

ProFood India Conference 2026

Theme: Building manufacturing excellence capabilities in Indian food processing operations



28 – 29 October, 2026

Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai, India

About the ProFood India 2026 Conference

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Scenario I:

You are a food processor waging a lone uphill battle in keeping the business running. One day you're stressed about working capital for opex. On another, it is dealing with dated processing equipment. You know your consumer, but discomfort with digital transformation and absence of skilled manpower is holding you back from peak performance.



Scenario II:

You are an exporter in need of support on how to navigate the world of international regulations. You have an A-grade product, but lack of clarity in hygiene, engineering and material standards is frittering away your efforts. On some days, you are concerned about energy auditors and regulatory agencies knocking on your door to impose tight energy conservation guidelines for plant operations. On others, state pollution boards and municipal bodies impose EPR obligations for compliance when you can think of little else aside from movement of cargo overseas.

Deliberations will provide SME operators with exposure to successful equipment and material handling design transformations in Indian settings. Best practices in digital transformation, manpower modernisation, energy conservation and long-term sustainability imperatives will be showcased. Policymakers, regulators, standards leaders, and food administrators, will be on hand to sensitise you on schemes, grants and incentives available to you as well as beneficial workforce initiatives you can adopt.



**Join us at
the ProFood India 2026 Conference**

where a 2-day program comprising panel discussions and debates will address manufacturing excellence and export readiness of processor operations, helping you address scenarios such as these.

Key Discussion Topics

Day I



Road ahead for equipment modernization of Indian snack manufacturers' operations



Meeting global standards in Indian MSME food processor operations – Where we stand & where we need to go



Addressing the bugbear of working capital financing in the SME sector



Role of innovation in sparking growth of Indian food processing industry snack manufacturers' operations



Trends shaping the future of baking operations in India processors

Day II



Envisioning the future of energy conservation in Indian food processing operations



Where is the Indian F&V processing equipment market headed over the next decade?

National Advisory Committee (NAC)

About -

To pursue the stated Vision, and achieve the Mission Statement, we at Messe Muenchen India (MMI) are constituting the ProFood India 2026 National Advisory Committee (NAC). This newly constituted leadership group will serve as an elite, expert brain trust spanning large-scale & SME food processors, innovators, HVACR & processing equipment manufacturers, material handlers, standards & certification leaders, administrators, and R&D heads.



Vision:

To position India as a food processing industry of international repute & global renown by prioritising manufacturing competitiveness & export readiness.



Mission:

Sparking growth of in-plant & in-transit processor operations via knowledge-sharing of adopter Best Practices, and solutions available in processing equipment design, technology tool & data science adoption, energy conservation, material handling design, sustainability, and standard & certification compliance.

Designed to support the ProFood India secretariat at MMI, the NAC leadership will be responsible for



Design & constitution of the thought leadership group for the conference agenda



Design & constitution of a VIP group comprising captains of food industry, policymakers, & regulators, to open the conference proceedings on Day I



Design & constitution of a hosted buyer program for the conference



Design & constitution of an 'Innovator Showcase' to demonstrate cutting-edge technologies, material handling, & data science solutions



Design & constitution of 'Smart Operators Pavilion' to showcase Use Cases & illustrations of Smart Manufacturing Practices in Indian plant operations



Design & constitution of 'Best Practices Pavilion' to showcase international Indian MNC processors that demonstrate future-ready facility operations

For further information on the **ProFood India 2026 Conference NAC** kindly reach out to **Uday Laroia** at uday.laroia@mm-india.in.

