSM), organised with the support of Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), bringing 120 Hosted Buyers to the event. The programme will facilitate direct meetings between international buyers and Indian manufacturers and suppliers, creating opportunities to showcase products, understand buyer requirements and explore new export markets.

Jaarbeurs Expands Cybersecurity Portfolio in India with Cybersec Connect India

Royal Dutch Jaarbeurs is expanding its international cybersecurity exhibition portfolio into India with the launch of Cybersec Connect India, in partnership with Services International.

The new platform marks another step in Jaarbeurs’ global expansion and strengthens its presence in India’s growing technology and cybersecurity

market. The Cybersec portfolio currently includes Cybersec Europe, Cybersec Netherlands and Cybersec Asia, with India now joining the international network.

The inaugural edition of Cybersec Connect India will be held at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), Bengaluru. The event will be co-located with Drone Expo and will bring together a dedicated

exhibition, conference programme and community platform focused on cybersecurity and related technologies.

The event is expected to provide cybersecurity professionals, technology companies, industry stakeholders and decision-makers with opportunities to explore emerging solutions, exchange knowledge and build business connections.

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INNOPROM India 2026 takes place in New Delhi, Strengthening India–Russia Industrial Cooperation

The first edition of INNOPROM India 2026 was held from 9–11 September at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, bringing Indian and Russian companies together on a dedicated platform for industrial cooperation, technology exchange and business development.

The exhibition focused on

advanced industrial technologies and solutions, creating opportunities for manufacturers, technology providers and potential buyers from both countries to explore partnerships across multiple sectors.

An international business mission organised by the Russian Export Center (REC) brought around two dozen Russian

The successful debut of INNOPROM India 2026 at Bharat Mandapam marks a significant milestone in industrial cooperation between our nations. By bringing together top-tier innovators from Russia and India—from advanced rail technologies and heavy machinery to cutting-edge medical systems—we are creating a powerful platform for technology exchange, co-production, and long-term economic partnership.

companies representing 10 Russian regions to the event. Companies showcased solutions ranging from heavy construction equipment and electric rail technologies to high-voltage equipment, medical technologies, industrial communication systems and road-construction solutions.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Vladimir Putin also visited the exhibition. At the expo, they visited the RVNL stall and witnessed the Vande Bharat Sleeper trainset model. Another major attraction was the tunnel boring machine being deployed at Rishikesh-Karnaprayag Rail link project. The participation highlighted the growing emphasis on technology transfer and industrial collaboration between India and Russia. The event also provided a platform for Indian businesses to explore Russian technologies and for Russian companies to strengthen their access to the Indian market.

With INNOPROM already established as a major industrial exhibition platform in Russia, its India edition represents another step towards expanding the show's international footprint and creating new avenues for cross-border industrial partnerships.

Messe Düsseldorf strengthens its trade fair portfolio for plastics & rubber in India

K – The World's No. 1 Trade Fair for Plastics and Rubber – is further strengthening its international portfolio in India, one of the world's largest and fastest-growing economies: Messe Düsseldorf India and the Plastics Machinery Manufacturers Association of India (PMMAI) have entered into a long-term strategic partnership for the further development of PLASTFOCUS, one of India's key trade fairs for the plastics industry. Messe Düsseldorf and PMMAI now co-own PLASTFOCUS, laying the foundation for a long-term commitment to one of the world's most dynamic plastics markets.

From 2027 onwards, PLASTFOCUS will be jointly organized by Messe Düsseldorf India and PMMAI. The event will become part of the K Alliance, the global plastics and rubber portfolio of Messe Düsseldorf, which brings together its own events and strategic alliances in key growth markets around the world. With PLASTFOCUS, the K Alliance is further expanding its presence in India and strengthening its role as an international network for the plastics and rubber industry. For Messe



Düsseldorf, the partnership represents an important strategic investment in the Indian market, creating new opportunities not only in the plastics and rubber sector but also, in the long term, in related industries such as packaging and printing.

“India is one of the most important future markets for the plastics industry. By integrating PLASTFOCUS into the K Alliance, we will be creating a strong platform for our customers in a highly dynamic environment and are further expanding K's global reach,” says Marius Berlemann, Chief Operating Officer at Messe Düsseldorf.

India's plastics industry is characterized by strong growth, rising domestic demand and substantial long-term potential. Market studies estimate the Indian plastics industry

at more than USD 44 billion in 2025, with growth expected to exceed USD 63 billion by 2031. Plastics consumption in India has risen sharply in recent decades and now amounts to around 22 million tons. At the same time, per capita consumption remains comparatively low, underlining the significant growth potential of the market. Investments in industrial infrastructure, manufacturing capacities, export-oriented production and recycling solutions continue to support the sector's development.

“PLASTFOCUS has established itself as an important platform for India's plastics industry. Our partnership with Messe Düsseldorf India takes it to the next level – creating a stronger international platform for Indian manufacturers to connect with global markets, technologies and business opportunities. Together, we want PLASTFOCUS to reflect the scale, capabilities and growing global ambitions of India's plastic processing and allied machinery industry,” says Tushar Parikh, President of PMMAI and Managing Director of Neoplast Engineering Private Limited.

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IREC 2026 Brings Global Real Estate Community Together in Hyderabad

The International Real Estate Conference (IREC) 2026 concluded at the HITEX Exhibition Centre in Hyderabad, bringing together real estate developers, investors, policymakers, technology companies and industry professionals from India and overseas.

Held from September 25 to 27, 2026, the seventh edition of IREC marked the first time the conference was hosted in India. The three-day event brought together more than 2,000 industry leaders from over 35 countries, alongside 75-plus speakers and more than 100 exhibitors and technology companies. Awarded to NAR-India and hosted in Hyderabad by the Hyderabad Realtors Association (HRA), the conference was held under the theme “The Door to What Happens

Next.” Discussions explored emerging real estate trends, cross-border investments, Artificial Intelligence, PropTech, DeepTech, sustainable development, future cities, branded residences and evolving workplace requirements.

IREC 2026 featured three key platforms - the Strategic Conference, Innovation Showcase and Luxury Property Expo, providing opportunities for knowledge exchange, technology demonstrations, business networking and international collaboration.

A key participant was Kevin Brown, President, National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), along with representatives from NAR’s international partner associations and real estate organisations from across the world.

The event highlighted Hyderabad’s growing

IREC 2026 marks an important milestone for Indian real estate. India has reached a stage where our developers, professionals and projects are increasingly operating at global standards. The next step is to build stronger international connections and create platforms that allow India to engage directly with global markets.

Sumanth Reddy Arani, Chairman, National Association of Realtors-India

position as a destination for international business events while providing the global real estate community with a platform to explore emerging opportunities, technologies and trends shaping the future of the sector.

Sumanth Reddy Arani, Chairman, National Association of Realtors-India, said, “IREC 2026 marks an important milestone for Indian real estate. India has reached a stage where our developers, professionals and projects are increasingly operating at global standards. The next step is to build stronger international connections and create platforms that allow India to engage directly with global markets.”

Shailender Singh, Chair, IREC 2026, said, “The idea behind IREC 2026 is simple, to create a platform that connects India with what is happening next in global real estate. The industry is undergoing significant change, driven by technology, capital, sustainability, changing consumer preferences and new approaches to urban development.” The conference also includes networking lounges, deal zones, peer-to-peer meetings and an in-app delegate network to help participants connect based on markets, sectors and business interests.

Dr MSN Reddy, Chairman & Managing Director, MSN Group, said, “India’s journey towards Viksit Bharat 2047 will be shaped by world-class cities and developments that match its growing aspirations. Hyderabad is well positioned to emerge as a leading global real estate destination.”

IGEN World Introduces Viksit Bharat World as the Next Phase of ICE Exhibitions

IGEN World has announced Viksit Bharat World (VB World), an integrated events platform bringing together conferences, awards and business exhibitions as the next phase of its ICE Exhibitions journey.

