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Day One - 26 August, Wednesday

07:30 - 08:50 **Meet & Greet and Registrations**

08:50 - 09:00 **Welcome Remarks**

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

Keynote Addresses by:

09:00 - 09:10 **Near term Outlook of Supply Chain of Polymers - The Driving Force of Packaging Industry**

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

09:10 - 09:25 **Redefining the Future of Packaging through New-Age Consumer**

Sanjiv Mehta, Executive Chairman, **L Catterton India & Ex CEO, HUL**

09:25 - 09:40 **Amul India - Goes Global**

Jayen Mehta, Managing Director, **Amul (GCMF)**

09:25 - 09:40 **Journey of Ghadi - Making of an Indian Brand**

Rahul Gyanchandani, Jt. MD, **RSPL Ltd.***

09:40 - 09:55 **Driving Sustainable Growth in an Uncertain World**

Vellayan Subbiah, Chairman, **Hubergroup**

09:55 - 10:10 **Global Economic Outlook: Navigating Uncertainty & Emerging Opportunities**

Shanti Ekambaram, Director, **Kotak Mahindra Bank***

10:10 - 10:25 **Transforming India into a Global Powerhouse for Flexible Packaging in Next 7 years**

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

Address by Policy Makers

10:25 - 10:40 **Address by: Policy Maker**

Shri Siddhesh Kadam, Chairman, **Maharashtra Pollution Control Board***

10:40 - 10:55 **Policy Frameworks Shaping the Flexible Packaging Industry**

Shri Rajit Punhani, IAS, CEO, **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)***

10:55 - 11:25 Networking Tea/Coffee Break

Plenary Session

11:25 - 11:40 **Packaging Beyond 2030: Strategy, Innovation & Market Leadership**

Global Packaging Lead from **McKinsey & Company**

11:40 - 11:55 **From Recycled Content Targets to Circular Reality: Closing the Loops for Flexible & Rigid Packaging**

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

11:55 - 12:10 **Indian FTA's & Exports - Opportunities for Flexible Packaging Industry**

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

12:10 - 12:25 **Smart Packaging for Smarter Food Supply Chains - A Global Overview**

Bipinbhai Vithalbhai Hadvani, Founder, Chairman & Managing Director, **Gopal Snacks***

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

Session Chairperson: Geetanjali Vats, Global Plastics Sustainability, Asia and ANZ Lead, **Hindustan Unilever**

12:25 – 12:40 **How to Tackle Sustainability - Driving Innovation, Efficiency and Responsible Growth**

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

12:40 – 12:55 **Scale, Speciality, Sustainability - The 3S Driving the Future of Indian 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 – 15:20 **Moderator:** Hitesh Shenoy, VP Food & Pharma, **Packfora**

Panelist: Akansha Shrivastava, Head of Sourcing (SAPMENA), **L'Oréal** | Sekhar Pal, Global Category Lead – Flexible Packaging & Sustainable Procurement Lead, **Cargill Inc** | Subhrajit Bhowmik, Director - Packaging Development and Procurement, **Cipla Health Ltd** | Naresh Boora, Head of Procurement, **Nestle** | Naveen Stuart, Head of Packaging - India, **Marico** | Ayaz Kagzi, Technology Leader - Packaging Development, **Pidilite Inds Ltd**

15:20 – 15:25 **Interactive Q & A Session**

Business Session II: New Gen Polymer Chemistry

15:25 – 15:40 **Driving India's Packaging Excellence through Advanced Polyolefins**

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

15:40 – 15:55 **Packaging: The First Line of Protection**

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

15:55 – 16:10 **Rewriting the Rules: Building Power, Value, and Future Readiness in a Changing Packaging Landscape**

Ashish Pradhan, President Asia, **Siegwerk**

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

Session Chairman:

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 Lanksweirt, 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- 17:45 Networking Tea/Coffee Break

Business Session IV: From the Lens of the Brand Owners: Expectations & SWOT

- 17:45 - 17:55 **Food Packaging Safety: Regulatory Compliance, Innovation & Consumer Protection**
Dr. Alka Rao, Director, **CSIR Institute of Microbial Technology** & Former Advisor **FSSAI**
- 17:55 - 18:05 **Demand, Risk & Resilience in Flexible Packaging in Volatile Times**
Somnath Chatterjee, Executive Vice President - Head of Procurement & Logistics, **ITC Ltd.**
- 18:05 - 18:10 **Interactive Q & A Session**

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

- 18:10 - 18:40 **Moderator:** Marzban Thanevala, CMO S&M, R&D, Innovations, **SB-Constantia**
Panelist: Ajay Kundu, Foods Packaging Lead - India & South Asia, **PepsiCo** | Kunal Bajaj, Promoter, **Jupiter Group** | 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.**
- 18:40 - 18:45 **Interactive Q & A Session**
- 18:45 - 19:00 **Evening Theme Speaker:**
Media v/s Public Perception v/s the Law
Dr. Milind Sathe, Hon'ble Advocate General of Maharashtra

