

## FSQR@20

### CII Food Safety, Quality & Regulatory Summit- 20<sup>th</sup> Edition

*Navigating the Next Decade: Trust, Technology, ESG & Transformation in Food Safety & Laws*

28 – 29 April 2026 | New Delhi

#### Agenda

#### Day 1 | 28 April 2026 | Shangri La Eros, Ashoka Road, New Delhi

#### 1000 – 1115 hrs | Opening Plenary

#### FSQR@20: Navigating the Next Decade of Food Safety – From Global Vision to Industry Action

This Leadership Plenary sets the stage for FSQR@20 by bringing together global, regulatory, and industry perspectives to examine how food safety is being reshaped in an increasingly complex and interconnected world. Climate volatility, emerging biological and chemical risks, geopolitical shifts, evolving supply chains, and rapid digitalization are redefining the scope of food safety, positioning it as a critical pillar of ESG performance, enterprise risk governance, and responsible business conduct.

As hazard landscapes evolve beyond traditional boundaries, expectations around traceability, transparency, compliance assurance, and speed of response are intensifying. The session highlights the transition from reactive, audit-driven compliance to proactive, predictive, and prevention-oriented systems, advancing toward Safe & Sustainable by Design (SSbD) approaches that integrate safety, resilience, and sustainability at the design stage of products, processes, and supply chains.

Through a combination of thought-leading addresses and a stewardship-level dialogue, the plenary will explore how governments and industry are strengthening regulatory preparedness, embedding ESG-aligned governance, and leveraging digital and AI-enabled tools for real-time monitoring, analytics, and early warning. Leaders will share practical insights on positioning food safety and food law compliance as a core leadership responsibility—driving trust, enabling resilience, and supporting long-term competitiveness in the decade ahead.

**1000-1005 hrs**

Welcome remarks and setting the theme of the Summit

**Mr Suresh Chitturi**

Chairman, CII Committee on Animal Agriculture & Managing Director, Srinivasa Farms

**1005-1015 hrs**

Address: Global perspective

**Dr Sridhar Dharmapuri**

Stream Leader- Agriculture & Food Systems, Senior Food Safety and Nutrition Officer

Food and Agriculture Organization of the  
 United Nations (FAO)  
 Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific  
 Thailand

**1015–1115 hrs Leadership Panel Discussion on Navigating the Next Decade  
*Trust, Technology, ESG & Transformation in Food Safety***

**1015–1020 hrs** Setting the context

**Moderator**

**Mr Suresh Chitturi**

**1020–1110 hrs** Panel Discussion

**Panellists**

**Dr Geemon Korah**

Executive Director & Chief Executive  
 Officer

Mane Kancor Ingredients Pvt. Ltd.

**Mr S Swaminathan**

Chief Executive Officer,  
 Global Standards 1 (GS1) India

**Ms Smita Murthy (Virtual)**

India Representative  
 Food Safety System Certification (FSSC)

**Dr Sridhar Dharmapuri**

**1110–1115 hrs** Concluding Remarks

**Mr Suresh Chitturi**

**1115 – 1230 hrs | Special Plenary Session**

Food Safety Risk Governance

*Enabling Regulatory Reforms & Risk - Informed Systems*

As food systems grow more complex and innovation accelerates, the next stage of food safety and laws must move beyond prescriptive compliance towards agile, risk-informed regulatory frameworks. This shift calls for reforms that are science-based, data-driven, and responsive to emerging risks while enabling innovation and ease of doing business.

This session will examine how regulatory systems are evolving to integrate risk assessment, surveillance data, and horizon scanning into decision-making processes. It will highlight global and national experiences in modernizing food laws, adopting risk-based inspections, strengthening compliance frameworks, and leveraging digital tools for smarter regulation.

It will explore pathways to build transparent, adaptive, and future-ready regulatory systems. It will demonstrate how enabling reforms can enhance food safety outcomes, improve regulatory efficiency, and foster trust while supporting a dynamic and globally competitive food sector.