Founded by Vijay Singh, the initiative aims to connect businesses, industry leaders, institutions and innovators through physical events supported by IGEN World’s AI-powered digital platforms.

VB World will bring together the Viksit Bharat Conferences, Viksit



Bharat Awards and Viksit Bharat Expo, creating a common platform for knowledge sharing, recognition, product showcasing and business networking.

The digital ecosystem will be supported by IGEN News, providing business and industry information, and IGEN Expo, facilitating international B2B connections between Indian and global businesses.

According to IGEN World, the initiative builds on the company’s exhibition experience dating back to 1994 while combining physical events with year-round digital engagement. The platform is positioned to support greater business visibility, networking and participation in India’s growth story towards Viksit Bharat 2047.



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Tools & Equipment Expo 2026 Showcases Global Technologies for India’s Manufacturing Sector

The Tools & Equipment Expo 2026 (TAEEx) at BharatMandapam, New Delhi, bringing together more than 300 exhibitors, over 2,000 products on display, 150+ new product launches and 8000+ industry professionals with participation from leading domestic and international brands. International participation from Germany, China, Taiwan and Hong Kong highlights the growing global engagement with India’s tools and equipment market. The three-day exhibition, being held from 17th-19th September, organised by Informa Markets in India, is showcasing the latest solutions across hand tools, power tools, cutting and welding technologies, smart tools, automation and sustainable equipment.

The grand inauguration of Tools & Equipment Expo 2026 was held in the presence of Vinkesh Gulati, Chairperson, Automotive Skills Development Council; Mukesh Mohan Gupta, President, Chamber of Indian Micro Small and Medium Enterprises; Didaarjit Singh Lotey, Vice President, Chamber of Industrial & Commercial Undertakings; Yadu Kumar Yadav, Deputy Director, NPC-DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India; and S.P. Rana, Director, Directorate of Industrial Safety & Health (DISH), Government of NCT of Delhi, along with Yogesh Mudras, Managing Director, Informa Markets in India, and Prashant Jain, Group Director, Informa Markets in India.

The expo focused on the growth and transformation of India’s tools and equipment industry, with the opening day addressing the policy landscape, sector growth, manufacturing ecosystems and key industry priorities. The accompanying TAEEx Conference 2026 brought together industry representatives, manufacturers, OEMs, MSMEs and other stakeholders for discussions on sector growth potential,

manufacturing clusters, supply-chain resilience, policy support and ease of doing business.

Speaking at the event, Yadu Kumar Yadav, Deputy Director, NPC-DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, said “India’s next phase of manufacturing growth will depend on enabling MSMEs to move from lean manufacturing towards Industry 4.0 and IoT-enabled systems. Over the past decade, efforts have focused on integrating MSMEs’ products, processes and systems through lean manufacturing, and the focus is now shifting towards the next level of digital integration. Under the Ministry of MSME’s RAMP scheme, more than 750 units are currently being integrated into an Industry 4.0 ecosystem in Gujarat, with similar ecosystems envisaged across the country. The recently launched BRICS Center for Industrial Competencies is also creating an ecosystem for manufacturers and industry associations to connect, facilitate B2B matchmaking and promote innovation. Platforms such as TAEEx can support this transition by bringing innovators, MSMEs and technology providers together to exchange knowledge and explore collaborations.”

Mukesh Mohan Gupta, President, Chamber of Indian Micro Small and Medium Enterprises, said “Tools & Equipment Expo 2026 is an important platform for MSMEs to discover new technologies and accelerate technological upgradation. Government support through exhibition assistance and financing schemes, including collateral-free credit of up to ₹100 crore for eligible MSMEs, can further enable enterprises to adopt modern plant and machinery, expand capacity and improve competitiveness. With more than 9.5 crore MSMEs contributing over 30% to India’s GDP and providing employment to more than 42 crore



It is encouraging to see Tools & Equipment Expo 2026 get underway with strong participation from exhibitors, visitors and industry stakeholders at a time when India’s tools and equipment sector is entering an important phase of growth. With India’s hand and power tools exports currently at around US\$1 billion, and the potential to scale this to more than US\$25 billion by 2035, the opportunity to strengthen India’s manufacturing and export capabilities is significant. TAEEx brings this opportunity into focus by connecting manufacturers, technology providers, buyers and global stakeholders on one platform.

Yogesh Mudras,
Managing Director,
Informa Markets, India

people, strengthening MSME-led manufacturing can play a significant role in technological advancement and employment generation.”

PG Subramanian, Executive Secretary, Indian Cutting Tool Manufacturers’ Association, said, “The Indian cutting tool industry is going through a transformative phase, driven by the growing manufacturing market in the country. The global cutting tool market is currently around US\$23 billion and is projected to reach nearly US\$30 billion by 2030, while India currently accounts for only around 15% of this market, according to industry estimates. This leaves significant headroom for Indian manufacturers to expand both domestically and in export markets. At the same time, MSMEs need greater awareness and easier access to the nearly 40 government schemes available for the sector, including support for start-ups. Simplifying compliance is equally important, as businesses today have to navigate a large number of central and state regulations. The industry is also facing raw-material challenges and the lack of domestic recycling and reprocessing facilities, making it important to strengthen local capabilities and build a more resilient cutting-tool supply chain.”

Didaarjit Singh Lotey, Vice President, Chamber of Industrial & Commercial Undertakings, said “The participation of more than 300 exhibitors at Tools & Equipment Expo reflects the growing opportunities within India’s manufacturing ecosystem. For India to emerge as a globally competitive manufacturing hub, we need to strengthen our focus on exports, mass production, lean manufacturing and cluster-based development. China’s manufacturing experience demonstrates how scale, efficient production systems and a strong ecosystem can build global competitiveness. Indian industries must work towards improving productivity and competitiveness to serve global markets, supported by continued government efforts, stronger infrastructure and a shift in mindset towards large-scale, cluster-based and lean manufacturing. With these capabilities, India has the potential to emerge as a global manufacturing hub across product categories.”



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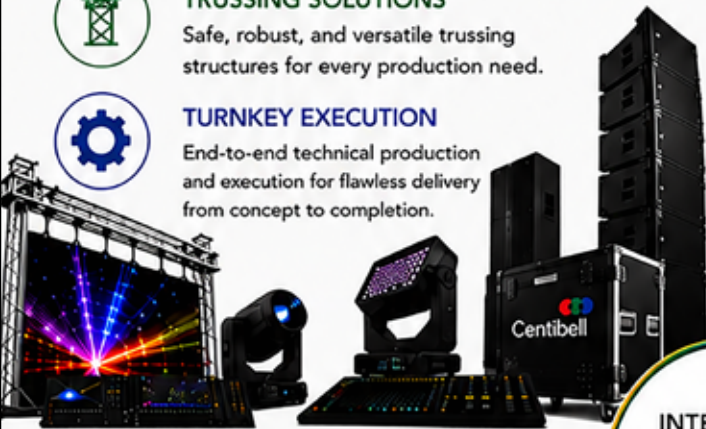
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Medical Fair India 2026 Highlights India’s Growing MedTech Manufacturing Potential

The 32nd edition of Medical Fair India 2026 concluded successfully at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai, bringing together healthcare professionals, medical device manufacturers, hospital procurement leaders, technology providers, distributors and industry stakeholders.

Organised by Messe Düsseldorf India from 17–19 September 2026, the three-day exhibition highlighted the rapid growth of India’s medical device sector, which has expanded from around \$5 billion in 2020–21 to \$18 billion today. The industry’s transition from import dependence towards greater domestic manufacturing and self-sufficiency was a key focus of the event.

