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The World's Largest Films and Flexible Packaging Summit & Exhibition

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Day One - 26 August, Wednesday

07:30 - 08:50

Meet & Greet and Registrations

09:00 - 09:05

Welcome Remarks

Nidhi Verma, Founder & Managing Director, **ElitePlus** Business Services

Keynote Addresses by:

09:05 - 09:15

The Next Decade of Packaging: Resilient, Circular & Intelligent.

Navanit Narayan, Wholtime Director & CEO, **Haldia Petrochemicals**

09:15 - 09:30

Driving Sustainable Growth in an Uncertain World

Vellayan Subbiah, **Murugappa Group**

09:30 - 09:45

Redefining the Future of Packaging through New-Age Consumer

Chandubhai Virani, Founder and Managing Director, **Balaji Wafers Pvt. Ltd.**

09:45 - 10:00

Global Economic Outlook: Navigating Uncertainty & Emerging Opportunities

Sahil Dalal, Managing Director, **Advent International**

10:00 - 10:05

Address by:

Dr. Amit Sharma, Executive Director, **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)**

10:05 - 10:15

The Packaging Industry's Evolution and Future Outlook: A Veteran's Perspective

Ashok Chaturvedi, Founder, Chairman & Managing Director, **UFlex Group**

Address by Policy Makers

10:15 - 10:25

Address by: Siddhesh Kadam, Chairman, **Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB)**

10:25 - 10:35

Address by: Vandana, Director, **Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals (DCPC), Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India**

10:35 - 10:50

Fireside Chat: Policy Makers with Brand Owners

10:50 - 11:25

Networking Tea/Coffee Break

Plenary Session

Session Chairman:

11:25 - 11:40

Sanjay Moolji, Chief Strategy Officer, **Tricon Energy**

Unlocking the Next S-curve Through GenAI

Daniel Nordigaarden, Partner & Abhinav Goel, Partner, **McKinsey & Company**

11:40 - 11:55

The Path Less Followed - Building of a Success Story of an Indian Brand

Shekhar Agarwal, Whole Time Director, **Priyagold Group of Companies**

11:55 - 12:10

From Recycled Content Targets to Circular Reality: Closing the Loops for Flexible & Rigid Packaging

Manfred Hackl, CEO, **EREMA Group, Austria**

12:10 - 12:25

Indian FTA's & Exports - Opportunities for Flexible Packaging Industry

Vikram Bhadauria, Chairman, **Plexconcil** & Managing Director, **Alok Masterbatches Pvt. Ltd.**

Business Session I: Global Leaders Forum: Shaping the Future of Flexible Packaging

Session Chairperson:

12:25 - 12:40

Geetanjali Vats, Global Plastics Sustainability Lead for Asia & Anz, **Hindustan Unilever**

Driving Innovation, Operational Excellence & Sustainable Growth

Hiroshi Suzuki, Managing Executive Officer & CTO, **TOPPAN, Japan**

12:40 - 12:55

Scale, Speciality & Sustainability: The 3S Driving India's Rise in Global Flexible Packaging

Prashant Mehra, President & CEO, **SRF Ltd.**

12:55 - 13:10

The New Age of Premium Packaging: Performance, Purpose & Profitability

Pankaj Poddar, Group CEO, **Cosmo First**

13:10 - 13:25

Innovations Transforming Sustainable Flexible Packaging

Vaibhav Jha, CEO, **Ester Industries**

13:25 - 13:40

Packaging Innovation at the Crossroads of Performance and Sustainability

Lori Gobris, Global Marketing Director, Packaging, **Michelman, US**

13:40 - 13:55

Translating Benefits of Multifaceted Verticals in the Packaging Industry- The Growing Trend

Sumant Singhal, Chief Executive Officer, **Chiripal Poly Films Ltd.**

13:55 - 14:00

Interactive Q & A Session

14:00 - 14:50

Networking Lunch Break

Panel Discussion 1: From Commitment to Action - How Brand Owners are redefining Sustainable Packaging Solutions

14:50 - 15:15

Moderator: Hitesh Shenoy, VP - F&P (Food and Pharma), **Packfora**

Panelists: Sekhar Pal, Director Sourcing APAC-Packaging Category, **Cargill Inc** | Subhrajit Bhowmik, Director - Procurement and Packaging Development, **Cipla Health Ltd.** | Naresh Boora, Senior Procurement Manager, **Nestle India** | Naveen Stuart, Head of Packaging - India, **Marico** | Ayaz Kagzi, Sr. Technology Leader – Packaging Development, **Pidilite Inds. Ltd.**