<b>1115 – 1120 hrs</b>	Welcome Address	<b>Mr Piruz Khambatta</b> Chairperson, CII FSQR Summit & Group Chairman Rasna International
<b>1120 – 1130 hrs</b>	Context setting	<b>Prof. Samuel Godefroy</b> Chief Operating Officer Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS) & President- International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFOST) Canada
<b>1130 – 1140 hrs</b>	Special Address	<b>Mr Takayuki Hagiwara</b> Representative in India Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
<b>1140 – 1150 hrs</b>	Keynote Address	<b>Shri Rajit Punhani, IAS</b> Chief Executive Officer Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
<b>1150 – 1230 hrs</b>	<b>Panel Discussion on Food Safety Risk Governance</b> <i>From Evidence to Regulatory Readiness</i>	

Science-based risk analysis is central to effective food safety governance, protecting consumer health while supporting fair international trade. This session showcases global approaches to translating complex scientific evidence into timely, proportionate regulatory action, drawing on case studies from EFSA, FSANZ, and Codex-led risk assessments. Through real-world examples of emerging risk identification, novel food assessment, and harmonised international standards, the session highlights how surveillance, horizon scanning, and collaboration across regulators, laboratories, industry, and academia strengthen risk-based regulation. Together, these insights demonstrate how strong risk governance builds regulatory resilience, supports trade, and enhances consumer confidence.

<b>1150-1155 hrs</b>	Setting the context	<b>Moderator</b> <b>Dr Sheelendra Pratap Singh</b> Scientist- Regulatory Toxicology CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research
<b>1155-1225 hrs</b>	Panel discussion	<b>Panelists</b> <b>Dr Paresh Govindlal Shah</b>

Chair- FSSAI Scientific Panel on Pesticide Residues & Former Head- Pesticide Residue Laboratory, Anand Agricultural University

**Prof. Samuel Godefroy**

Chief Operating Officer  
Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS) & President- International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST)  
Canada

**Mr Bobby Krishna**

Senior Food Safety Specialist  
Food Safety Department of Dubai Municipality

**Dr A.K. Baruah**

Independent Expert- Food Safety & Science

**Mr Adam Wood (Virtual)**

Food Safety Scientist  
United Kingdom

**1225 - 1230 hrs** Concluding Remarks

**Dr Sheelendra Pratap Singh**

## **1230– 1330 hrs | Plenary Session 1**

### **Digital Transformation of Food Safety Systems**

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This session explores how digital and AI-driven technologies are modernizing food safety systems through both government-led regulatory transformation and industry-led investments in traceability and food safety management. Drawing on global examples, the discussion will highlight how regulators are adopting data-informed tools such as AI-enabled risk prediction, digital inspections, and interoperable data platforms to shift from traditional compliance models toward more predictive and responsive oversight.

In parallel, the session will examine how businesses are deploying digital traceability, sensor-based monitoring, and advanced FSMS solutions to improve operational control and strengthen consumer trust, with an emphasis on using data-informed insights effectively rather than digitalization for its own sake.

The session will also touch on emerging computational and in-silico approaches for food and nutraceutical safety assessment, and the governance mechanisms such as regulatory sandboxes that support safe experimentation with new technologies. Considering India's diverse food

ecosystem, the discussion will underscore the importance of inclusive digital pathways, SME-friendly tools, capacity building, and the role of digital systems in reinforcing food safety culture.

Overall, the session will highlight strategy-level, data-driven, and system-focused applications of digital and AI technologies, balancing regulatory modernization with industry innovation to build future-ready food safety systems.

