



National Conference
on



Safe Tea Production: Policy, Compliance & Sustainable Practices

Date: 28th November, 2025

Time: 10:00 – 14:30 hrs

Venue: Tamarind Hall, India Habitat Centre

Programme

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9:30 hrs	Registration
Inaugural Session	
10:00 hrs	Arrival of Dignitaries on the Dais Lighting of the Lamp
10:03 hrs	Felicitation of Dignitaries
10:05 hrs	Welcome remarks and agenda setting by Mr Devendra Kumar Nim , Director, Sankala Foundation
10:10 hrs	Presentation by Dr Aarti Mahajan , Senior Fellow, Sankala Foundation
10:20 hrs	Keynote address by Mr Nitin Kumar Yadav , Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, and Chairman, Tea Board of India
10:30 hrs	Inaugural Address by Mr Rajit Punhani , CEO, FSSAI, Govt of India
10:40 hrs	Presentation of Mementos
10:43 hrs	Vote of Thanks by Dr Adeeba Parveen , Senior Research Associate, Sankala Foundation
Session I – Regulatory Framework & Policies	
10:45 – 12:00 hrs	Chair: Mr. Nitin Kumar Yadav , Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India Distinguished speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Satyen K Panda, Executive Director (Compliance Strategy), FSSAI, Govt. of India• Dr K L Gurjar, Joint Director (PP), Central Insecticide Board & Registration Committee (CIB&RC), Govt. of India

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tushar Tripathi, COO, Wagh Bakri Tea Group, India • Mr Arun Narain Singh, Former Executive Vice Chairman, MD & CEO, Goodricke Group Limited <p>Q&A (10 Minutes)</p>
12:00 hrs	Tea Break
Session II – Bridging the Gap: Strengthening the Role of State and Regional Organisations	
12:20 – 13:45 hrs	<p>Chair: Mr Muktanand Agarwal, Joint Secretary, (PP/ CEO – PMFBY) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India</p> <p>Distinguished Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Venkatesan Selvaraj, Director, Tocklai Tea Research Institute, Jorhat, Assam • Dr Anirban Basu Majumder, Head, Darjeeling Tea Research And Development Centre • Mr Rajdeep Sikand, Senior VP, Commodity Sourcing & Management Org, Tata Consumer Products Limited • Mr Sreejith AK, Vice President, Confederation of Indian Small Tea Growers Association • Mr Parag Hatibarua, Director, (Asia) International Tea Masters Association <p>Q&A (10 Minutes)</p>
Valedictory Session: The Road Map	
13:45 hrs	Arrival of Chief Guest on the Dais Welcome of the Dignitaries with Planters
13:48 hrs	Welcome Remarks by Dr Malvika Kaul , Director, Sankala Foundation
13:51 hrs	Summary Address by Mr Rajit Punhani , CEO, FSSAI, Govt. of India.
13:55 hrs	Special Address by Mr Bharat Lal , Secretary General & CEO, NHRC, India
14:05 hrs	Valedictory Address by Shri Piyush Goyal , Hon’ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India
14:25 hrs	Presentation of Mementoes
14:27 hrs	Vote of Thanks by Ms Disha Joshi , Director, Sankala Foundation
14:30 hrs	Lunch