



Confederation of Indian Industry

CII Conference on Chemicals and Petrochemicals

Wednesday, 12 November 2025 | MMCEC, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India

Programme

**1000-1100
hrs** **Registration**

**1100-1145
hrs** **Inaugural Session**

The Chemicals industry stands as a pillar of India's industrial and economic landscape. The sector's dynamic growth trajectory underscores its potential to play a key role in India's aspiration of achieving a \$5-trillion economy. Despite its strengths, India's participation in the global chemicals market remains relatively modest, accounting for only 3 to 3.5 percent of global consumption in 2023.

The conference will aim to outline actionable pathways to foster a more diversified and globally aligned chemicals and petrochemical value chain in India.

Opening Remarks **Mr Rupark Sarswat**
Chairman, CII Chemicals and Petrochemicals Expo
2025; and
Chief Executive Officer, India Glycols Ltd

Address **Mr Jayanti M Patel**
Chairman Emeritus
Meghmani Organics Ltd

Special Address **Mr R Mukundan**
President Designate, CII
Chairman, CII National Committee on Chemicals and
Petrochemicals; and
Managing Director & CEO, TATA Chemicals Ltd

Keynote Address **Shri K. C. Sampat**
Managing Director,
Industrial Extension Bureau (INDEXTb),
Gandhinagar

Closing Remarks **Mr Rupark Sarswat**



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**1145-1230
hrs**

Session on “Navigating Global Trade Challenges”

Global trade dynamics are being reshaped by tariffs revisions and supply chain realignments, creating both challenges and opportunities for India’s chemical and petrochemical industry. As countries adopt reciprocal tariffs to protect domestic industries or address trade imbalances, India must adapt to shifting trade landscapes.

This session will explore strategies for diversifying export markets, developing high-value products, enhancing domestic demand, and strengthening self-reliance. Discussions will also focus on leveraging trade agreements and realigning supply chains to enhance India’s position in the global value chain.

Moderator

Mr Rahul Tikoo

Managing Director & CEO
Optime Specialities Pvt Ltd

**Lead
Presenter**

Ms Aashish Kasad

Partner, EY, National Leader-Chemical and Agriculture sector; and
Member, CII Western Region Subcommittee on Chemicals

**Industry
Perspectives**

- **Mr Surendra Gupta**
Chief Business Officer – Pigments, Textile & Paper
Pidilite Industries Ltd
- **Mr Soutrik Ganguli**
Vice President – Petrochem Industry Affairs
Reliance Industries Ltd
- **Mr Vivek Gadre**
Whole-time Director and President - Corporate Strategy
Atul Ltd
- **Mr Rajkiran Kanagala**
President & Chief Business Officer
Transport Corporation of India Ltd



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**1230-1315
hrs**

Session on “Becoming Future Ready with AI”

The integration of digital technologies is redefining how the chemical and petrochemical industries operate; from R&D and process optimisation to supply chain efficiency and workforce management. As digital twins, AI/ML, and advanced analytics become central to process chemistry, the sector is witnessing a paradigm shift toward data-driven decision-making and smarter manufacturing.

This session will explore how digital platforms are enhancing productivity, safety, and traceability across operations. Discussions will also address key challenges such as upskilling the workforce, managing cybersecurity risks, and modernising legacy plants, while focusing on building a future-ready talent pool.

Moderator

Mr Jagdish Shukla

Executive Board Member, The International Society of Automation; and,
Director, Servilink Systems Ltd

**Lead
Presenter**

Mr Sandeep Redkar

Consultant Leader
Rockwell Automation India Pvt Ltd

**Industry
Perspectives**

- **Ms Jigyasa Kishore**
Vice President
Moglix
- **Mr Dhananjay Rastogi**
Senior Principal Solution Consultant
Emerson Process Management India Pvt Ltd
- **Mr Jagdish Pranami**
AVP Electrical, Instrumentation & Advance IIOT
SRF Ltd
- **Mr Berry Bester**
Chief Risk Officer
ProcessVue London
- **Mr Piyush Patel**
Principal Engineer - ICS/OT Cybersecurity
Specialist
Air Products India
- **Mr Pinakin Gokhale**
Director – Technical
Osics Technologies LLP

**1315-1415
hrs**

Networking Lunch



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**1415-1500
hrs**

Session on “Emerging Regulations in Chemicals and Petrochemicals Industry”

Evolving global and domestic regulatory frameworks are reshaping the operational landscape for the industry. Stricter environmental, safety, and product compliance norms are not only posing challenges but also opening new avenues for innovation, quality enhancement, and global competitiveness.

This session will delve into the implications of emerging regulations on the industry, exploring strategies for effective risk mitigation and compliance readiness. The discussions will focus on how proactive adaptation and regulatory foresight can be leveraged to create competitive advantages and position India as a trusted and sustainable player in global chemical markets.

Moderator

Mr Rupark Sarswat

Chairman, CII Chemicals and
Petrochemicals Expo 2025 and,
Chief Executive Officer, India Glycols Ltd

Lead Presenter

Mr Shisher Kumra

Chief Executive Officer
Global Product Compliance

Industry Perspectives

- **Dr Girish Tandel**
Chief Technology Officer
Kiri Dyes and Chemicals Ltd
- **Mr Chintan Gosaliya**
Chief Operating Officer
Paushak Ltd
- **Dr S K Yadav**
Assistant Vice President
Süd-Chemie India Pvt Ltd

1500 hrs

Close of the Conference