**1230-1235 hrs**    Setting the context

**Moderator**

**Mr Bobby Krishna**

Senior Food Safety Specialist,  
 Food Safety Department  
 Dubai Municipality, Dubai

**1235-1325 hrs**    **Panel discussion**  
 Digital Pathways to Smarter  
 Food Safety Systems

**Panelists**

**Dr Amit Sharma\***

Executive Director  
 CS-Regulatory Compliance, Regional  
 Office  
 Food Safety & Standards Authority of India  
 (FSSAI)

**Ms Eleonora Dupouy (Virtual)**

Food Safety & Quality Officer  
 Food and Agriculture Organization of the  
 United Nations (FAO)  
 Italy

**Ms Penny Rogers**

Agriculture, Food & Drinks Attache  
 British High Commission in India

**Mr Vikramsinha Deshmukh**

General Manager Corporate Quality  
 Excellence- CoE  
 Dharampal Satyapal Limited

**Mr Ashwin Desikan**

Co-Founder and Chief Technical Officer  
 (CTO)  
 Atsuya Technologies

**Ms Rashida Vapiwala**

Founder  
 LabelBlind

**1325-1330 hrs**    Concluding Remarks

**Mr Bobby Krishna**

## 1330 – 1415 hrs | NETWORKING LUNCH

### 1415 - 1515 hrs | Plenary Session 2

#### Next-Gen Food Packaging: Safety, Sustainability and Regulatory Perspectives

The landscape of food packaging is undergoing rapid transformation, shaped by the dual imperatives of safety and sustainability, alongside evolving regulatory expectations. While recycled materials such as rPET have gained traction, focus is increasingly shifting towards polyolefins (PE, PP) and emerging concerns around substances such as PFAS and other chemicals of potential risk.

This session will explore global scientific and regulatory developments, including migration risks, cumulative exposure, recyclability, and circular economy considerations. It will highlight the role of the Food and Agriculture Organization in advancing guidance on safe and sustainable food packaging, including risk assessment frameworks, capacity building, and support to countries in aligning packaging practices with food safety and environmental objectives.

The discussion will also examine India's evolving approach, including Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's risk-based framework, Bureau of Indian Standards, and alignment with Codex Alimentarius Commission principles. The session will offer industry-focused insights on compliance, innovation, and responsible material selection, while advancing a "safe-by-design" approach to next-generation food packaging systems.

1415 - 1420 hrs Welcome Address &  
Setting the Context

#### **Mr Sunil Bakshi**

Advisor  
National Dairy Development Board  
Former Advisor (Regulations and Codex)  
Food Safety & Standards Authority of India  
(FSSAI)

1420 – 1510 hrs Panel Discussion

#### **Moderator**

#### **Mr Sunil Bakshi**

#### **Panelists**

#### **Dr. Sridhar Dharmapuri**

Stream Leader, Agriculture & Food Systems,  
Senior Food Safety and Nutrition Officer  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the  
United Nations (FAO)  
Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific  
Thailand

#### **Dr. Vimal Katiyar**

Professor- Chemical Engineering  
Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati

**Mr Chitransh Juneja**

Business Development Lead- Sustainability  
& Circular Economy  
Reliance Industries Limited

**Mr Nikhil Patkar**

Portfolio Manager- South Asian Market  
Tetra Pak India Pvt Ltd

**Ms Swati Gupta**

Senior Manager  
Open Innovation and Packaging  
Development  
Amway Global Services India Pvt Ltd

**Mr Rakesh Shah**

Advisor- Public Affairs & Sustainability  
UFlex Ltd

**Ms Pallavi MB (Virtual)**

Senior Manager  
Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC)

**Ms Devavnshi Kapadia (Virtual)**

Food-Contact Manager  
Division recycling technology  
Starlinger & Co Gesellschaft

1510 – 1515 hrs Concluding Remarks

**Mr Sunil Bakshi**

**1515 – 1600 hrs | Valedictory Session**

**Charting India's Next Phase of Food Systems Transformation**

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Welcome Remarks

**Mr Piruz Khambatta**

Chairperson,  
CII FSQR Summit &  
Group Chairman, Rasna International

Valedictory Address

**Shri A P Das Joshi, IAS**

Secretary  
Ministry of Food Processing Industries  
(MoFPI)  
Government of India

**1600-1700 hrs | TEA BREAK & VISIT TO EXPOSITION**

**1700 hrs | SUMMIT DAY 1 CLOSE**

**1700 - 1845 hrs | CII FOOD SAFETY AWARD CEREMONY**

## DAY 2

### MASTERCLASSES- IMPLEMENTATION & READINESS

0900 hrs | 29 April 2026 | Casuarina Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

Day 2 focuses on translating Day 1 insights into practical capability building—covering laboratories, advanced risk assessment, and next-generation audit and assurance systems.