The exhibition opened with a lamp-lighting and ribbon-cutting ceremony, followed by addresses from Lars Wismer,

Regional Head of Messe Düsseldorf for Asia (MDfA); Ajay Kumar Gulati, General Manager, Messe Düsseldorf India; and Dr Rajiv Chhibber, Joint Forum Coordinator, AiMeD and Member, Advisory Committee, Medical Fair India 2026.

The event also hosted the 11th International Healthcare Conference, which brought together international representatives, healthcare experts and industry leaders to discuss future-ready hospitals, digital and sustainable healthcare, international collaboration, research, clinical excellence and the growing role of artificial intelligence in healthcare.

Speaking about the industry’s growth, Dr Rajiv Chhibber highlighted the expansion of domestic medical device manufacturing, supported by government initiatives such as the PLI and PRIP schemes. He noted



India’s emergence as an important MedTech market and manufacturing hub marks a transition from being primarily an importer to becoming an increasingly significant manufacturer and supplier for global markets.

Lars Wismer,
Regional Head
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that India’s medical device exports now reach around 187 countries, reflecting the sector’s growing global footprint.

Lars Wismer highlighted India’s emergence as an important MedTech market and manufacturing hub, noting the country’s transition from being primarily an importer to becoming an increasingly significant manufacturer and supplier for global markets.

Ajay Kumar Gulati emphasised the importance of bringing SMEs, innovators and start-ups alongside established companies on the same platform. He also highlighted Maharashtra’s role as a medical manufacturing hub and the growing application of AI across the MedTech sector.

A key theme emerging from the event was the need to combine affordability, availability and accessibility with advancement. Supported by AiMeD and other partners, Medical Fair India 2026 positioned this fourth ‘A’ as an important part of India’s evolving healthcare technology landscape.

The exhibition featured international participation from Brazil, China, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and the United States, providing opportunities for business networking, technology exchange and international collaboration.

Medical Fair India 2026 ultimately reflected the growing scale and ambition of India’s medical device ecosystem, while providing a platform for manufacturers, innovators and healthcare stakeholders to explore emerging technologies and business opportunities. The next edition is scheduled to take place in New Delhi in 2027.

India Mining Week 2026 Strengthens Global Outreach with Participation from 19 Countries

India Mining Week 2026 has expanded its international engagement through ‘India Mining: Global Connect’, bringing representatives from diplomatic missions of 19 countries together to explore opportunities for increased global participation and collaboration in India’s mining and minerals sector.

The interaction was held ahead of India Mining Week 2026, scheduled from 15–17 November 2026 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi. The initiative was organised by the Ministry of Coal and Ministry

of Mines, Government of India, in association with the mining industry. The session was hosted by Satish Chandra Dubey, Minister of State for Coal and Mines, and Rupinder Brar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal.

Representatives from Malawi, Sri Lanka, Mozambique, Algeria, the United States, Chile, Bhutan, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Russia, Iraq, Morocco, Venezuela, Spain, Poland, Mongolia, Zambia, France and Ghana, along with the US Chamber of Commerce, participated in the interaction. The

discussions explored opportunities for international participation through country delegations, government and institutional representatives, business delegations, technical experts, mining companies, technology providers, equipment manufacturers, investors, research institutions and industry associations. Key areas discussed included critical minerals, mineral exploration, mining technologies, heavy mining equipment, innovation, investment, international trade and resource development.



India International Water Week 2026 Brings Global Water Community to New Delhi

The 9th India International Water Week (IIWW) 2026 was held from 22–26 September at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, bringing together policymakers, researchers, industry representatives, innovators and water-sector experts from India and abroad. Organised by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, the event was held under the theme “Climate Resilient Water Management.” The programme included a four-day conference and exhibition from 22–25 September, followed by study tours on 26 September. The event focused on some

of the most pressing challenges facing the global water sector, including water security, climate resilience, groundwater management, rainwater harvesting, irrigation, sanitation and sustainable water-resource management. Inaugurating the event, Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan stressed the growing importance of water security and called for greater efforts towards conservation and integrated water management. He highlighted the need to address both excessive rainfall and prolonged dry spells through approaches such as river-basin management, groundwater

The growing importance of water security requires greater efforts towards conservation and integrated water management. We must address both excessive rainfall and prolonged dry spells through approaches such as river-basin management, groundwater recharge, rainwater harvesting and efficient irrigation.

C. P. Radhakrishnan, Vice President, India

recharge, rainwater harvesting and efficient irrigation. The conference also incorporated the Second International WASH Conference 2026, bringing together experts and practitioners working across water, sanitation and hygiene. Beyond policy discussions, the exhibition component provided a platform for showcasing technologies and solutions aimed at improving water management and resilience. The event brought government, industry, research institutions and other stakeholders onto a common platform to discuss technology-led approaches to India's growing water challenges. The 2026 edition underlined the increasing importance of water-focused conventions and exhibitions as platforms not only for knowledge exchange, but also for technology demonstration, collaboration and policy dialogue.

InfoComm India 2026 Records Strong Growth, Buyer Engagement & International Participation

The 12th edition of InfoComm India 2026 concluded at the Jio World Convention Centre (JWCC), Mumbai, after three days of business networking, technology showcases and knowledge exchange for the Professional Audiovisual (Pro AV) and integrated experience technology industry. Held from 16–18 September, the exhibition attracted 13,275 business attendees from 49 countries, marking a 5.3% increase over 2025. The event brought together more than 4,500 organisations, with a strong presence of senior decision-makers, technology users, integrators and industry professionals. The edition recorded a commercially focused audience, with 54% of attendees having active and approved AV budgets for the next 12–18 months, while 80% had purchasing influence or decision-making authority. Around 23% represented budgets exceeding US\$250,000, while 9% had budgets above US\$1 million. The curated Invited Guest Program brought 75 pre-qualified senior buyers, representing approximately US\$328.5 million in declared live project budgets.



Participants included representatives from organisations such as AMD, IKEA, Standard Chartered, Biocon, Hitachi Energy and NTPC. Across the three days, the programme facilitated 824 pre-scheduled one-to-one business meetings between buyers and exhibitors. Visitor engagement also remained strong, with opening-day attendance increasing 10.6% year-on-year. One-third of visitors attended the event for two or more days, while repeat visits during the exhibition increased by

14.8% compared with 2025. With Pro AV technologies increasingly supporting smart workplaces, hybrid collaboration, immersive learning, healthcare, retail and digital infrastructure, InfoComm India 2026 provided a platform connecting manufacturers, integrators, consultants, enterprise users, government stakeholders and industry associations. The exhibition is set to return to Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, from 8–10 September 2027, with space bookings for the next edition already open.



Singapore Tourism Board and Messe Berlin Announce Strategic Partnership to Grow Messe Berlin’s Presence in Singapore and Asia Pacific

The Singapore Tourism Board (STB) and Messe Berlin signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), reinforcing their shared commitment to the continued growth of Messe Berlin's presence in Singapore and Asia Pacific, strengthening Singapore's position as a leading global MICE destination and supporting Singapore's Tourism 2040 target of tripling MICE tourism receipts.

The MOU, signed during InnoTrans Berlin 2026 by Ms Melissa Ow, Chief Executive, Singapore Tourism Board, and Dr Mario Tobias, Chief Executive Officer, Messe Berlin, builds on an 18-year partnership that began with the launch of ITB Asia in Singapore in 2008. Since then, the collaboration has expanded across multiple industries, supporting the development of international business events in Singapore.

Under the MOU, STB and Messe Berlin will deepen collaboration across four strategic areas: Business

Development; Digitalisation & Sustainability; Talent & Manpower Development; and Experience Development.

Messe Berlin currently organises ITB Asia, MICE Show Asia, Travel Tech Asia, and Smart Health Asia in Singapore. ITB Asia 2025 delivered its strongest performance yet, recording over 60,000 business appointments, a 35% increase year-on-year, 18,000 attendees, and more than 1,500 quality buyers, up 7% from 2024. Smart Health Asia drew over 3,200 attendees at its inaugural edition.

