SEAFOOD EXPO BHARAT

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TECHNICAL SESSIONS PROGRAMME SCHEDULE







1st to 3rd July, 2026

Hall 4, I st floor, Conference hall No 1

Chennai Trade Centre,

Nandambakkam, Chennai, India

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OPENING SESSION

01 JULY 2026 WEDNESDAY 11:00 - 16:30 IST

Time (IST)	Topic	Speaker
11.00 – 11.05	Ceremonial lamp lighting	
11.05 – 11.10	Introductory remarks	**Mr. P. Jawahar, IAS** Chairman, MPEDA
11.10 – 11.25	Lead talk	**Mr. Rajesh Agarwal, IAS** Commerce Secretary, Govt. of India
11.25 – 11.40	Sustainable food systems: from vision to action	**Ms. Smitha Hari** Managing Director, Harvard University Dining Services and Chief of Hospitality
11.40 – 11.55	FDA regulatory partnership & WGS initiatives in India	**Dr. Greogory Smith** Director, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
11.55 - 12.15	PMMSY and the export led transformation of India's fisheries sector	**Mr. K.C. Devasenapathi, IAS** Secretary Coastal Aquaculture Authority
12.15 - 12.35	Key Features of Veterinary Supervision during the Import of Seafood into the Russian Federation	**Mr. Sergey Shevyrev** Deputy Head, State Program "National Fish" **Mr. Vladimir Melnikov** Head, Laboratory for Aquaculture Diseases (ARRIAH)
12.35 – 13.00	**Discussions and wrap-up**	

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01 JULY 2026 WEDNESDAY 14:00 - 16:30 IST

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SESSION I: MARINE PRODUCTS TRADE AND MARKET ANALYSIS: Navigating Global Trends, Compliance, and Competitiveness **Chair: Dr. Ram Mohan M.K., Director, MPEDA**		
14.00 – 14.20	Marine products export-Indian perspective	**Mr. Anil Kumar P.** Joint Director (M), MPEDA
14.20 – 14.40	Overcoming challenges in the seafood trade	**Dr. K. N. Raghavan** CEO, SEAI
14.40 – 15.00	Seafood market intelligence: an update	**Mr. Joash Mathew** Analyst, KONTALI, Netherlands
15.00 – 15.20	Decent work in the seafood sector: Global best practices and pathways for India	**Ms. Michiko Miyamoto** Director, ILO, India
15.20 – 15.40	Non-tariff measures in seafood trade and emerging Global expectations	**Mr. Ujjwal Kumar Ghosh, IAS** Joint Secretary, Dept. of Commerce
15.40 – 16.00	Modern seafood processing: turning technology into yield, value, and growth	**Mr. Vikram Mulmule** Vice President, M/s. JBT Marel
16.00 – 16.30	**Panel Discussion and Q & A**	

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02 JULY 2026 THURSDAY **10:00 - 13:00 IST**

Time (IST)	Topic	Speaker
SESSION II: SEAFOOD VALUE ADDITION: Innovation, Sustainability, and Emerging Market Opportunities Chair: Dr. George Ninan, Director, ICAR-CIFT and Mr. Smruti Ranjan Sethy, IRSME, Director, EIC		
10.00 – 10.20	Requirements for advancing value addition in the Indian seafood sector	**Dr. Shine Kumar C.S.** Director, NIFPHATT
10.20 – 10.40	Value added breaded seafood products – future trends & innovations	**Mr. Angelo Thomas** General Manager, M/s. Sandhya Marine Ltd.
10.40 – 11.00	Conversion of fish/shellfish processing wastes to wealth: novel food additives and nutraceutical ingredients	**Dr. Soottawat Benjakul** Director, International Center of Excellence in Seafood Science and Innovation, Thailand
11.00 – 11.20	Preservation techniques for enhanced shelf life: an update	**Dr. Giridhar Parvatam** Director, CSIR-CFTRI
11.20 – 11.40	Advanced packaging methods for seafood products	**Prof (Dr.)Tanweer Alam,** Additional Director & RO, Indian Institute of Packaging
11.40 – 12.00	Market opportunities for value added products	**Dr. Giuseppe Palma** General Secretary, Assoittica Italia
12.00 – 12.20	Seafood waste utilisation: Global advancements and technological progresses in India	**Dr. Elavarasan K.** Senior Scientist, ICAR-CIFT
12.20 – 12.40	Chilled fish exports-Sea of opportunities for value addition	**Dr. M. Karthikeyan** Deputy Director, DoF & FW, Tamil Nadu
12.40 – 13.00	**Panel Discussion and Q & A**	

