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Inaugural Edition of Indusfood Bengaluru 2026 Opens at BIEC, Connecting Karnataka's Agri-Processing Ecosystem Directly with Global Markets

- *Over 220 exhibitors and 150+ international buyers from 30 countries convene for the three-day B2B food processing, packaging, and agro-export showcase.*
- *TPCI and KAPPEC partner to promote value addition at the source, GI-tagged produce, and export growth for Karnataka's farmers, FPOs, and MSMEs.*
- *India's agricultural and processed food exports crossed US$ 52.55 billion in FY26, with Karnataka contributing USD 2,457.42 million.*

BENGALURU/ NEW DELHI, November 25, 2026 — The Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI) organised the first edition of Indusfood 2026 Bengaluru. The Karnataka State Agricultural Produce Processing and Export Corporation Limited (KAPPEC), Government of Karnataka, is the partner supporting the first edition of Indusfood and Karnataka is the host state for this event. The 1st edition of Indusfood Bengaluru 2026 was inaugurated at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC). Scheduled from November 25 to 27, 2026, the three-day exhibition brings together the entire food value chain—from farm-gate production and smart processing to packaging innovation and international trade.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Shri B.H. Harisha, Hon'ble Chairman, KAPPEC; Shri Venkatramreddy J. Patil, Managing Director, KAPPEC; Chef Vijay Bhaskaran, General Secretary, Indian Federation of Culinary Associations; Shri Mohit Singla, Chairman, TPCI; Shri Sandip Das, Deputy Director General, TPCI; and Shri Ashish Agarwal, Chairman, Regional Committee on Snacks Processing, TPCI and a large number international buyers.

Indusfood Bengaluru 2026 features over 220 exhibiting companies, 150+ international buyers from 30 countries, and 15,000+ trade visitors engaging in focused B2B meetings. This edition also features an exclusive Food Processing & Packaging Technology Pavilion showcasing processing, heating and refrigeration, robotics, automation, and smart factory solutions, alongside live machinery demonstrations.

This first edition is also hosting 'PACK TO GROW' Conference Co-hosted with the Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP). The industry sessions on digital printing, traceability, and brand-building packaging for coffee, millets, and emerging food brands will be discussed during the session.

The spotlight is on showcasing Karnataka's agro-processed producers' strengths, with export-priority commodities including coffee, black pepper, turmeric, pomegranates, gherkins, and the GI-tagged Bengaluru Rose Onion

Highlighting the strategic decision to expand Indusfood into regional production hubs, Shri Mohit Singla, Chairman, TPCI, emphasised how global buyers are increasingly seeking direct access to India's grassroots manufacturing and farming clusters:

"Indusfood is now one of the top 10 in the world and the largest in South Asia. India's real agricultural and food processing strength has been realised over the decade by discerning international buyers who have always been looking out for this big treasure of Indian food and agricultural products"

For years, Indusfood has stood as South Asia's premier global F&B trade platform. However, India's real agricultural and food processing strength does not sit in one city—it thrives in its regional production clusters. Bringing Indusfood to Bengaluru is a deliberate, strategic step to take global market access directly to the source, he added.

Shri Singla also underscored the strong export trajectory of India's food and beverage sector, noting that India's agricultural and processed food exports crossed US$ 52.55 billion in FY26, while Karnataka's overall agricultural exports reached USD 2,457.42 million as per Karnataka's Economic Survey 2025–26—signalling vast headroom for regional growth. Supported by sustained momentum in FY 2026–27 across Basmati rice, processed frozen foods, and spices, alongside newly unlocked trade corridors such as the India–New Zealand FTA, Indian exporters are strongly positioned to capture global demand.

Welcoming the collaboration with TPCI and outlining Karnataka's roadmap for agro-processing and export growth, Shri B.H. Harisha, Hon'ble Chairman, KAPPEC, Government of Karnataka, stated: "We are happy to see TPCI providing direct market connect to local producers from Karnataka, and we will make this event even bigger. The Government of India is actively promoting processed and value-added products, and the Government of Karnataka is fully poised to lead this transformation. Under the PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, there have been 15,000 beneficiaries over the last five years, with the state government providing comprehensive financial, technical, and marketing support to set up and upgrade micro food processing units."

Addressing the gathering Shri Venkatramreddy J. Patil, Managing Director, KAPPEC, Government of Karnataka said, "Karnataka has established 10 agro-processing zones and identified 14 gap-wise agro-clusters, with our focus now squarely on promoting Geographical Indication (GI)-based products—of which Karnataka currently has 24. Next year, we will organise Indusfood on a much bigger scale."

Earlier in the ceremony, delivering the welcome remarks, Shri Sandip Das, Deputy Director General, TPCI, noted that bringing TPCI's flagship platform to Southern India marks a major milestone in connecting Karnataka's renowned horticultural, spice, coffee, and agro-processing ecosystem with global buyers, while bridging food technology and culinary innovation.

Chef Vijay Bhaskaran, General Secretary, Indian Federation of Culinary Associations, stated that, "we are trying to take Indian cuisines to global plates. We are training overseas chefs in India to develop Indian food tastes globally."

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The Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI) is an apex trade and investment promotion organisation recognised and supported by the Department of Commerce, Government of India, working to facilitate the growth of Indian industry and expand global market access for Indian exporters.