Messe Berlin's portfolio is set to expand significantly in 2027 with the previously announced inaugural Asian edition launches of InnoTrans Asia, CMS Asia and Smart Pharma Asia, bringing the total portfolio to seven events across travel and tourism, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, mobility, and environmental solutions. In addition to the expansion and internationalisation of the



Messe Berlin has been a valued partner and a testament to what is possible when two organisations share a common vision for excellence. We are proud that Singapore has been Messe Berlin's home in Asia Pacific. We remain committed to supporting their growth and innovation, while connecting them to the full breadth of opportunities across this region. Together, we are shaping the future of business events in Asia Pacific, bringing us closer to realising our Tourism 2040 ambition and establishing Singapore as the world's leading MICE destination.

Melissa Ow,
Chief Executive,
Singapore
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current portfolio, Messe Berlin and STB will continue to explore new opportunities in emerging sectors aligned with Singapore's economic priorities. This growing commitment to Singapore is also reflected in the significant growth of Messe Berlin's local team, which has nearly tripled over the past decade and is expected to continue growing as its operations in the region scale.

Ms Melissa Ow, Chief Executive, Singapore Tourism Board, said: "Messe Berlin has been a valued partner and a testament to what is possible when two organisations share a common vision for excellence. We are proud that Singapore has been Messe Berlin's home in Asia Pacific. We remain committed to supporting their growth and innovation, while connecting them to the full breadth of opportunities across this region. Together, we are shaping the future of business events in Asia Pacific, bringing us closer to realising our Tourism 2040 ambition and establishing Singapore as the world's leading MICE destination."

Dr Mario Tobias, Chief Executive Officer, Messe Berlin, said: "Singapore has been Messe Berlin's home in Asia Pacific for almost two decades, providing the world-class environment and standards that international business events demand. What began with ITB Asia has developed into a major pillar of Messe Berlin's international growth strategy. This strategic partnership with the Singapore Tourism Board reflects our long-term confidence in Singapore as a key regional hub and our shared ambition to create globally recognised business event brands that connect industries, drive innovation, and facilitate international trade across Asia Pacific."

PCERF Opens Stall Bookings for CONSTRO International Expo 2027 in Pune

The Pune Construction Engineering Research Foundation (PCERF) has officially opened stall bookings for CONSTRO International Expo 2027. Marking its 21st edition, the biennial event stands among India's longest-running integrated construction exhibitions. The trade show takes place from 7-10 January 2027 at the Pune International Exhibition and Convention Centre (PIECC), Moshi, Pune.

The Indian construction and real estate sector continues to experience steady structural growth, driven by urban infrastructure projects,

residential developments, and industrial expansion across western India. CONSTRO 2027 provides an operational venue where industry participants display tangible solutions, negotiate commercial agreements, and address field challenges.

Exhibiting at the 21st edition of CONSTRO offers commercial and brand advantages for companies operating within the construction value chain:

- **Direct Access to Decision-Makers:** Engage face-to-face with practicing architects, structural engineers,



government procurement officials, and tier-1 contractors seeking verified suppliers.

- **Product and Technology Displays:** Showcase physical heavy machinery, smart building automation, raw materials, finishing supplies, and sustainable construction techniques in dedicated exhibition bays.

Participants can view booth layouts, hall dimensions, and space availability directly on the Constro India (<https://constroindia.org/>) main website.



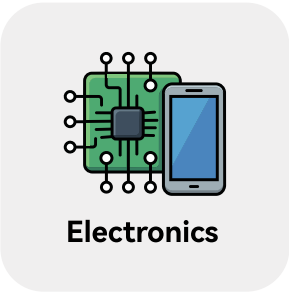
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DK Vertex Inaugurates New Convention Centre in Gurugram

DK Vertex, the business infrastructure arm of Vertex Group, inaugurated the DK Vertex Convention Center at Udyog Vihar, Gurugram, in association with MSME Business Forum India.

Spread across 12,000 sq. ft., the pillarless venue can accommodate around 300–400 guests and features advanced AV systems, high-speed connectivity, modular seating and executive lounges. Designed in a confex format, it can host conferences, exhibitions and corporate events under one roof.

Located along the Delhi-Gurugram business corridor, the centre offers convenient access to major transport links and nearby hospitality facilities. The venue is part of Vertex Group’s ₹300 crore expansion plan, targeting more than 30 centres across 10 cities with a combined capacity of 50,000 seats.

Karnataka Plans New Convention and Exhibition Facilities at KTPO Site

The Karnataka government is planning to develop the 48.35-acre Karnataka Trade Promotion Organisation (KTPO) site in Bengaluru into a larger trade, exhibition and convention destination.



The proposed development will include a global-standard convention centre and exhibition facilities spread across approximately 5 acres. The planned complex is expected to have 10,000 sq. m. each on the ground and upper floors, creating a total built-up area of around 20,000 sq. m., along with parking for nearly 500 cars.

The facility is also expected to accommodate business events, product launches, exhibitions and music concerts, further strengthening Bengaluru’s MICE infrastructure.

The government retained 48.35 acres of the original 50-acre KTPO site after allocating 1.65 acres to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation. The site currently has two exhibition halls, constructed in 2002 and 2024, with the government evaluating the future of the older hall as part of the broader redevelopment plan.



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The Andhra Pradesh government has approved a ₹200 crore plan to develop four new convention centres in Tirupati, Anantapur, Rajamahendravaram and Amaravati, with an estimated investment of ₹50 crore per centre.

Planned by the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (APIIC), each facility will have a capacity of around 2,000 people and will cater to conferences, business events, cultural programmes and tourism-related gatherings.

The centres will follow a lean design model and are proposed to be operated and maintained through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, strengthening the state’s MICE and events infrastructure.

R.E. Rogers India Reappointed Official Freight Forwarder for Aero India 2027

R.E. Rogers India has once again been appointed as the sole official freight forwarder for Aero India 2027. The biennial aerospace and defence



exhibition will be held from 8–12 February 2027 at Yelahanka Air Force Station, Bengaluru. The appointment reinforces R.E. Rogers India’s role in supporting logistics and freight operations for one of India’s leading aerospace events.

IFES launches international research initiative to strengthen industry insight

A new IFES global study conducted with independent research partner jwc GmbH will build an international evidence base on exhibitor spending, purchasing behaviour and the value of exhibition and event services.

While the global exhibition industry has strong data on exhibition

space, visitor numbers and market trends, there is far less comparable international insight into how exhibitors allocate their budgets, what drives purchasing decisions and which services they value most. Closing this gap will help IFES members and the wider industry better understand exhibitors’ needs, strengthen the value of the services they provide and make

more informed decisions about where to invest and adapt. To address the gap, the International Federation of Exhibition and Event Services (IFES), together with jwc GmbH, its independent research partner, has commissioned a comprehensive international research initiative to generate new, data-driven insights into exhibitor spending, purchasing behaviour and expectations.

