



Tamil Nadu State Development Council Presents

Agriculture & Food Processing Growth Summit & Expo 2025

Theme: Unlocking the Agriculture and Food Processing Business Potential of the Delta Districts

January 3-4, 2025 | NIFTEM, Thanjavur

Agenda

Day 1 – 03.01.2025

Time	Agenda Item	Focus
Inaugural ceremony 10:30am – 12:00pm		
10:30am – 10:32am		Tamil Thai Vazhthu
10:32am -10:35am		Lamp Lighting
10:35am – 10:40am	Welcome Address	Dr. Aravindan Selvaraj , MS, FRCS, Chairman – ASSOCHAM Tamil Nadu State Development Council & Co-Founder & Executive Director, Kauvery Hospital
10:40am – 10:45am	Theme Address	Dr. K. Alagusundaram , MD & CEO, Tamil Nadu Food Processing and Agri Export Promotion Corporation (TNAPEX)
10:45am – 10:50am	Context Setting	Mr. Ajit Mathai , Partner, mByom Consulting and Management Services LLP
10:55am – 11:00am	Special Address	Dr. C. Anandharamakrishnan , Director, CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram. Former Director (NIFTEM-T)
11:00am – 11:05am		Prof. V. Palanimuthu , Director NIFTEM
11:05am – 11:10am		Dr. Anju Majeed , Co-Chair ASSOCHAM Karnataka State Development Council and Group Executive Chairperson Sami-Sabinsa Group
11:10am – 11:15am		Mr. G. Prakash, IAS , Principal Secretary & Commissioner of Agriculture Marketing & Agri Business
11:15am – 11:25am	Guest of Honour	Dr. Subrata Gupta IAS , Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, GoI
11:25am – 11:30am	Special Address	Thiru. S. Kalyanasundaram , Hon'ble Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha
11:30am – 11:35am		Thiru. S. Murasoli , Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Thanjavur
11:35am – 11:50am	Inaugural Chief Guest	Thiru M.R.K. Panneerselvam , Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu
11:50am – 12:05pm		Thiru T.R.B. Rajaa , Minister for Industries, Investment Promotions and Commerce, Government of Tamil Nadu
12:05pm - 12:10pm	Vote of Thanks	Er. K. Mariappan , Co - Chair ASSOCHAM Tamil Nadu State Development Council & Director, Steel Cluster Services Salem (Pvt.) Ltd.

	Inauguration of Exhibition
	Tea Break
12:10pm - 01:00pm	<p>Panel Discussion – 1</p> <p>Topic: Strategic Vision for the Tamil Nadu Agro-Industrial Corridor: Overview and Stakeholder Roles.</p> <p>Moderator - Mr. Ajith Mathai, Partner, mByom Consulting and Management Services LLP</p> <p>Panellist -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. K. Alagusundaram, MD & CEO, Tamil Nadu Food Processing and Agri Export Promotion Corporation (TNAPEX)

	<p>2. Mr. M. Sreevatsan, Zonal General Manager, National Small Scale Industries Corporation (NSIC)</p> <p>3. Mr. Chozha Naachiar Rajasekar, President, The Tamil Chamber of Commerce</p>
01:00pm – 02:00pm	LUNCH
02:00pm – 02:30pm	Success Story by Mr. Kiru Maikkapillai , Founder, Divine Foods
02:30pm – 03:30pm	<p>Workshop on Advancing Banana Cultivation and Processing: Innovations for Sustainable Growth</p> <p>Dr. Suresh Kumar Paramasivam, Principal Scientist (Horticulture), ICAR- National Research Centre for Banana</p>
03:30pm – 04:30pm	Interactive Session by FSSAI by Dr. Kanan , Joint Director, FSSAI

Day 2 – 04.01.2025

10:30am – 11:15am	<p>Panel Discussion – 2</p> <p>Topic: Financing the Agro-Industrial Corridor: Public-Private Partnerships and Beyond.</p> <p>Moderator - Mr. Sanjay Abraham, Partner, mByom Consulting and Management Services LLP</p> <p>Panellist</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Suneel Sharma, Chief Manager, State Bank of India Mr. S Ravi, General Manager, Head of Agricultural Banking Group Karur Vysya Bank Mr. Anish Kumar GS, Assistant General Manager, NABARD - National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
11:15am -12:00pm	<p>Workshop on Global Opportunities for Indian Food Processing Sector –</p> <p>Ms. Shobana Kumar, Assistant General Manager & Regional Head, APEDA, Chennai</p>
12:00pm – 12:45pm	<p>Workshop 4 - Workshop on Branding, Packaging, and Marketing by Shapers Studio</p> <p>Mr. Aswin Kumar, Founder, Shapers Studio</p>
12:45pm – 1:45pm	LUNCH
1:45pm – 02:30pm	<p>Panel Discussion 3</p> <p>Topic: Integrating Food Processing Innovations: Aligning Innovations with the Agro-Industrial Corridor.</p> <p>Moderator – Mr. Sivakumar, Vice President, TANSIM</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. E. Somasundaram, Director, ABD, TNAU Ms. Sundare Raju, Director, Farmerette Health Foods Mr. G Sajeev, Founder, Griton Organic Mr. Suresh, National General Secretary, Kisan Service Society
02:30pm – 03:15pm	Success Stories by Mr. Rajesh M , Co-Founder & CEO, Dailygurus
03:15pm – 03:30pm	Summarization & Vote of Thanks Ms. Umaa S Nair , Regional Director, ASSOCHAM Southern Region