15:15 - 15:20

Interactive Q & A Session

Business Session II: New Gen Polymer Chemistry

Session Chairman:

Prof. Aniruddha Bhalchandra Pandit, Vice Chancellor & UGC Professor, **Institute of Chemical Technology**
Driving India's Packaging Excellence Through Advanced Polyolefins

15:20 - 15:35

M S Battu, VP Marketing – Petrochemicals & Vineet Gupta, Head - Technical Marketing, **HPCL-Mittal Energy**

15:35 - 15:50

Packaging: The First Line of Protection

Poonam Tomar, Head of Marketing, India Primary Packaging, **ExxonMobil**

15:50 - 15:55

Interactive Q & A Session

15:55 - 16:10

Discussion: The Changing Face of Flexible Packaging: Our Perspectives from a lifetime in the Industry

Mahendra Patel, Chairman & Managing Director, **Mamata Machinery** | Suresh Gupta, Former Executive Chairman, **HPPL** | Amit Ray, Ex Director & Group President (Packaging), **Uflex & Management Advisor**

Business Session III: Latest Technological Developments and Future Trends for Sustainable Production

Session Chairman:

Vinay Nalawade, CEO – Director, **Parakh Agro Industries Ltd.**

16:10 - 16:25

The Secret Behind Sustainable Performance

Shri Prakash Werlemann-Gupta, Managing Director & Gerhard Schoone, Director Sales, HUB-Middle East, Africa, South Asia, **Windmüller & Hölscher, Germany**

16:25 - 16:40

Industrial AI in Flexible Packaging

Jan Karnath Reifenhauer, Chief Digital Officer, **Reifenhauer Group, Germany**

16:40 - 16:55

The Next Big Thing in BIAx Film Stretching

Tobias Lankswert, Sales Director, **Brückner Maschinenbau GmbH, Germany**

16:55 - 17:10

Accelerating the Circular Economy in India: A Paradigm Shift Toward High-Barrier Monomaterial Packaging at Cost Parity Using RecTech™

Rajashekar Venkat, President, **Mamata Machinery Limited, India**

17:10 - 17:15

Interactive Q & A Session

17:15- 17:50

Networking Tea/Coffee Break

Business Session IV: Packaging Safety, Supply Chain and Innovation in present and emerging times

Session Chairman:

Neeraj Garg, Ex-Chairman & CEO, **Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages (HCCB)**

17:50 - 18:00

When Regulation Moves Faster Than Materials: and What Microbial Science Owe the Packaging Industry

Prof. Dr. Alka Rao, Director, **CSIR Institute of Microbial Technology** & Former Advisor **FSSAI**

18:00 – 18:10

Demand, Risk & Resilience in Flexible Packaging in Volatile Times

Somnath Chatterjee, Executive Vice President - Head of Procurement & Logistics, **ITC Ltd.**

18:10 – 18:20

Environmental Friendly Paper Packaging Solutions for Flexible Applications

Filip Van Ranst, Sales Director Speciality Papers, **SAPPI, Belgium**

18:20 - 18:25

Interactive Q & A Session

Panel Discussion 2: Role of Packaging in Product Differentiation & Building Customer Trust

18:25 - 18:50

Moderator: Somnath Chatterjee, Head of Procurement - Packaging Materials, **Reliance Consumer Products**

Panelist: Ajay Kundu, Associate Director - R&D Packaging, **PepsiCo** | Kunal Bajaj, Promoter, **Jupiter Laminators** |

Sanjay Ghoshal, Head of Packaging, **Diageo** | Pradeep Pandey, President of Packaging Development, **Emami** |

Manoj Kochar, Co-Founder, **Holoflex Limited** | Ankit Jain, Director, **Ribotl Solutions** | Dipin Kalra, Chief Marketing Officer, **GLS Elopak Pvt. Ltd.**

18:50 - 18:55

Interactive Q & A Session

18:55 - 19:15

Evening Theme Speaker:

Address by: Dr. Milind Sathe, Hon'ble Advocate General of Maharashtra

19:15 - 19:25

Lucky Dip Prizes

19:25 Onwards

Networking Cocktails, Entertainment & Gala Dinner

Day Two - 27 August, Thursday

08:00 – 08:50	Morning Refreshments and Networking
08:50 – 09:00	Recap for Day 1
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome Back Nidhi Verma, Founder & Managing Director, ElitePlus** Business Services
	Opening Session Day 2
09:10 – 09:25	AI & Analytics Driven Smart Manufacturing for Higher Productivity and Sustainability Dr. Goutam Das, Founder and Chief Data Scientist, insAnalytics
09:25 – 09:40	Recent Developments in Compostable Small Barrier Packaging Deploying BOPLA Stefan Barot, President Chemicals Division, Balrampur Chini Mills Limited
09:40 – 10:00	How Flexible Packaging Can Build Stronger Brands Kamal Taneja, Managing Director, Huhtamaki India
10:00 – 10:05	Interactive Q & A Session

Panel Discussion 3: Innovation: Driving the Next Packaging Revolution

10:05 – 10:30	Moderator: Amit Shah, Chief Executive Officer, SB-Constantia Panelist: Ishan Singh Kohli, Director, High Grade Industries (India) Pvt. Ltd. Sachin Gangal, Managing Director, Saraa Polymers (Kuraray) Sanjay Agarwal, VP - Sales & Marketing, Vacmet India Shekhar Barua, Director, Toyo Ink India Manjusha Singh, Deputy CEO, DIC India Ltd. Dr. Prafulla Shinde, Regional Sales & NBD, ADTS Leader - Performance Materials, Basell Polyolefins India Pranav Bhalaria, Director, Balaji Multiflex Pvt. Ltd. Jignesh Hirpara, Director, Jayshri Propack
10:30 – 10:35	Interactive Q & A Session
10:35 – 10:45	Address by Special Guest: Pritee Chaudhary, IRS, Regional Director WR, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

10:45 – 11:15 Networking Tea/Coffee Break

Business Session V: New Trends in Printing Processes & Converting

Session Chairman:	Pau Xifra, Executive President, Comexi
11:15 – 11:30	Sustainable Innovation in Flexible Packaging Vasu Shrimanker, Director, & Yash Shrimanker, Director Pelican Rotoflex
11:30 – 11:45	Leading Flexo Forward with DuPont™ Cyrel® & Esko Robert Bruce, Product Manager Flexo, Esko, UK & Shaju John, Technical Applications Manager-South Asia, DuPont
11:45 – 12:00	Driving Profitability and Competitive Advantage in Today's Evolving Packaging Landscape, Where Gravure Printing Makes a Difference Davide Rossello, Process R&D Manager Gravure, Bobst, Italy
12:00 – 12:15	Solvent-Free Laminating Adhesives: the Future of Flexible Packaging is here Gaurav Talwar, Managing Director, Brilliant Polymers, India
12:15 – 12:30	Velocity v/s. Value Equation: Mastering Viscosity, Temperature, and Precision to Protect Margins Deepak Bist, Managing Director (IMEA), New Celio Engineering SA, UAE
12:30 – 12:45	Comparing Different Printing Technologies For Flexibles Ranesh Bajaj, Director, Vinsak
12:45 – 12:50	Interactive Q & A Session

Panel Discussion 4: The Sachet Conundrum

12:50 – 13:15	Moderator: Gautam Ahuja, Vice President - Sales and Marketing, UFlex Limited Panelist: Shivkumar Gupta, Managing Director, Vijayneha Polymers Vidur Kanoria, Executive Director, TCPL Packaging Ltd. Yevgen Zolotkovski, Sales Director, Koehler Paper Group Dr. Sunder Rajan Balakrishnan, Managing Director, Natur Tec India Dr. Vimal Katiyar, Professor, Dept. of Chemical Engineering, IIT Guwahati Preeti Bambal, Category Lead - R & D Packaging, India Beverage, Candy, Gums & Meals, Mondelēz International
13:15 – 13:20	Interactive Q & A Session