Event Calendar OCTOBER 2026

BOMBAY EXHIBITION CENTRE		JIO WORLD CONVENTION CENTRE		HITEX EXHIBITION CENTRE	
EDUCATION SUPPLY & FRANCHISE EXPO 2026	INDUS-TECH EXPO 2026	GJS - INDIA GEM & JEWELLERY SHOW 2026	INDIA DESIGN 2026	PAPEXPO 2026	
6-8 OCT, 2026 Organiser : INNOVATIVE ENTERPRISES	7-9 OCT, 2026 Organiser : DRONACHARYA EVENTS PRIVATE LIMITED	2-4 OCT, 2026 Organiser : All India Gem And Jewellery Domestic Council	9-11 OCT, 2026 Organiser : OGAAN PUBLICATIONS	1-3 OCT, 2026 Organiser : PAPYRUS EXPO LLP	
OSH INDIA 2026	INDIACORR EXPO 2026	STEEL CONSTRUCTION EXPO 2026	CRANE EXPO 2026 MUMBAI	WAREMAT HYDERABAD 2026	
7-9 OCT, 2026 Organiser : INFORMA MARKETS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	14-16 OCT, 2026 Organiser : Reed Exhibition	27-29 OCT, 2026 Organiser : MX Business Network Pvt. Ltd	27-29 OCT, 2026 Organiser : MX Business Network Pvt. Ltd	8-10 OCT, 2026 Organiser : MIDAAS TOUCH EVENTS AND TRADE FAIRS LLP	
AUTOTECHNICA 2026	EVTECHNICA 2026	BANGALORE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE		GLOBAL FLOORING SOLUTIONS EXPO 2026	
22-24 OCT, 2026 Organiser : S.D. Promo Media Pvt. Ltd	22-24 OCT, 2026 Organiser : S.D. Promo Media Pvt. Ltd	AGRICON INDIA 2026	HORTICONNECT INDIA EXPO 2026	23-25 OCT, 2026 Organiser : Hyderabad International Trade Expositions Limited (HITEX)	
INDIA WAREHOUSING & LOGISTICS SHOW (IWLS) 2026	INDIA COLD CHAIN SHOW 2026	1-3 OCT, 2026 Organiser : MESSE MUENCHEN INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	1-3 OCT, 2026 Organiser : MESSE MUENCHEN INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED		
22-24 OCT, 2026 Organiser : Reed Manch Exhibitions Pvt. Ltd	22-24 OCT, 2026 Organiser : Reed Manch Exhibitions Pvt. Ltd	ACETECH SHOW - BENGALURU 2026	HIFF - HINDUSTAN INTERNATIONAL FURNITURE FAIR 2026	HILTON MUMBAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	
		9-11 OCT, 2026 Organiser : ABEC	24-26 OCT, 2026 Organiser : HIFF Trade and Events Pvt. Ltd	ELEVATE INDIA 2026	
INDIA CHEM 2026	DRINKTEC INDIA 2026	CIDCO EXHIBITION & CONVENTION CENTRE		8-9 OCT, 2026 Organiser : INTER ADS SGM CONVENTIONS PRIVATE LTD	
22-24 OCT, 2026 Organiser : Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry	28-30 OCT, 2026 Organiser : MESSE MUENCHEN INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	PHARMALABCHEM EXPO 2026	BOILER INDIA 2026	NEHRU CENTRE, MUMBAI	
		15-17 OCT, 2026 Organiser : EXHIVISION MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	8-10 OCT, 2026 Organiser : Orangebeak Technologies Pvt. Ltd	INDIA ART FESTIVAL MUMBAI 2026	
YASHOBHOOMI				9-11 OCT, 2026 Organiser : RUTURAJ INDOARTFEST PRIVATE E LIMITED	
INDIA MOBILE CONGRESS 2026	TRANS TECH INDIA 2026	PRAGATI MAIDAN		WORLD TRADE CENTRE, MUMBAI	
7-10 OCT, 2026 Organiser : India Mobile Congress	14-16 OCT, 2026 Organiser : India Infrastructure Publishing Pvt. Ltd. (RENEWABLE WATCH)	48 TH MEDICALL EXPO - NEW DELHI 2026	INNOBUS EXPO & CONFERENCE 2026	SCAT MARKETPLACE 2026	
		2-4 OCT, 2026 Organiser : GLOBAL EXHIBITION ORGANISERS AND CONSULTANTS	15-OCT-26 Organiser : Symbroj Media Pvt. Ltd.	12-14 OCT, 2026 Organiser : Nuern Berg Messe India Pvt. Ltd	
INDIA EXPOSITION MART LTD.		TRANSPORT + TRAFFIC INFRA TECH EXPO 2026	AUTOSTYLE WORLD EXPO 2026	JW MARRIOTT AEROCITY DELHI	
INDIA PAPER EXPO 2026	THE BATTERY SHOW INDIA 2026	7-8 OCT, 2026 Organiser : Virtual Info Systems Pvt. Ltd Messe Frankfurt India Pvt. Ltd.	9-11 OCT, 2026 Organiser : MEX Exhibition Pvt. Ltd	OIL SPILL INDIA 2026	
14-16 OCT, 2026 Organiser : Reed Exhibition	22-24 OCT, 2026 Organiser : INFORMA MARKETS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED			6-7 OCT, 2026 Organiser : THE ENERGY & CLIMATE INITIATIVES SOCIETY	
CHENNAI TRADE CENTRE		DECCAN COLLEGE, PUNE	EKA CLUB, AHMD	NSIC GROUNDS DELHI	
WINDERGY INDIA 2026	PACKVISION EXPO 2026	FEED TECH EXPO 2026	OPTIC EXPO 2026	CHOCOLATE & BAKERY EXPO (CBEX) 2026	
7-9 OCT, 2026 Organiser : PDA Ventures Pvt. Ltd	15-17 OCT, 2026 Organiser : Future Market Events	10-12 OCT, 2026 Organiser : BENISON Media	3-5 OCT, 2026 Organiser : Aries Events Pvt. Ltd	8-10 OCT, 2026 Organiser : Radiaant Expotion Ltd	
AUTO CLUSTER EXHIBITION CENTRE, PUNE		CODISSIA TRADE FAIR COMPLEX	VIGYAN BHAWAN SCIENCE CITY, AHMD	JW MARRIOTT BENGALURU	
INDIA ELECTRIC MOTOR EXPO 2026	GLOBE-TECH ENGINEERING EXPO 2026	RAW MAT INDIA 2026	MEDITECH HEALTHCARE ASIA 2026	ASIA JEWELS SHOW 2026 - BENGALURU	
15-17 OCT, 2026 Organiser : Vaarta Trade Fairs India Pvt. Ltd.	2-5 OCT, 2026 Organiser : Globe-Tech Media Solutions	6-8 OCT, 2026 Organiser : CODISSIA Intec Technology Centre	9-11 OCT, 2026 Organiser : RADEECAL COMMUNICATIONS	16-18 OCT, 2026 Organiser : HRS Media	
INDIA INTERNATIONAL EV SHOW 2026 PUNE	DIEMEX- 2026 INTERNATIONAL DIE & MOULD EXHIBITION	HELIPAD EXHIBITION CENTRE	SHRIRAM BUSINESS PARK, RAIPUR	PALACE GROUNDS, BENGALURU	
2-4 OCT, 2026 Organiser : ICPMA & Futurex Trade Fair & Events Pvt Ltd	8-10 OCT, 2026 Organiser : Maxx Business Media Pvt. Ltd	FARM TO FASHION 2026	CON-MINEX EXPO 2026	SOUTH SIGN EXPO 2026	
		16-18 OCT, 2026 Organiser : K and D Communication Limited	2-5 OCT, 2026 Organiser : FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS EVENTS AND EXHIBITION PRIVATE LIMITED	23-25 OCT, 2026 Organiser : Buysell Interactions Pvt. Ltd	