19:00 - 19:10 **Lucky Dip Prizes**

19:10 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**
- 08:50 - 09:00 **Welcome Back**
Nidhi Verma, Founder & Managing Director, **ElitePlus++ Business Services**
- 09:00 - 09:15 **Recent Developments in Compostable Small Barrier Packaging Deploying BOPLA**
Stefan Barot, President Chemicals Division, **Balrampur Chini Mills Limited**
- 09:15 - 09:30 **AI for Operational excellence & business Profitability wise vs Smart Manufacturing in Autonomous factories**
Dr. Goutam Das, Founder and Chief Data Scientist, **insAnalytics***
- 09:30 - 09:40 **Capital, Innovation & Growth: Investing in the Future of Flexible Packaging**
Ms. Vandana, Director, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals (DCPC), **Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India***
- 09:40 - 10:00 **How Flexible Packaging Can Enhance 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 Bhalara, Director, **Balaji Multiflex Pvt. Ltd.** | Jignesh Hirpara, Director, **Jayshri Propack**
- 10:30 - 10:35 **Interactive Q & A Session**
- 10:35 - 11:05 **Networking Tea/Coffee Break**

Business Session V: New Trends in Printing Processes & Converting

Session Chairman:

- 11:05 - 11:20 **Sustainable Innovation in Flexible Packaging**
Vasu Shrimanker, Director, & Yash Shrimanker, Director **Pelican Rotoflex**
- 11:20 - 11:35 **Leading Flexo Forward with DuPont™ Cyrel® & Esko**
Robert Bruce, Product Manager Flexo, **Esko, UK** & Shaju John, Technical Applications Manager-South Asia, **DuPont**
- 11:35 - 11:50 **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**
- 11:50 - 12:05 **Solvent-Free Laminating Adhesives: the Future of Flexible Packaging is here**
Gaurav Talwar, Managing Director, **Brilliant Polymers, India**
- 12:05 - 12:20 **Velocity v/s. Value Equation: Mastering Viscosity, Temperature, and Precision to Protect Margins**
Deepak Bist, Managing Director (IMEA), **New Celio Engineering SA, UAE**
- 12:20 - 12:35 **Comparing Different Printing Technologies for Flexibles**
Ranesh Bajaj, Director, **Vinsak**
- 12:35 - 12:40 **Interactive Q & A Session**

Business Session VI: Building Profitable Sustainable Businesses thru Circularity – Part A

Panel Discussion 4: The Sachet Conundrum

- 12:40 – 13:10 **Moderator:** Jeevaraj Pillai, Director - Sustainability and President - Flexible Packaging and New Product Development, **UFlex Limited**
Panelist: Dr. Vimal Katiyar, Senior Scientist, **IIT Guwahati** | G. Thirumurthy, Scientist F & DH, **Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)*** | Chinmay Dwivedi, Head PCD, **BIS*** | Shivkumar Gupta, Managing Director, **Vijayneha Polymers** | Rakesh Kumar Yadav, Director Science and Standards, **FSSAI***
- 13:10 - 13:15 **Interactive Q & A Session**

Business Session VI: Building Profitable Sustainable Businesses thru Circularity – Part B

- 13:15 - 13:30 **Innovations Shaping the Circular Future of Specialty Packaging Films**
Mahan Charmshir, Senior Programme Manager, **WASTE, Netherlands** & Pavee Raheja, Founder & CEO, **RAPPR**
- 13:30 - 13:45 **Closing the Loop with FlexLoop: Advanced Mechanical Recycling for Food-Grade and hygiene application for Flexible Packaging**
Yannick Stanau, Business Development Head, FlexLoop, **Lindner Washtech, Germany** & Ganesh Karankal, Director, **Lindner Washtech India**
- 13:45 - 13:50 **Interactive Q & A Session**

13:50 - 14:40 Networking Lunch Break

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

Session Chairman:

- 14:40 – 14:50 **Packaging Without Boundaries: Building a Connected Packaging Ecosystem for Manufacturers, Supply Chains, and Customers**
Seema Bansal, Co-Founder & Executive Director, **DCG Tech Limited**
- 14:50 – 15:00 **AI-Powered Manufacturing: Transforming the Future of Flexible Packaging**
Trapti Kalra, Co-Founder, CTO, **SarthhakAI***
- 15:00 - 15:05 **Interactive Q & A Session**

15:05 - 15:15

Panel: Are We AI Ready?