This one-day advanced masterclass series is designed to equip food industry professionals with future-ready capabilities across ESG integration, laboratory intelligence, digital audit transformation, and continuous improvement systems. The program bridges global best practices with practical implementation strategies, enabling organizations to strengthen compliance, resilience, traceability, and operational excellence. Participants will gain actionable insights to enhance food safety governance, risk intelligence, and system reliability in an evolving regulatory and market landscape.

#### 0930 – 1100 hrs | MASTERCLASS 1

##### **Integrating ESG – Social Dimension in Food Safety Systems**

*Strengthening Workforce, Supply Chains & Social Trust*

The masterclass will explore how organizations can integrate social responsibility into food safety management systems, moving beyond compliance toward maturity-based, risk-informed approaches. Embedding workforce welfare & ethical sourcing into FSMS, Risk-informed ESG maturity models, Strengthening supply chain trust & regulatory confidence.

##### **Faculty:**

**Ms Smita Murthy**, India Representative, FSSC

**Mr Swapnil Shinde**, India Representative, FSSC 24000

#### 1100 – 1120 hrs | TEA BREAK

#### 1120 – 1240 hrs | MASTERCLASS 2

##### **Laboratory Intelligence for Futuristic Food Safety**

*From Testing to Integrated Surveillance, Traceability & Early Warning Systems*

This masterclass strengthens India's food laboratory ecosystem as a strategic intelligence pillar for future food safety systems. It advances integrated surveillance, traceability, and early warning capabilities. Topics include Whole Genome Sequencing, AI-enabled workflows, data integration with public health systems, and innovations to enhance preparedness and regulatory confidence.

##### **Faculty:**

**Mr Bobby Krishna**, Senior Food Safety Specialist, Food Safety Department of Dubai Municipality, Dubai

**Dr Chaitali Shevkar**, Manager Technical support, Duke Thomson

## 1240 – 1400 hrs | MASTERCLASS 3

### The Future of Food Safety Audits

*Digital, Predictive & Agentic AI-Enabled Assurance- Futuristic Food Safety Audits*

Food safety audits are rapidly evolving from checklist-based inspections to intelligent, data-driven assurance systems. Participants will experience how AI, digital twins, automation, and blockchain are reshaping compliance monitoring, corrective action management, and traceability across food operations. AI-based hygiene & GMP monitoring, Agentic AI for continuous compliance & automated CAPA, Digital twins for risk visualization

#### Faculty:

**Mr Brajraj Singh Chauhan**, Regional Manager APAC, AIB International

**Dr Sidhishwarr N Rindhe** - Technical Director , Paradigm Services Pvt ltd

## 1400 - 1430 hrs | NETWORKING LUNCH

## 1430 – 1700 hrs | MASTERCLASS 4

### Strengthening a Culture of Continuous Improvement through 3M, 5S & Kaizen

*Operational Excellence. Stronger Systems, Safer Food, Zero Compromise*

This session equips participants with practical tools to eliminate waste, improve line efficiency, and strengthen audit readiness. It focuses on 5S workplace organization, waste reduction principles (Muda, Mura, Muri), and structured problem-solving methods such as PDCA and 5 Why analysis to enhance traceability, reduce errors, and build continuous improvement culture.

#### Faculty:

**Mr Charanjev Kohli**, Head- Consumer Quality, Nestle India

## DAY 2 CLOSE