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BOMBAY EXHIBITION CENTRE		JIO WORLD CONVENTION CENTRE		BHARAT MANDAPAM
MARITIME INDIA CONFERENCE & EXPO 2026 2-4 NOV, 2026 Organiser : FICCI	ACETECH SHOW - MUMBAI 19-22 NOV, 2026 Organiser : ABEC	DESIGN MUMBAI 19-22 NOV, 2026 Organiser : Design Mumbai	BAKERY BUSINESS 2026 25-27 NOV, 2026 Organiser : Hospitality First	IITF - INDIA INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR 2026 14-27 NOV, 2026 Organiser : India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)
YASHOBHOOMI		GREEN BUILDING CONGRESS AND EXPO 2026 26-28 NOV, 2026 Organiser : CII		PUNE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AND CONVENTION CENTRE
INDIAIRPORT EXPO 2026 19-20 NOV, 2026 Organiser : RADEECAL COMMUNICATIONS	CPHI INDIA 2026 23-26 NOV, 2026 Organiser : INFORMA MARKETS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	FINANCIAL DISTRIBUTOR EXPO 2026 25-26 NOV, 2026 Organiser : Moneycontrol Financial Distributor		FACTORY AUTOMATION EXPO 2026 27-29 NOV, 2026 Organiser : Future Market Events
NSIC GROUNDS, DELHI		HELIPAD EXHIBITION CENTRE		HITEX EXHIBITION CENTRE
CLOTHING MACHINE EXPO 2026 21-23 NOV, 2026 Organiser : Essential Events & Trade Fairs	FOAID - FESTIVAL OF ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGNING 27-28 NOV, 2026 Organiser : Coalesce Eventz India Private Limited	SPORTSDAQ 2026 26-28 NOV, 2026 Organiser : ROUND3 TRADESHOW CONSULTING PRIVATE LIMITED	NATIONAL PRINTING EXPO 2026 28-30 NOV, 2026 Organiser : PRINTERS CLUB EXPO PRIVATE LIMITED	POULTRY INDIA EXPO 2026 25-27 NOV, 2026 Organiser : INDIAN POULTRY EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATIONS
BANGALORE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE		CODISSIA TRADE FAIR COMPLEX		BISWA BANGLA MELA PRANGAN
BENGALURU TECH SUMMIT 2026 17-19 NOV, 2026 Organiser : IMS Foundation	DIDAC INDIA 2026 25-27 NOV, 2026 Organiser : Messe Stuttgart India Private Limited	PLASTECH INDIA EXPO 2026 27-29 NOV, 2026 Organiser : Media Day Marketing	WASTETECH INDIA 2026 27-29 NOV, 2026 Organiser : Media Day Marketing	EASTERN SIGNAGE 2026 27-29 NOV, 2026 Organiser : DBS INTERNATIONAL
INDIA EXPOSITION MART LTD		LABHGANGA EXHIBITION CENTER, INDORE	ADLUX INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE	MMCEC, GANDHINAGAR
INDUSTRIAL CONNECT EXPO 2026 16-18 NOV, 2026 Organiser : E2E Events and Exhibitions Ventures	GREENOVATION EXPO 2026 TBA Organiser : INDIAN EXHIBITION SERVICES	PLASTPACK 2026 27-30 NOV, 2026 Organiser : INDIAN PLASTPACK FORUM	PROWAVE EXPO 2026 17-19 NOV, 2026 Organiser : Sai Solutions	GRAINTECH INDIA 2026 20-22 NOV, 2026 Organiser : Media Today Pvt. Ltd.
INDIA INTERIOR EXPO 2026 TBA Organiser : INDIAN EXHIBITION SERVICES	PMEC INDIA 2026 23-26 NOV, 2026 Organiser : INFORMA MARKETS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	LUDHIANA EXHIBITION CENTRE	GUJARAT UNIVERSITY CONVENTION EXHIBITION CENTRE	HOTEL SAHARA STAR, MUMBAI
		INTEXT EXPO 2026 27-30 NOV, 2026 Organiser : Udan Media & Communication Pvt. Ltd.	TECH EXPO GUJARAT 2026 27-29 NOV, 2026 Organiser : TechExpoGujarat	UNITED PROPERTY EXPO MUMBAI 2026 26-27 NOV, 2026 Organiser : United Property Expo
Global Pharma Partnering Summit 2026 Date : 2-3 NOV, 2026 Venue : Aayera Organiser : JRC CONVENTION CENTRE, Hyderabad	Vibrant North East 2026 Date : 5-7 NOV, 2026 Venue : CENTRE FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT Organiser : Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra, Guwahati	Premier Schools Exhibition Date : 14-15 NOV, 2026 Venue : Affairs Exhibitions & Media Pvt. Ltd. Organiser : Vivanta Guwahati,	Gartner IT Symposium/Xpo 2026 Date : 16-18 NOV, 2026 Venue : Gartner, Inc. Organiser : Grand Hyatt Kochi Bolgatty	18th International Mining and Machinery Exhibition 2026 Date : 18-21 NOV, 2026 Venue : Confederation of Indian Industry Organiser : Science City Ground, Kolkata
REFCOLD INDIA 2026 Date : 19-21 NOV, 2026 Venue : ISHRAE Trade Fairs Organiser : New Agriculture College Ground, Pune	InnoHEALTH Conference 2026 Date : 20-21 NOV, 2026 Venue : InnovatioCuris Organiser : Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	India Art Festival - New Delhi 2026 Date : 20-22 NOV, 2026 Venue : RUTURAJ INDOARTFEST PRIVATE E LIMITED Organiser : Constitution Club of India, New Delhi	5th International Autoshow 2026 Date : 20-22 NOV, 2026 Venue : Reed Triune Exhibitions Pvt.Ltd. Organiser : Palace Grounds, Bengaluru	CII AgroTech India 2026 Date : 20-23 NOV, 2026 Venue : Confederation of Indian Industry Organiser : Parade Ground, Chandigarh
EngiExpo Pune 2026 Date : 21-23 NOV, 2026 Venue : 2 Way Advertising Organiser : Moshi Ground, Pune	Asia Jewels Show 2026 - Coimbatore Date : 21-23 NOV, 2026 Venue : HRS Media Organiser : The Regency Tower, Coimbatore	SPiCE The Reunion 2026 Date : 24-25 NOV, 2026 Venue : EVENTUS INTERNATIONAL Organiser : Park Regis Goa	Indusfood 2026 Date : 25-27 NOV, 2026 Venue : TRADE PROMOTION COUNCIL OF INDIA Organiser : Bengaluru	Rajkot Machine Tools Show 2026 Date : 25-28 NOV, 2026 Venue : K and D Communication Limited Organiser : NSIC GROUND, Rajkot
IITM - India International Travel Mart Date : 26-28 NOV, 2026 Venue : Sphere Travelmedia & Exhibitions Pvt. Ltd. Organiser : Deccan College Ground, Pune	YARN, FABRIC & ACCESSORIES TRADE SHOW 2026 Date : 26-28 NOV, 2026 Venue : Vision Communication Organiser : Dana Mandi, Ludhiana	InnoRail India 2026 Date : 26-28 NOV, 2026 Venue : CONFEDERATION OF INDIAN INDUSTRY Organiser : RDSO Stadium Ground, Lucknow	BAIC EXPO Date : 26-29 NOV, 2026 Venue : BAIC EXHIBITION & EVENTS Organiser : Assam Engineering Institute Playground, Guwahati	PAPER RECYCLING CONFEX ASIA 2026 Date : 27-28 NOV, 2026 Venue : Waste & Recycling Organiser : Novotel Resort Dona Sylvia, Goa