Business Session VI: Building Profitable Sustainable Businesses thru Circularity

Session Chairperson:	Richa Malik, Director, PwC India
13:20 – 13:35	Innovations Shaping the Circular Future of Specialty Packaging Films Mahan Charmshir, Program Manager, WASTE, Netherlands & Pavee Raheja, Founder & CEO, RAPPR
13:35 – 13:50	Closing The Loop with FlexLoop: Advanced Mechanical Recycling for Food-Grade and hygiene application for Flexible Packaging Yannick Stanau, Head Business development FlexLoop, Lindner Washtech, Germany & Ganesh Karankal, Director, Lindner Washtech India
13:50 – 14:00	PPWR: EU's latest regulation and its Impact on Indian packaging product Exporters Dr. Vijay Habbu, Chair, Chemicals and Allied Sector, Maharashtra State Council, Assocham & Director, AnantTattva
14:00 – 14:05	Interactive Q & A Session

14:05 - 14:50

Networking Lunch Break

Business Session VII: AI: Data to Decisions: Analysis and the Forward Path

Session Chairman:

Dr. Shailesh Kumar, Chief Data Scientist, **Reliance Jio**

14:50 – 15:00

The Intelligent Film Production Plant: How to Build More Profitable, Agile and Sustainable Operations

Jari Kaukiainen, Head of Global Partner Network, **Greycon, Finland**

15:00 – 15:10

Packaging Without Boundaries: Building a Connected Packaging Ecosystem for Manufacturers, Supply Chains, and Customers

Seema Bansal, Co-Founder & Executive Director, **DCG Tech Limited**

15:10 – 15:20

Integrating Stakeholders in the Plastic Waste Recycling Chain Using AI

Trapiti Kalra, Co-Founder, CTO, **SarthhakAI**

15:20 - 15:25

AI at Work in your Company: Office to Plant

Pranav Parekh, Founder & CEO, **Comet Lab**

15:25 - 15:30

Interactive Q & A Session

Panel Discussion 5: Premiumisation and Sustainability - Achieving the Right Balance

15:30 - 15:55

Moderator: Marzban Thanevala, CMO S&M, R&D, Innovations, **SB-Constantia**

Panelists: Subhra Sankha Nandi, Packaging Head, **Wipro Consumer Care** | Rahul Choudhary, Cluster Packaging Manager, **Reckitt** | Vindhya Ayyagari, Vice President – Global Packaging, **Tata Consumer Products** | Indranil Saha, Head of Packaging, **Dabur India Ltd.** | Dipta Banerjee, Senior Lead Technologist - Packaging Development, **ITC**

15:55 – 16:00

Interactive Q & A Session

16:00 - 16:30

Networking Tea/Coffee Break

Panel Discussion 6: Flexible and Rigid Packaging Synergies and Coexistence - A Value Proposition

16:30 - 16:55

Moderator: Hariharan K, President of Creativity & Innovation, **EPL Limited**

Panelist: Ruturaj Kamthekar, Vice President – Sales and Marketing, **Huhtamaki India** | Vinay Agarwal, Owner/Managing Director, **Creative Technoplast** | Amit Kale, Associate Vice President, **Reliance Consumer Products** | Peter K A, AVP - Packaging Development, **Godrej Consumer Products Ltd.**

16:55 – 17:00

Interactive Q & A Session

Panel Discussion 7: Passing the Baton to the New Generation

17:00 – 17:25

Moderator: Ankit Gupta, Joint Managing Director, **Holostik Group**

Panelist: Jinali Mehta, Chief Operating Officer, **Reifenhäuser India Marketing Pvt. Ltd.** | Sahil Sheth, Business Head, **Kris Flexipacks Pvt. Ltd.** | Aditya Tandon, Executive Director, **Aditya Flexipack** | Shubham Rathi, Director, **Blend Colours**

Business Session VIII: Paper & Aluminium Complimenting Plastics in Packaging

Session Chairman: S V Raju, **Reliance Industries Limited**

A) Aluminium Foil

17:25 – 17:35

Advancements in Aluminium Foil Rolling & Converting Technologies for Packaging

Milind Lotlikar, Business Head, **Jindal (India) Limited**

B) Paper

17:35 – 17:45

Paper-Based Packaging: Sustainable Alternatives, Innovation and Market Opportunities

Raj Kumar Jain, Director-Marketing, **UPM Sales Oy, (Represented by Anika International)**

17:45 - 17:50

Interactive Q & A Session

17:50 - 18:00

Grand Lucky Dip Prize

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