Jari Kaukiainen, Head of Global Partner Network, **Greycon, Finland** | Pranav Parekh, Founder & CEO, **Comet Lab*** | **Mahindra Tech***

Business Session VIII: Paper & Aluminium Complimenting Plastics in Packaging

Session Chairman:

Paper

15:15 - 15:30

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

Yogesh Agarwal, Managing Director and CEO, **Ballarpur Industries***

Aluminium Foil

15:30 - 15:40

Advancements in Aluminium Foil Rolling & Converting Technologies for Packaging

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

15:40 - 15:45

Interactive Q & A Session

15:45 - 16:15

Networking Tea/Coffee Break

Panel Discussion 5: Premiumisation - Becoming a Priority

16:15 - 16:45

Moderator:

Panelists: Subhra Sankha Nandi, Packaging Head, **Wipro Consumer Care** | Rupesh Chavan, Regional Packaging Lead for Homecare (South Asia), **Unilever** | Dinesh Chauhan, AGM-Procurement and Contract Manufacturing, **Bajaj Consumer Care** | Runali Sawant, "Beauty & Wellbeing Packaging" - India Lead, **Hindustan Unilever Ltd.**

16:45 - 16:50

Interactive Q & A Session

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

16:50 - 17:20

Moderator: Raturaj Kamthekar, Vice President – Sales and Marketing, **Huhtamaki India**

Panelist: Vinay Agarwal, Owner, **Creative Technoplast** | Amit Kale, Associate Vice President, **Reliance Consumer Products** | Parul Goel, Procurement Lead, **Reckitt** | Vidur Kanoria, Executive Director, **TCPL Packaging Ltd**

17:20 - 17:25

Interactive Q & A Session

17:25 - 17:35

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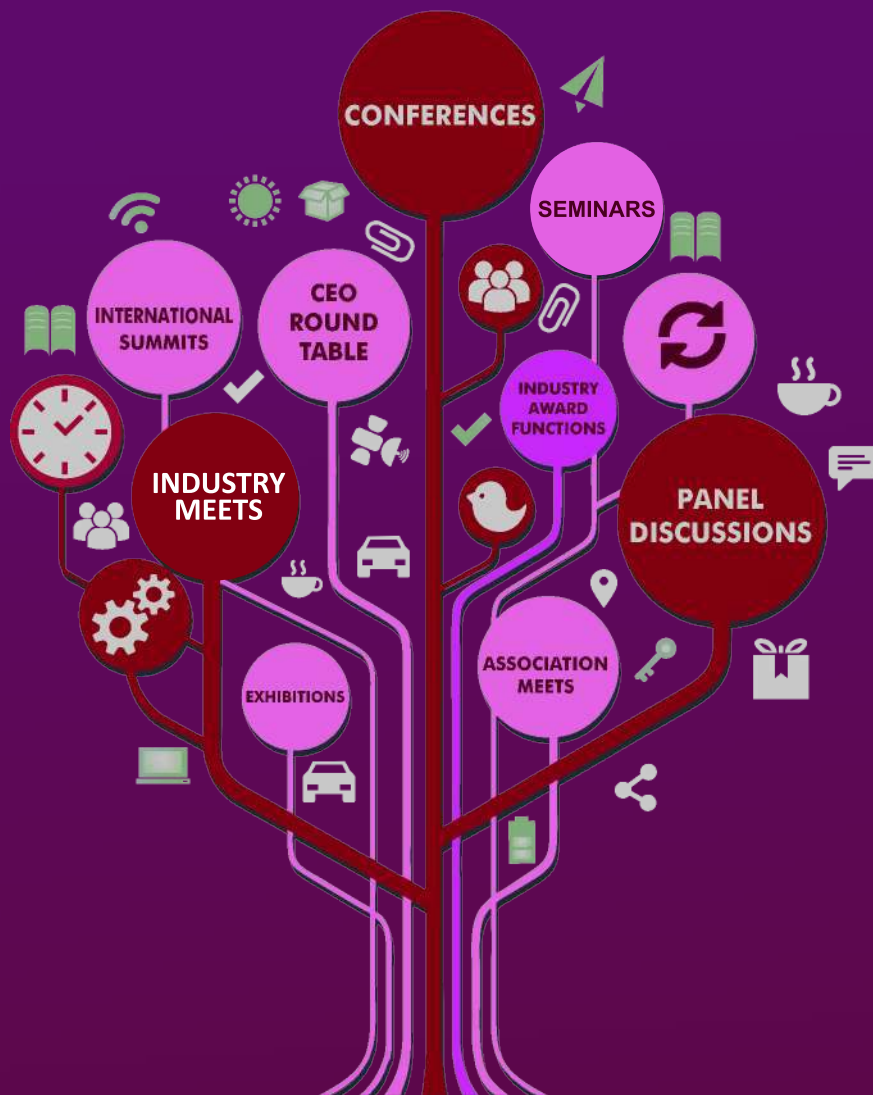


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