



Conference on Advanced Technologies for Global Food Market

The third edition of FoodCon 2012 was organized by Tamil Nadu Technology Development & Promotion of CII on 27th July 2012, Chennai. The event focused on fostering new business opportunities and technology platforms for small agro enterprises and enabling them to benefit from the growing market opportunities in the agro food sector, domestically and internationally. The conference proposed to initiate through creating linkages between corporate entities and agro –SMEs, producer’s groups through networking activities. The unique event provided B2B requirements of the delegates and much valued knowledge sharing from champions of industry and thought leaders from the government, industry and research institutions.

This conference was very timely and fitting, as food processing has moved on from being a craft to a modern technology. The principles of operation and design of industrial equipment, used in the processing, storage and packaging of foods may play an important role in the processed foods of the future. Global Challenges & Global Solutions would concentrate on emergence of global networks and high lights the attractiveness for investment in the current market situation etc.



Caption: (L-R) Prof K V Thomas, Hon’ble Union Minister of State (IC) for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India, Mr. S. Chandramohan, Chairman Economic Affairs & Taxation Sub Committee, CII(SR) & President & Group CFO TAFE, Mr. A. Padmasingh Isaac, Conference Chairman – FoodCon 2012 & Founder and Chairman, Aachi Group of Companies, Mr. C. R. Swaminathan, Past Chairman, CII (SR) and Mr. G K Moinudeen, Head – TNTDPC.

The conference was chaired by **Mr A Padmasingh Isaac**, Event Chairman, FoodCon 2012, Founder and Chairman, Aachi Group of Companies, **Mr. C. R. Swaminathan**, Past Chairman, CII (SR), **Mr. S Chandramohan**, Chairman, Economic Affairs & Taxation Sub-committee, CII (SR) and President & Group CFO TAFE Limited, and Hon'ble Union Minister of State (IC) for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India **Prof K V Thomas** being the chief guest.

Hon'ble Union Minister of State (IC) for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, addressed the theme of the conference, "**Advanced Technologies for Global Food Market**", said that Government is fully prepared for the adverse situations as it has stocked adequate food grains. And also said that the "Growth of the food processing industry is critical for raising the income levels of farmers as a strong and dynamic food processing sectors plays a vital role in diversification and commercialization of agriculture, enhances shelf life, ensures value addition to agriculture produce and generates employment".

Mr S Chandramohan, Chairman Economic Affairs & Taxation Sub Committee, CII (SR) & President & Group CFO TAFE discussed about the Diversified and demanding issues in Food sector such as Lack of research, Food Safety, Cold Storage Capability & Infrastructure & Food Security. Given some suggestions on Taxation, Credit Access (NABARD etc), Food safety Laws and Applied Research & Development.

Mr A Padmasingh Isaac, Conference Chairman, addressed the gathering about the need of effective awareness in terms of the technological trends and to strengthen the challenges such as Lack of infrastructure, Investment/Funding, Best/Good Practices, co-operation and interaction among the government & the industry, to explore the new business opportunities in the global market.

Mr. C R Swaminathan, Past Chairman, CII (SR), discussed the increased growth phase of the food industry in India & the insight about the emerging trends in the global market. He articulated CII's involvement in integrated and inclusive development of Food Industry and emphasised on the hygiene and safe food products, which would result in competing market sustainability.

The sessions had speakers from diversified organizations, skilled in all technological side of the Processing industry. The subject area of the conference attracted participation from national and international grounds. Participants from different states shared experiences and deliberated on the recent advances in processing technologies and new business opportunities in specialized markets. The conference was well attended by 200 participants with representatives from US, China, Italy, Malaysia etc.

The following were the session topics covered in the conference:

- Aseptic Processing (Aseptic PET bottle line / Cup aseptic thermoforming & filling line/ Aseptic carton filling line)
- Drying Technology (Freeze drying / Osmotic dehydration / Fluidized bed drying / Bone drying / Low Moisture Foods; Dehydration/Osmotic dehydration)
- Dairy & Marine Technologies (cheese, punnner, yogurt technologies / shrimp processing /
- Food Safety, Testing and Regulations (Food Laws and Regulations / Food testing / Safe Food Supply Chain)