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13th Speciality Films & Flexible Packaging Global Summit & Exhibition – 2026

India Hosted 13th Edition of the World's Largest Speciality Films & Flexible Packaging Business Summit & Exhibition

Mumbai, 30 August 2026 – The **13th Speciality Films & Flexible Packaging Global Summit & Exhibition – 2026**, organised by **ElitePlus++ Business Services**, concluded successfully on **26 – 27 August 2026** at the **Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, India**.

Supported by the **Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC), Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India**, together with leading industry Associations and Media Partners, the Summit brought **Global Films and Flexible Packaging value chain together on one platform**.

The 2026 edition recorded participation of **2,380+ Global Industry Leaders, 115+ Speakers, from 31+ Countries and 121+ Exhibitors**, making it one of the most comprehensive gatherings of the Films, Flexible Packaging and wider Packaging industry.

A Complete 360° Packaging Ecosystem Under One Roof

The Summit brought together, **Policymakers and Government Officials | Polymer & Raw Material Producers | Film Producers | Converters | Printers | Laminators | Adhesive & Ink Manufacturers | Machinery & Automation Providers | Brand Owners | FMCG | Food | Pharmaceutical & Healthcare Companies | Recyclers | Sustainability Leaders | Technology Providers | Industry Experts**

The strong presence of **Brand Owners and end-user industries** added a valuable market perspective to discussions on technology, sustainability, consumer expectations and the future of packaging.

Strong Government & Regulatory Participation

The 13th edition witnessed significant participation from **Government Policymakers and Regulatory Authorities**, including perspectives from DCPC, MPCB and FSSAI.

A special **Fireside Chat between policymakers and Brand Owners** enabled direct dialogue on evolving regulations, sustainability, circularity, and the challenges and opportunities facing the packaging industry.

India's Growing Role in Global Packaging

The Summit highlighted India's growing importance as a global powerhouse for flexible packaging, driven by rising consumption, expanding manufacturing capabilities, technology investments and demand from FMCG, food, healthcare, pharmaceuticals and e-commerce.

Discussions focused on sustainable growth, advanced materials, technology, exports and Free Trade Agreements, while exploring the industry's journey beyond 2030, with emphasis on innovation and globally competitive businesses.

Keynote Addresses – Shaping the Industry's Future

Keynote Sessions addressed resilient, circular and intelligent packaging, sustainable growth, changing consumer expectations, the global economic outlook and regulatory priorities.

- **Navanit Narayan, Whole-time Director & CEO, Haldia Petrochemicals**, - *"the next decade of packaging"*,
- **Vellayan Subbiah, Murugappa Group**, *"sustainable growth in an uncertain world"*.
- **Chandubhai Virani, Founder & Managing Director, Balaji Wafers Pvt. Ltd.**, - *"New-Age consumer expectations"*
- **Sahil Dalal, Managing Director, Advent International**, - the Global economic outlook and emerging opportunities.
- **Dr. Amit Sharma, Executive Director, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)**, - *"a regulatory perspective"*

Day 2 Opening Session – Technology, Sustainability and Brands

The **Day 2 Opening Session** highlighted three important forces shaping Flexible Packaging.

- **Dr. Goutam Das, Founder & Chief Data Scientist, insAnalytics**, explored AI and analytics-driven smart manufacturing;
- **Stefan Barot, President – Chemicals Division, Balrampur Chini Mills Limited**, presented developments in compostable barrier packaging using BOPLA; and
- **Kamal Taneja, Managing Director, Huhtamaki India**, examined how Flexible Packaging can strengthen brands through performance, convenience and consumer engagement.

Sustainability Moves from Commitment to Action

Sustainability and Circularity remained central to the programme, with discussions moving from commitments to practical and commercially viable solutions. Key themes included Circular Economy and EPR, PCR integration, recyclable and mono-material packaging, advanced polyolefins, high-barrier films, mechanical and chemical recycling, food-grade and hygiene recycling applications, closing the loop for Flexible Packaging, and profitable circular business models.

A dedicated Brand Owners' panel, **"From Commitment to Action – How Brand Owners are Redefining Sustainable Packaging Solutions,"** examined how sustainability goals can be translated into practical packaging solutions through innovation and collaboration.

AI Takes Centre Stage – From Data to Decisions

The 13th edition expanded its focus on **Artificial Intelligence, GenAI, Industrial AI and AI-enabled manufacturing**.

Discussions examined applications across product design, production optimisation, smart factories, connected packaging ecosystems, supply chains, quality, productivity, sustainability and business workflows.

The session **"AI: Data to Decisions – Analysis and the Forward Path"** explored how data can be converted into meaningful business and manufacturing decisions, while AI-driven smart factories can improve productivity and sustainability.

8 Business Sessions & 7 High-Impact Panel Discussions

The two-day programme featured **Eight focused Business Sessions**, supported by Keynote Addresses, Policymaker Addresses, a Plenary Session, special opening sessions and leadership interactions.

