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Foreword

Global Food Pro has been conceived as a strategic industry initiative to strengthen India's food processing ecosystem by bringing together government, industry, MSMEs, startups, research institutions, investors, buyers and international partners on one integrated platform.

The launch program held on 25 June 2026 in Bengaluru marked an important milestone in this journey. It was not merely an inauguration, but the formal commencement of a long-term platform designed to support innovation, value addition, export development, investment, technology adoption and sustainable growth across the food value chain.

This report captures the progress achieved prior to the launch, the strategic discussions held during the programme, the key perspectives shared by distinguished speakers, early industry commitments, and the roadmap towards the inaugural Global Food Pro exhibition scheduled from 13 to 15 May 2027.



| Executive Summary

The launch of Global Food Pro 2027 marked the successful transition of the initiative from concept to implementation.

The project has progressed through structured planning, stakeholder consultation, brand development, advisory engagement, institutional outreach and industry mobilisation. Prior to the launch, the Steering Committee and Advisory Committee met to review the vision, direction and implementation approach for the project. These discussions helped shape Global Food Pro as a year-round industry platform rather than a stand-alone exhibition.

The launch programme brought together representatives from government, industry, academia, research institutions, investors, entrepreneurs, media and supporting organisations. A consistent message emerged through the discussions: India has significant potential to become a global leader in food processing, but this requires coordinated action across value addition, technology adoption, supply chain development, food safety, traceability, exports, investment and market access.

An important outcome of the launch was the early commitment received from several companies to participate as exhibitors at Global Food Pro 2027. This response reflects confidence from industry and demonstrates that the project has begun to move from vision into active participation.

In addition, the support received from the Ministry of Food Processing Industries and the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has strengthened the credibility of the initiative and reinforced its alignment with national priorities. Outreach efforts have also commenced with international organisations, including Austrade and other overseas trade bodies, to encourage global participation, country delegations and international buyer engagement.

Global Food Pro now enters its next phase of implementation with a focus on exhibitor development, sponsorship engagement, conference planning, domestic and international outreach, buyer mobilisation and strategic partnerships.

Project Background

India possesses one of the world's largest agricultural bases and a rapidly expanding food economy. However, significant opportunities remain in value addition, processing, packaging, cold chain, technology adoption, branding, export readiness and international market access.

The food processing sector has the potential to support employment generation, MSME development, rural entrepreneurship, women-led enterprises, startup innovation, export growth and manufacturing competitiveness. To realise this potential, the sector requires stronger collaboration between government, industry, academia, investors, technology providers and international buyers.

Global Food Pro has been developed to serve this purpose.

It is designed as a dedicated B2B platform for the food processing and allied manufacturing ecosystem, connecting manufacturers, MSMEs, exporters, buyers, machinery companies, packaging businesses, ingredients suppliers, cold chain providers, startups, investors and knowledge institutions.



Project Progress (Prior Launch)

Significant groundwork was completed before the official launch program.

Steering Committee and Advisory Committee Engagement

Prior to the inauguration, the Steering Committee and Advisory Committee met to discuss the strategic direction of Global Food Pro 2027. The meeting focused on the opportunity within India's food processing sector, the role of the platform, the roadmap towards the inaugural exhibition, and the need to build strong participation from industry, government, academia, investors and international partners.

The Advisory Committee provided direction on the positioning of Global Food Pro as a serious industry platform with long-term relevance. Discussions also covered exhibitor mobilisation, conference themes, international outreach, buyer engagement, startup participation and the importance of creating a year-round engagement model.

This meeting played an important role in aligning stakeholders before the public launch and helped establish a clear direction for the project.

PROGRESS PRIOR TO THE LAUNCH

Significant groundwork was completed before the official launch program.

-  **STEERING COMMITTEE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT**
-  **STRATEGIC DIRECTION & ROADMAP PLANNING**
-  **STAKEHOLDER ALIGNMENT & CLEAR DIRECTION**



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Institutional Support

The project has received encouraging support from key institutional stakeholders, including the Ministry of Food Processing Industries and the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

This support is significant because it demonstrates alignment with national priorities relating to food processing, MSME development, value addition, entrepreneurship, manufacturing growth and export promotion.

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National and International Outreach

Outreach activities have commenced with industry associations, trade bodies, international organisations and overseas agencies. Discussions with Austrade, German embassy, Italian trade Agency and other international stakeholders have helped create a foundation for future participation by international delegations, buyers, exhibitors and strategic partners.

These early engagements demonstrate the project's potential to grow into a platform with both national relevance and international visibility.

Industry Commitment

One of the strongest indicators of project momentum has been the positive response from industry.