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	SESSION III: CAPTURE FISHERIES: **Innovation, Sustainability, and Blue Economy Opportunities** **Chair: Dr. S. Kannappan, Senior Executive Director, NFDB**	
14.00 – 14.20	MPEDA's tuna longline pilot: establishing a model for export-quality Tuna	**Mr. Edward Kennedy** Director, M/s. JKH International Pvt Ltd.
14.20 – 14.40	Sharing experience on co-management of fishing harbours in India	**Dr. Joice V. Thomas** Chief Executive, MPEDA-NETFISH
14.40 – 15.00	Potential for commercial deep-sea fishing and new deep sea fishing grounds	**Dr. S. Ramachandran** Zonal Director, Fisheries Survey of India
15.00 – 15.20	How India can meet the Port State Measures Agreement for importing of raw material for reprocessing and export	**Dr. P. Krishnan** Director, BoBP-IGO
	SUCCESSFUL MODELS	
15.20 – 15.40	FAD: Sustainable fishing, livelihood enhancement, boosting local economy and biodiversity	**Dr. Joe K. Kizhakudan** Principal Scientist and Head, Visakhapatnam RC of CMFRI
15.40 – 16.00	Leveraging digital platform to ensure fishing voyage tracking	**Mr. Xavier Lawrance** Founder, M/s. ODAKU online Services Pvt Ltd.
16.00 – 16.20	Fishers-led marine plastic recovery initiatives by MPEDA-NETFISH in Kerala state.	**Mr. Santhosh N.K.** State Coordinator, MPEDA-NETFISH
16.20 – 16.40	Transformation of fish waste into fashionable leather products	**Dr. M. Sathish** Scientist -D, CSIR-CLRI
16.40 - 16.55	Scaling India's FMFO Sector to US$ 2 Billion	**Mr. Ganesh Nakhawa** Technical Consultant, IFAFEA.
16.55 – 17.30	**Panel Discussion and Q & A**	

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SESSION IV: CULTURE FISHERIES: Innovations, Sustainability, and Emerging Opportunities Chair: Mr. K.C.Devasenapathi, IAS, Secretary, Coastal Aquaculture Authority. and Mr. Saji Chacko, President, Society of Aquaculture Professionals		
10.00 – 10.20	Shrimp aquaculture: an update	**Mr. Ravikumar Yellanki** President, AISHA
10.20 – 10.40	Inland aquaculture: the next export frontier	**Dr. (Mrs.) Lopamudra Sahoo,** Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFA,
10.40 – 11.00	Seaweed aquaculture - way forward	**Dr. G. Dharani** Scientist-G & Group Head, NIOT
11.00 – 11.20	Innovative seed production technology for Blue swimming crab: a strategy for export enhancement	**Dr. J. Raymond Jani Angel** Senior Scientist, ICAR-CIBA
11.20 – 11.40	RAS systems in Global aquaculture	**Dr. Ferosekhan S.** Scientist, NOFIMA, Norway
11.40 - 12.00	Marine ornamental fish: conservation, captive breeding, and business opportunities in the Blue Economy	**Dr. B.Santhosh,** Principal Scientist & Head, Vizhinjam RC of CMFRI
SUCCESSFUL MODELS		
12.00 – 12.15	A model inclusive initiative in disease management	**Mr. Balasubramaniam V.** General Secretary, PFFI
12.15 – 12.30	Experience sharing on super intensive precision & natural shrimp farming system at MPEDA-RGCA	**Dr. S. Kandan** Director i/c, MPEDA-RGCA
12.30 – 13.00	**Panel Discussion and Q & A**	

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Theme:

Opportunities for the India Seafood sector under India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement

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14.00-14.10	Welcome Remarks and Introduction of Panellists by Moderator (MPEDA Representative)
14.10-14.15	Opening Remarks by Joint Secretary, FT (Europe-II), Department of Commerce "Overview of India–EFTA TEPA and opportunities for the fisheries sector''
14.15-14.20	Remarks by Representative, EFTA Desk (DPIIT) – Investment Opportunities and facilitation for Sea-food sector under TEPA
14.20-14.35	Perspectives from Ambassadors/Trade Counsellors of EFTA Countries on trade, investment, market access, sustainability standards and collaboration opportunities
14.35-14.55	Interventions by State Government Representative(s)/DGFT/FIEO/Export Inspection Council regarding State-level initiatives, investment opportunities, and industry expectations
14.55-15.25	Interactive Question & Answer Session with Participants
15.25 – 15.30	**Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks by Moderator**

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SESSION V: TRACEABILITY AND FOOD SAFETY **Building Trust in Seafood Supply Chains** **Chair: Dr. P. Krishnan, Director, BoBP-IGO**		
15.30-15.50	National framework on traceability in fisheries and aquaculture in India	**Dr. K. Mohammed Koya** Fisheries Development Commissioner, Govt. of India
15.50-16.10	Traceability in aquaculture and catch certification system in Thailand	**Mrs. Supanoi Subsinserm** Expert, Department of Fisheries, Thailand
16.10-16.30	Implementing fisheries improvement projects in India: key challenges and strategies for Implementation.	**Dr. Renjit Suseelan** Convenor, MSC-INDIA
16.30 - 16.50	**Panel Discussion and Q & A**	
16.50 – 17.00	**CONCLUDING REMARKS**	