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BOMBAY EXHIBITION CENTRE WOFX - WORLD FURNITURE EXPO 8-10 DEC, 2026 Organiser : Worldex India Exhibition & Promotion Private Limited ANNAPORNA INTER FOOD 9-11 DEC, 2026 Organiser : VA Exhibitions HYGIENEX ASIA 9-11 DEC, 2026 Organiser : RADEECAL COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION ON REINFORCED PLASTICS (ICERP) 14-16 DEC, 2026 Organiser : FRP Institute RACE: RECYCLING AND COMPOUNDING EXPO 14-16 DEC, 2026 Organiser : AMI - Applied Market Information Ltd. CHINA MACHINEX INDIA 22-24 DEC, 2026 Organiser : Ptak Warsaw Expo 49TH EDITION OF MEDICALL EXPO - MUMBAI 8-10 DEC, 2026 Organiser : GLOBAL EXHIBITION ORGANISERS AND CONSULTANTS NON WOVEN TECH ASIA 9-11 DEC, 2026 Organiser : RADEECAL COMMUNICATIONS GLOBALCHEM SHOW 14-15 DEC, 2026 Organiser : NEEDS INFORMATION SERVICES LTD TECHNOCHEMSHOW 14-15 DEC, 2026 Organiser : NEEDS INFORMATION SERVICES LTD IHFF - INTERNATIONAL HEALTH SPORTS & FITNESS FESTIVAL MUMBAI 18-20 DEC, 2026 Organiser : IHFF SECRETARIAT SOURCE NXT 22-24 DEC, 2026 Organiser : Peppermint Communications Pvt Ltd
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AUTO CLUSTER EXHIBITION CENTRE, PUNE		HITEX EXHIBITION CENTRE		SHRIRAM BUSINESS PARK, RAIPUR
EPS ENERGY EXPO 2026 11-13 DEC, 2026 Organiser : A AND A MEDIA GROUP	SUBCONTRACT INDIA 2026 17-19 DEC, 2026 Organiser : EEPC India	IPVS + ICPE EXHIBITION 2026 3-4 DEC, 2026 Organiser : ORBIT EXHIBITIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	INDIA MED EXPO HYDERABAD 2026 18-20 DEC, 2026 Organiser : S.D. Promo Media Pvt. Ltd.	INDEXPO RAIPUR 2026 3-5 DEC, 2026 Organiser : Indore Infoline Pvt. Ltd
MCCIA DEFENCE, AEROSPACE & SPACE EXPO 2026 3-5 DECEMBER, 2026 Organiser : MAHRATTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRIES & AGRICULTURE	PUNE EXPO 2026 22-24 DECEMBER, 2026 Organiser : MAHRATTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRIES & AGRICULTURE	SIGN INDIA HYDERABAD 2026 4-6 DECEMBER, 2026 Organiser : Businesslive Trade Fairs	INDIA DIE & MOULD SHOW 2026 10-12 DECEMBER, 2026 Organiser : Future Market Events	EXPO IMAARAT A STYLE TO DECOR 2026 17-20 DEC, 2026 Organiser : Innovative Events and Exhibitors
Premier Schools Exhibition Date : 12-13 December, 2026 Venue : Pride Plaza Hotel, Ahmedabad Organiser : Affairs Exhibitions & Media Pvt. Ltd.	MACHMA EXPO 2026 Date : 11-14 December, 2026 Venue : Parade Ground, Chandigarh Organiser : Fortune Exhibitors Pvt. Ltd.	INDOMACH Nagpur 2026 Date : 11-14 December, 2026 Venue : RTMN University Ground, Nagpur Organiser : INDOMACH BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	AgroTech 2026 Date : 3-5 December, 2026 Venue : ICAR-Indian Sugarcane Research Institute, Lucknow Organiser : ICFA	Medical Expo India 2026 Lucknow Date : 18-20 December, 2026 Venue : Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow Organiser : Swastik Projects
India Travel Mart - Lucknow 2026 Date : 17-19 December, 2026 Venue : Lucknow Organiser : ICM GROUP	NORTHERN WOOD EXPO 2026 Date : 19-21 December, 2026 Venue : Defence Expo Ground, Lucknow Organiser : The Eventage	Premier Schools Exhibition Date : 15-16 December, 2026 Venue : Sayaji Hotel, Rajkot Organiser : Affairs Exhibitions & Media Pvt. Ltd.	Agri World Expo 2026 Date : 25-27 December, 2026 Venue : Rajkot Organiser : SPARK INC	Kerala Gem & Jewellery Show Date : 11-13 December, 2026 Venue : Adlux International Convention & Exhibition Centre Organiser : PVJ Endeavours AOJ Media KNC Services
Khadhya Khurak 2026 Date : 16-19 Dec, 2026 Venue : Gandhinagar, Gujarat Organiser : Khimashia Associates	IITM - India International Travel Mart - Hyderabad 2026 Date : 3-5 Dec, 2026 Venue : Hyderabad Organiser : Sphere Travelmedia & Exhibitions Pvt. Ltd	International Mining, M-Sand & Construction Equipment Expo 2026 Date : 18-20 Dec, 2026 Venue : Chennai Organiser : International Expositions and Mines Services		



40th Garment Technology Expo 2026 Showcases the Future of Apparel Manufacturing in Bengaluru

The 40th edition of Garment Technology Expo (GTE) 2026 was inaugurated at Gayatri Vihar Palace Ground, Bengaluru, bringing together garment manufacturers, machinery providers, technology companies and industry professionals from India and overseas. Organised by GTE and India Exposition Mart Ltd., the three-day exhibition, held from September 18–20, 2026, featured more than 120 exhibitors across 70,000 sq. ft. of exhibition space. Supported by the Ministry of

Textiles, Government of India, and co-located with the Leather & Footwear Technology Expo (LFT), the event showcased developments in automation, artificial intelligence, digitalisation, sustainability and smart manufacturing.

Shri Siva Ganapathi, Managing Director, Gokaldas Exports, while taking around exhibition, said, “I am very happy to see this. I don’t think you have to go out of the country to be able to do all this. You can sit here and buy whatever you want at the best prices, and it looks very, very promising. So,

Bengaluru represents an important milestone in our journey of taking advanced garment technology directly to India’s key manufacturing hubs. GTE has evolved into a pan-India platform connecting technology providers with manufacturers within their regional territories. The response in Bengaluru reinforces the need for greater technology awareness and access to advanced manufacturing solutions among Indian garment manufacturers.

Inderjit Singh Sahni,
Chairman & Managing Director,
Garment Technology Expo

thank you very much for inviting me, and thank you very much for being here.” Speaking on the occasion, Shri Inderjit Singh Sahni, Chairman & Managing Director, Garment Technology Expo, said, “Bengaluru represents an important milestone in our journey of taking advanced garment technology directly to India’s key manufacturing hubs. GTE has evolved into a pan-India platform connecting technology providers with manufacturers within their regional territories. The response in Bengaluru reinforces the need for greater technology awareness and access to advanced manufacturing solutions among Indian garment manufacturers.”

The Bengaluru edition reinforces this regional approach by bringing advanced manufacturing solutions closer to one of India’s important garment industry hubs. From automated sewing and precision cutting to AI-powered inspection, digital factory management, embroidery, finishing and sustainable production systems, the exhibition reflects the industry’s accelerating transition towards smarter, more connected and resource-efficient manufacturing.



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PLASTICS RECYCLING SHOW INDIA 2026



The inaugural ceremony and traditional lamp-lighting marked the beginning of three days focused on plastics recycling, sustainability and circularity. The event brought together prominent industry leaders and sustainability experts from across sectors. Key guests included representatives from AIILSG, Colgate-Palmolive, Marico, JSW Green Steel and CIPET. Their participation highlighted the growing importance of collaboration and innovation in advancing India's circular plastics ecosystem.

GTE - GARMENT TECHNOLOGY EXPO 2026



The 40th Edition of Garment Technology 2026 Bengaluru has been inaugurated, marking the beginning of three days of innovation, technology and industry collaboration. With a strong focus on advanced garment manufacturing technologies, automation and industry-driven solutions, GTE 2026 Bengaluru brings together leading technology providers and manufacturing professionals under one roof.

IFAT INDIA 2026



IFAT India 2026 opened with a strong inaugural gathering of industry leaders and dignitaries in Mumbai. The three-day event brought together environmental experts, technology providers and industry professionals. The opening day showcased innovative technologies, ideas and solutions shaping the environmental sector. With strong industry participation, the event set the stage for three days of knowledge exchange, collaboration and business opportunities.