Following the launch, several companies confirmed their intention to participate as exhibitors at Global Food Pro 2027. These commitments demonstrate confidence in the platform and validate the need for a dedicated exhibition and business ecosystem for the food processing sector.

The early exhibitors represent a diverse cross-section of the industry, including food manufacturers, machinery providers, organic food brands, processing companies, bakery businesses, packaging enterprises, agri-food companies and value-added food businesses.

Initial Confirmed Exhibitors

S/N	Company Name	Person Name	Designation
1	Hitek Engineering	Anikesh	General Manager
2	Bhogaraju Foods Pvt Ltd.	Vasudha Mohan	Co-Founder And CEO
3	Ratan's Pai Bakery	Jyotsna Pai	Managing Director
4	Honniga Eats	Smitha V Katti	Proprietor
5	Elmec Technopac Machineries	Saraswathi	Director
6	Milletzkart India Private Limited	Hema Madan	CEO
7	KLINGG Organics LLP	Sreenivasa Kashyap	Partner
8	Hindusthan Muktha Cashew Processing	BV Ganesh Prabhu	Chairman
9	Akshayakalpa Organic	Akula Bharath Chandra	Head BTL
10	Elmec India	Shivapratap H R	CEO
11	Alfanzymes	Leena	CFO
12	Sri Siddalingeshwara Rice Mill	Shivanand R	Proprietor
13	Akshaj Food	Rakhi	Director
14	Atharv	Kavitha	Founder And CEO
15	Divam Udyog	Nitesh	Founder
16	Talewad Agro Industries India	Bhimsen	Director
17	Gayatri Industries	Prasannavenkat A Katti	Director
18	Srianna Divine Food India Pvt Ltd.	Venkat Ramani	Managing Director
19	Honeyday Bee Farms Ltd	Guruprasad Rao	Director

These early confirmations reflect strong industry confidence and provide a solid foundation for further exhibitor mobilisation.



Launch Program Overview

The official launch of Global Food Pro 2027 was held on 25 June 2026 in Bengaluru.

The programme brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, including representatives from government, industry, academia, research institutions, investors, entrepreneurs, media and international organisations. The launch formally introduced the vision, purpose and roadmap of Global Food Pro 2027.

The event included the inaugural ceremony, strategic addresses, advisory interactions, speaker sessions, project presentations and networking. It served as an important platform to consolidate the work completed before the launch and move the project into its implementation phase.



Strategic Perspectives from the Launch

The launch programme generated broad consensus around the strategic importance of India's food processing sector.

The speakers highlighted the need to strengthen value addition, support MSMEs, improve technology adoption, build export competitiveness, enhance food safety, promote traceability, encourage investment and develop stronger global partnerships.

Rather than presenting isolated viewpoints, the launch established a shared direction for Global Food Pro as a platform that can connect policy, industry, innovation, research, capital and markets.



| Speaker-Wise Highlights

Shri Narayan Prasanna

Shri Narayan Prasanna, President, Laghu Udyog Bharati Karnataka, delivered the opening remarks and welcomed the gathering. He positioned Global Food Pro 2027 as a platform designed to connect key stakeholders across the food processing ecosystem, including innovators, exporters, investors, policymakers and industry leaders.

He highlighted the role of media in taking the initiative to a wider audience and noted that food processing is undergoing significant transformation due to agricultural abundance, startup activity and increasing international demand for Indian food products.

His remarks framed the launch as an important milestone in the journey towards strengthening India's food value chain and creating new opportunities for technology discovery, partnerships, business development and exports.

Dr. Sachin Sabnis

Dr. Sachin Sabnis, All India Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati, presented the central vision of the initiative. He explained that Global Food Pro builds on the experience of previous large-scale manufacturing platforms and extends that legacy into the food processing sector.

He emphasised that India must move beyond raw production towards value addition, innovation, quality, food safety, sustainability and global market access. He described Global Food Pro not merely as an exhibition, but as a roadmap for transformation.

He also outlined the year-round engagement model, including roadshows, buyer-seller meets, webinars, conferences and B2B meetings, reinforcing the idea that the platform will continue to create value before, during and after the exhibition.

Dr. Anandharamakrishnan

Dr. Anandharamakrishnan, Director, CSIR-NIIST, delivered a thematic address on the opportunity within food processing. He stressed that India's agricultural strength must be matched by stronger processing, branding, innovation and export systems.

He highlighted the sector's role in employment generation, rural development, women entrepreneurship, MSME growth and export expansion. He also spoke about the importance of packaging, sustainability, food technology and traceability.

His address linked scientific capability with market opportunity and reinforced the importance of research-led industry development as part of the Global Food Pro ecosystem.