Business Sessions:

1. Global Leaders Forum – Shaping the Future of Flexible Packaging
2. New Gen Polymer Chemistry
3. Latest Technological Developments & Future Trends for Sustainable Production
4. From the Lens of the Brand Owners – Expectations & SWOT
5. New Trends in Printing Processes & Converting
6. Building Profitable Sustainable Businesses through Circularity
7. AI: Data to Decisions – Analysis and the Forward Path
8. Paper & Aluminium Complementing Plastics in Packaging

Panel Discussions:

1. From Commitment to Action – How Brand Owners are Redefining Sustainable Packaging Solutions
2. Role of Packaging in Product Differentiation & Building Customer Trust
3. Innovation: Driving the Next Packaging Revolution
4. The Sachet Conundrum
5. Premiumisation – Becoming a Priority
6. Flexible and Rigid Packaging Synergies and Coexistence – A Value Proposition
7. Passing the Baton to the New Generation

Evening Theme Address by Dr. Milind Sathe

A special highlight of the first evening was the **Theme Address by Dr. Milind Sathe, Hon'ble Advocate General of Maharashtra**. The session offered delegates a broader perspective beyond the core packaging agenda, exploring the complex relationship between media, public perception and the legal framework, and how these forces increasingly influence business, society and public discourse.

Flexible & Rigid Packaging – Synergies Rather Than Competition

The Summit examined the growing **convergence of Flexible and Rigid Packaging** as Brand Owners increasingly adopt multi-format strategies. Leaders discussed the strengths and challenges of each format, evolving market dynamics, regulatory changes and changing consumer and Brand Owner requirements.

The discussion reinforced the view that the future of packaging will depend on selecting the right solution for the right application rather than relying on a single format.

New Perspectives – Next Generation, Premiumisation & Alternative Materials

A dedicated panel gave emerging industry leaders a platform to share fresh thinking on the sector's next chapter. Discussions on premiumisation examined packaging's growing role in product differentiation, value creation and customer experience.

A separate session explored how **Paper and Aluminium can complement Plastics**, contributing to performance, sustainability and value. The emphasis was on using the strengths of different materials intelligently rather than choosing one material over another.

Packaging, Brand Differentiation & Customer Trust

Brand Owners remained central to the programme. Discussions examined packaging's expanding role in consumer safety, brand differentiation, customer trust, convenience, premiumisation, sustainability and regulatory compliance. Senior Brand Leaders also shared expectations from packaging producers and technology providers, highlighting opportunities created by changing consumer needs.

Innovation Driving the Next Packaging Revolution

Technology and innovation were addressed across advanced specialty films, next-generation polymer chemistry, high-barrier packaging, printing and converting technologies, automation and smart manufacturing, Artificial Intelligence, connected packaging ecosystems, recycling technologies, circular packaging and alternative materials.

The focus was on translating innovation into greater efficiency, performance, sustainability and commercial value.

121+ Exhibitors – A Powerful Combination of Summit & Exhibition

The combination of a high-level Business Summit and a live Global Exhibition was a defining feature of the platform. The exhibition brought together **121+ Global exhibitors** showcasing products, technologies, machinery, materials and next-generation solutions for the Films and Flexible Packaging industry.

Grand Gala Industry Entertainment Night

The evening of 26 August featured a **Grand Gala Industry Entertainment Night celebrating 13 editions of the Summit**. Live dance performances, cocktails and a Grand Networking Dinner provided an opportunity for delegates to unwind, strengthen relationships and celebrate the industry's journey.

Lucky Dip – Excitement Across Both Days

Lucky Dip draws were held on both days, with prizes including the latest iPhones, iPads/tablets, electronic gadgets, smartphones and smartwatches. The **Grand Prize – a Hyundai Venue 1.2 Kappa MT HX 4 Petrol** – was drawn on the evening of 27 August, providing an exciting finale to the two-day event.

Beyond Business – Bringing the Industry Together

Beyond the formal Sessions and Exhibition, the Summit strengthened connections among Global Leaders, Customers, Suppliers, Policymakers, Technology Providers, Brand Owners and Industry Professionals. The two-day gathering reinforced its role as a platform for thought leadership, knowledge exchange, business networking, collaboration, strategic partnerships and meaningful connections.

Organiser's Note

Nidhi Verma, Founder & MD, ElitePlus⁺⁺ Business Services, said:

"The **13th Edition** brought together the complete **Films and Flexible Packaging ecosystem** at a time when our industry is witnessing fundamental changes in Technology, Sustainability, Regulation and Consumer Expectations. The participation of Policymakers, Global Technology Leaders, Brand Owners, Producers, Converters, Recyclers and the Next Generation of Industry Leaders created a truly 360° platform. We believe India has a significant opportunity to play a much larger role in shaping the future of the Global Flexible Packaging industry."

About ElitePlus⁺⁺ Business Services

ElitePlus⁺⁺ Business Services is one of India's leading platforms for industry Business Summits, B2B Exhibitions and knowledge-sharing forums, connecting **Global business leaders, policymakers, Brand Owners, technology providers and innovators**.

Its flagship **Speciality Films & Flexible Packaging Global Summit & Exhibition** has evolved into a major annual Global platform for the Films, Flexible Packaging and wider Packaging industry, bringing the entire value chain together to exchange knowledge, explore technologies, create business opportunities and shape the industry's future.

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