LASER WORLD OF PHOTONICS INDIA 2026



LASER World of PHOTONICS INDIA 2026 opened with a strong start, marking three days of innovation, knowledge exchange and collaboration in Bengaluru. The exhibition brought together 150+ exhibitors from 20+ countries, showcasing more than 1,000 technologies and featuring 20+ knowledge-sharing sessions. The inauguration was attended by industry leaders, government representatives and experts, including Shri M. B. Patil, Dr. Urbasi Sinha, Dr. Lalit Kumar, Mr. Hiroshi Nawata, Katja Stolle, Anke Odouli and Tanmay Pol. The event provided a platform for the photonics industry to explore emerging technologies, exchange ideas and build new business connections.

FSIE - FIRE & SECURITY INDIA EXPO 2026



A strong start marked the opening of the Fire & Security India Expo, bringing the industry together for three days of innovation and collaboration. The inaugural ceremony witnessed the presence of government officials, industry leaders, innovators and security professionals. The event set the stage for meaningful discussions on emerging technologies, safety solutions and industry trends.

HBLF SHOW 2026



HBLF Show 2026 witnessed a vibrant edition filled with meaningful conversations, valuable connections and memorable moments. From the grand inauguration to the bustling exhibition floor, the event brought together industry professionals, brands and business leaders. The show provided a platform for networking, knowledge exchange and exploring new business opportunities across the industry.

FIRE SAFE BUILD INDIA 2026



Fire Safe Build India (FSBI) 2026 opened at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, bringing together architects, consultants, developers and fire & safety professionals. The opening day featured an inaugural ceremony, industry discussions and knowledge-sharing sessions. Live product demonstrations showcased the latest solutions in passive fire protection and building safety. The event also provided a platform for industry professionals to connect, exchange ideas and explore new business opportunities.

INFOCOMM INDIA 2026



InfoComm India 2026 concluded successfully at Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, after three days of business, technology innovation and knowledge exchange. Held from 16–18 September, the 12th edition welcomed 13,275 business attendees from 49 countries, marking a 5.3% increase over 2025. The event brought together leading Pro AV brands, technology providers, integrators and industry professionals. The strong turnout and senior buyer participation further reinforced InfoComm India's position as a key platform for India's rapidly growing Pro AV industry.

INDEXPLUS 2026 MUMBAI / MUMBAIWOOD 2026



IndexPlus Mumbai brought the entire furniture and woodworking ecosystem together, with busy aisles, active business conversations and strong industry engagement. From woodworking machinery, materials and manufacturing technologies to furniture, interiors and finished spaces, the exhibition showcased the complete value chain under one roof. The event provided a platform for sourcing, networking, knowledge exchange and new business opportunities.

MEDICAL FAIR INDIA 2026- MUMBAI



The opening day of Medical Fair India 2026 highlighted the rapid growth of India's medical device sector, which has expanded from \$5 billion in 2020–21 to around \$18 billion. The 32nd edition, organised by Messe Düsseldorf India at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai, brought together healthcare professionals, manufacturers and technology providers. Discussions focused on India's growing manufacturing capabilities, policy support and the shift towards greater self-reliance in medical technology. The event also highlighted innovation and emerging opportunities across India's expanding MedTech ecosystem.

IMM INDIA 2026



The inaugural edition of imm india 2026 was held at Yashobhoomi (IICC), Dwarka, New Delhi, bringing together leading brands, manufacturers, designers and industry professionals from the global interiors and furniture ecosystem. Taking place from September 1 to 3, 2026, imm india positioned itself as a dedicated B2B platform where design excellence, innovation and business opportunities converged. The exhibition provided industry professionals with an opportunity to discover new products, explore emerging design directions and build connections across the interiors value chain.

ELECTRONICA INDIA 2026 AND PRODUCTONICA INDIA 2026



The inaugural moment marked the official opening of electronica India 2026 and productronica India 2026, bringing together industry leaders, distinguished guests and the wider electronics community. The opening ceremony set the stage for three days of innovation, technology and business connections, with the electronics industry coming together under one roof. The exhibitions provided a platform to showcase the latest technologies, solutions and developments shaping India's growing electronics ecosystem.

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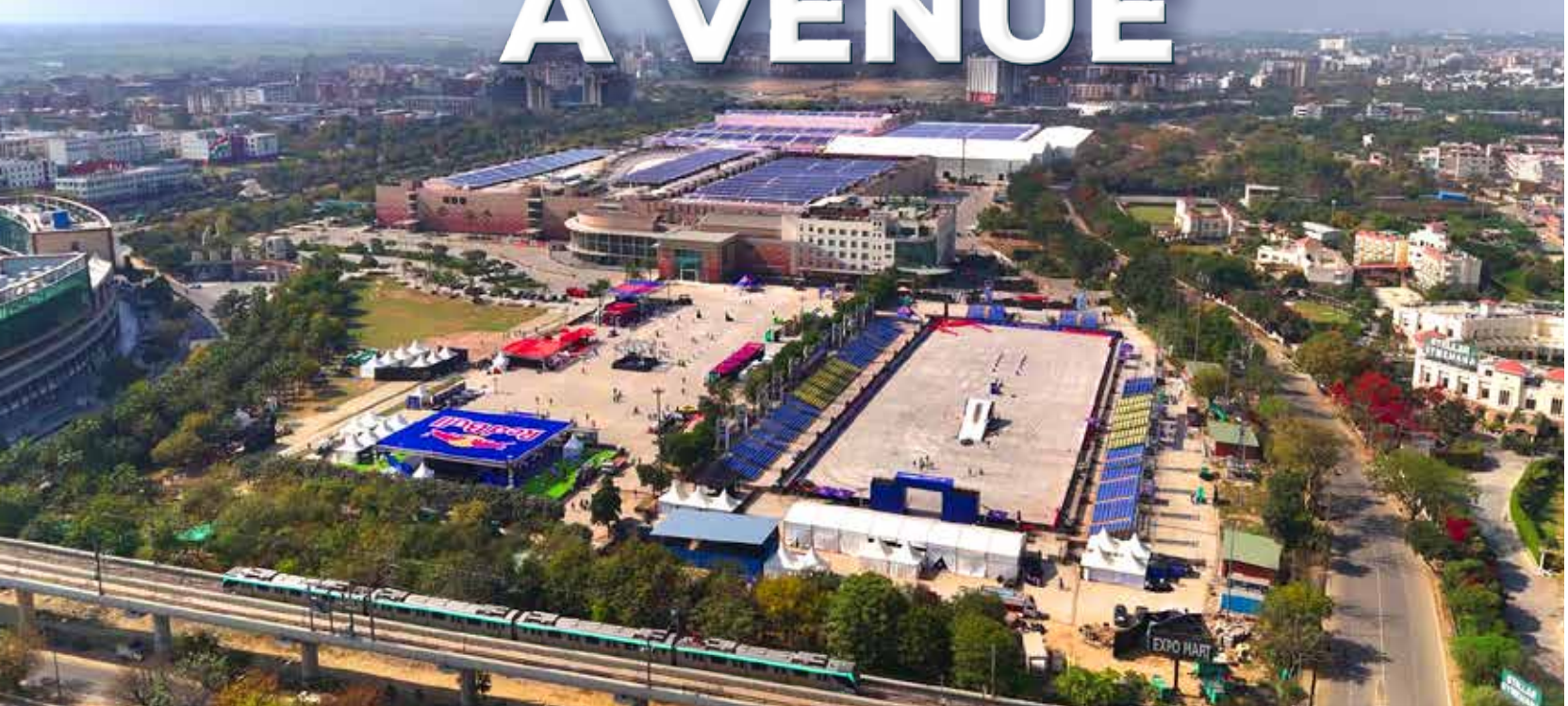


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