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Former Commerce Minister, Government of India, delivered a virtual message supporting the initiative. He highlighted the importance of small and micro enterprises in India's economic and trade landscape and recognised the role of food processing in converting agricultural output into global market opportunities.

He emphasised the importance of processing capacity, supply chain development, technology adoption and market access. His message encouraged India to move beyond production and build stronger capabilities in processing, branding and global trade.

His remarks positioned Global Food Pro as a meaningful journey towards enabling small businesses, cooperatives and food enterprises to participate more effectively in national and international markets.



Dr. Jagat Shah

Dr. Jagat Shah, Chief Mentor, Global Network Institute, delivered the keynote address and provided an operational overview of the initiative. He explained that Global Food Pro would begin engagement well before the exhibition through international roadshows, digital promotion, webinars, buyer-seller meetings, factory visits and country-specific outreach.

He introduced the concept of a student buddy programme to support foreign delegates and create international exposure for students. He also spoke about trade data, free trade agreements, import markets and the importance of early exhibitor participation.

His address positioned Global Food Pro as a data-driven, globally connected and partnership-oriented platform designed to create value throughout the year.

Mr. Rob Neeley

Mr. Rob Neeley, Founder, Securely Group, Australia, spoke on food supply-chain identity and traceability. He explained how technology can help track food products from farm to shelf, enabling businesses and consumers to understand source, movement, authenticity and value distribution.

Using examples from food supply chains, he highlighted the role of identity systems, AI, cryptography and advanced traceability in strengthening trust and export competitiveness.

His presentation added an international technology perspective to the launch and demonstrated how traceability can become a major business advantage for Indian food products in global markets.



Shri Rajeev Arora

Shri Rajeev Arora, Vice President, Leads Connect, focused on the broader economic and social relevance of food processing. He described the sector as one that connects sustainability, nutrition, innovation, exports, food security, rural development, women's participation and entrepreneurship.

He appreciated the platform for bringing together farmers, MSMEs, startups, corporates, investors, researchers and policymakers. He stressed that integrated partnerships are necessary for future growth.

His address reinforced the view that Global Food Pro is not simply an exhibition, but a development-oriented platform with long-term value for the sector.

Shri Madan Gopal

Shri Madan Gopal, Retd IAS, delivered a practical and policy-oriented address. He connected the food sector with India's wider development priorities and highlighted the importance of closing the gap between producers and consumers through better processing, logistics, food safety and infrastructure.

He referred to available institutional support and the need for food entrepreneurs and exporters to better utilise policy and market opportunities.

His remarks positioned Global Food Pro as a useful bridge between policy, industry and market realities, and welcomed the launch as a step towards strengthening the food ecosystem.



Dr. V. Palanimuthu

Dr. V. Palanimuthu, Director, NIFTEM Thanjavur, appreciated the launch and described Bengaluru as a fitting location for an international platform of this nature. He highlighted the importance of exposure for students, entrepreneurs and businesses through major trade events.

He stated that such platforms help improve business maturity, packaging awareness, market readiness and knowledge exchange.

His address added educational and institutional support to the initiative and reinforced the importance of linking industry development with learning, skills and research.

Dr. Bijna Kotak Dasani

Dr. Bijna Kotak Dasani, Managing Director of ArthAum Group, congratulated the organisers and highlighted the significant growth potential of India's food manufacturing and processing sector.

She emphasised the importance of technology, innovation, food safety and traceability in building globally competitive businesses, while noting that MSMEs require stronger access to finance, markets, infrastructure, working capital and supply chain support.

She encouraged collaboration between industry, startups and investors, stating that India's agricultural strength and supportive policy environment position the country to become a global leader in food processing. Her remarks reinforced the role of Global Food Pro as a platform for innovation, investment, partnerships and sustainable industry growth.



Key Themes Emerging from the Launch

Several important themes emerged from the discussions.

Food Processing as a Strategic Growth Sector: Speakers consistently recognised food processing as a major opportunity for India's economic development, with the ability to support farmers, MSMEs, manufacturers, exporters and consumers.

MSME Development: The need to support MSMEs through finance, technology, compliance assistance, market access and supply chain development was repeatedly highlighted.

Innovation and Technology: Technology adoption, automation, traceability, AI, packaging innovation and food safety systems were recognised as critical enablers of future growth.

Investment and Commercialisation: The discussions highlighted the importance of connecting startups and MSMEs with investors, financial institutions and commercial partners.

Export and International Market Access: The need to position Indian food products for global markets was a recurring message, supported by international outreach and buyer engagement.

Research and Knowledge Exchange: Research institutions and academic bodies were recognised as important partners in building innovation, skills and industry readiness.



| Key Outcomes of the Launch

The launch successfully achieved its primary objectives and established a strong foundation for the next phase of the project.