Speaker Profiles



Incumbent policymakers from Central Ministries



Incumbent policymakers from State Departments of Food, Supplies & Consumer Affairs



Directorates of food regulatory & enforcement agencies



Chairpersons from food safety, quality & hygiene audit authorities



Country heads from food testing & calibration laboratories



Administrators from food regulatory & licensing, training & compliance, skills & innovation, institutes



Secretaries-General from marine, agricultural, processed foods, & spices export promotion councils & food-based commodity boards



Captains of the food industry



Corporate Chiefs, functional & territorial leaders from all-category food & input sectors



MDs/CEOs from food processing equipment, HVACR, & material handling industries



F&B, DTC founders



Banking & Financial Services leaders from lending institutions & Fintech founders



Predictive, prescriptive, sensor, simulation, automation, remote sensing, robotics, & drone technology founders



Country heads from accredited national certification & standards bodies



MDs/CEOs from renewable & alt-energy companies



Venture Capitalists

Audience Profiles



Business Line
leaders in Safety &
Hygiene; QA-QC



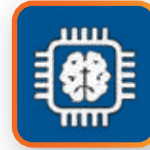
Facility &
Maintenance
Directors



Chiefs of Supply
Chain & Logistics



CTOs, Digital
Transformation &
Data Science
teams



Sustainability,
EHS & ESG
directors



Leaders in
Food Innova-
tion, Food R&D
and Food
Technologists



Corporate Chiefs of
Engineering &
Material Sciences



Public Policy and
Government &
Industry Relations
Directors



Company
Secretaries



F&B DTC
functional teams



Functional
leaders from
renewable &
alt-energy
companies



Food industry
professionals



Heads of Manufac-
turing Excellence;
Operations
Excellence; Process
Excellence; Plant &
Productivity
Operations



Automation, AI,
IoT, AR-VR-XR,
Digital Twin,
Blockchain,
Geospatial, &
Robotics teams



HoDs from conven-
tional lenders &
functional heads
from fintech
companies



Business Line leaders,
HoDs, and sales,
territorial & BD teams
from food processing
equipment, HVACR, &
material handling
industries



Certification &
Standards
Heads (Food,
Sustainability,
& Transport
Businesses)

Audience Industry Segments



Bakery wares



Cereal & Cereal Products



Confectionery



Eggs & Egg Products



Fats & Oils, and Fat Emulsions



Fish & Fish Products



Foodstuffs (Nutritional Uses)



Fresh & Processed Fruits



Indian Snacks & Savouries Products



Indian Sweets



Meat & Meat products (including poultry)



Prepared Foods (Convenience)



Ready-To-Eat Savouries



Salts, Spices, Soups, Sauces, Salads & Protein Products

Are you facing **problems** like these?



As a manufacturing excellence, are you fed up of reacting to crises & feeling powerless in anticipating them?



Be it plant operations or product movement, are you interested in how data gives context to business operations?



As your company's net zero champion, are waste management & water minimisation your primary agenda?



As a promoter paying bills, are you aware of energy audits, EPR guidelines, prevailing regulations, & compliance measures impacting energy consumption & net-zero obligations?



As a QA-QC expert, are you responsible for anticipating hazard & exposure scenarios and implementing facility risk control protocols?



As a procurement specialist, are you liable to ensure raw materials & ingredients meet strict standards through supplier audits & quality checks?

Well, we have come armed with **solutions!**



Meet data scientists & analytics leaders who will guide you on how to measure business performance to boost productivity & safeguard transport.



Rub shoulders with standards-compliant equipment manufacturers to prioritise safety & hygiene in manufacturing.



Hob nob with standards & certifications leaders to chart your company's very own manufacturing competitiveness roadmap.



Confer with conventional lender leaderships & fintech founders to successfully navigate the working capital financing universe.



Gain insights on how AI, sensor & simulation technology adoption build anticipatory & advisory capabilities in decision making.



Pick the brains of remote sensing startup leaders to support your trace & track abilities in goods carriage.



Listen to policymakers as they craft India's forward looking energy conservation rules & their impact on operations.



Keep abreast of employee modernisation initiatives that food training, compliance, skills, & innovation, administrators have launched.



Stay updated on Government subsidies, incentives, & grants laying thrust on net-zero targets.

About Messe Muenchen India

Founded in 2007 as a wholly owned subsidiary of Messe München GmbH, Messe Muenchen India Pvt. Ltd. is one of the leading organizers of trade fairs in India with an extensive portfolio of B2B trade fairs covering various sectors. Messe Muenchen India launched IFAT India in 2013 to grow the environmental technology sector in the country.

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