Key Outcomes

Formal Launch: Successfully launched Global Food Pro 2027, transitioning the initiative from concept to execution.

Shared Vision: Achieved strong stakeholder alignment to build a national and international food processing platform.

Strategic Leadership: Steering and Advisory Committees provided clear direction and governance.

Institutional Support: Received backing from the Ministry of Food Processing Industries and the Ministry of MSME, strengthening credibility.

Early Exhibitor Commitment: Secured early exhibitor confirmations, demonstrating strong industry confidence.

International Outreach: Initiated engagement with trade organisations, embassies and global partners for international participation.

Multi-Stakeholder Engagement: Brought together industry leaders, academia, investors, entrepreneurs and media.

Implementation Roadmap: Established a clear roadmap for conferences, buyer-seller programmes, sponsorships and partnerships.

Year-Round Platform: Positioned Global Food Pro as a continuous engagement platform through roadshows, webinars and networking events.

Growing Momentum: Built strong momentum for future participation, partnerships and investment leading up to the exhibition.

Overall Outcome: Global Food Pro has progressed beyond concept validation and is now well positioned for structured growth and large-scale execution.

| The Road Ahead

The project now enters a critical implementation phase leading towards the exhibition from 13 to 15 May 2027.

The next phase will focus on a comprehensive and multi-dimensional execution strategy:

Expanding Exhibitor Participation: Targeted outreach to food manufacturers, processing companies, machinery providers, packaging firms, startups and MSMEs across India and internationally to build a diverse, high quality exhibitor base.

Strengthening Sponsorship and Partnerships: Engaging corporate partners, industry leaders and institutional sponsors to support the exhibition, conferences and networking platforms.

Developing a High Impact Conference Programme: Curating thematic sessions on food processing, technology, exports, sustainability, investment, food safety and innovation with national and international experts.

Domestic and International Roadshows: Conducting promotional events across India and overseas to build awareness, attract exhibitors and engage buyers and delegations.

Buyer and Delegation Development: Creating structured buyer seller programmes involving domestic and international buyers, retail chains, distributors and importers.

Global Engagement and Country Participation: Collaborating with embassies, trade bodies and international agencies to attract country pavilions, foreign exhibitors and global stakeholders.

Startup and Innovation Integration: Providing dedicated platforms for startups, innovators and technology providers to showcase solutions and connect with investors and industry.

Digital and Media Outreach: Strengthening branding through digital campaigns, industry publications, media partnerships and continuous communication.

Institutional and Policy Engagement: Continuing collaboration with government bodies, research institutions and industry associations to align with policy initiatives and sector priorities.

Knowledge and Capacity Building: Organising webinars, workshops and training sessions to improve industry readiness and participation.

Operational Excellence and Experience Design: Delivering world class infrastructure, seamless logistics, outstanding visitor experiences and professional event management.

| Conclusion

The launch of Global Food Pro 2027 on 25 June 2026 in Bengaluru represents far more than the inauguration of an exhibition. It marks the beginning of a deliberate, long-term effort to transform India's food processing sector from a position of agricultural abundance into one of global manufacturing and export leadership.

The journey from concept to launch has been defined by rigorous planning, stakeholder alignment, institutional engagement and early industry validation. The formation of the Steering and Advisory Committees, the support received from the Ministry of Food Processing Industries and the Ministry of MSME, the confirmation of nineteen diverse exhibitors, and the active participation of government leaders, industry veterans, researchers, investors and international partners all signal that Global Food Pro has arrived at a moment of genuine momentum.

What distinguishes this initiative is its refusal to be limited to a three-day event. The year-round engagement model, encompassing roadshows, webinars, buyer-seller meetings, knowledge sessions and international outreach, positions Global Food Pro as a continuous platform for industry development. It is designed to create value before the exhibition, amplify it during the event, and sustain it long after the final delegate departs.

The themes that resonated throughout the launch remain the guiding principles for the months ahead: the imperative of MSME empowerment, the acceleration of technology

adoption, the strengthening of traceability and food safety, the expansion of export readiness, and the integration of research, policy and capital into a single, cohesive ecosystem.

As the project moves into its implementation phase, the focus shifts from vision to execution. The inaugural exhibition at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre from 13 to 15 May 2027 will be the first major milestone, but it is only one chapter in a much larger story. The true measure of Global Food Pro's success will be the partnerships it forges, the businesses it enables, the investments it attracts, and the global market access it creates for Indian food processing enterprises of every scale.

With the foundations now firmly in place, the commitment of its founding stakeholders, and the confidence of an industry ready to move from potential to performance, Global Food Pro 2027 is positioned to become India's definitive platform for the food processing ecosystem and a meaningful contributor to the sector's growth for years to come.

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