

Smart Protein Forum 2024

OCTOBER 17 & 18 | DAY 1 AGENDA

9:00-9:45 Main Hall	Registration	
9:30-9:40 Main Hall	Welcome Address	Dr. Leena Wadia Professor and Dean (Education & Outreach), TDU Dr. Vilas P Sinkar Emeritus Professor at TDU
9:40-9:45 Main Hall	Lamp Lighting	
9:40-9:50 Main Hall	Opening Remarks	Dr. Gurmeet Singh Professor and Dean (Research & Outreach), TDU
9:50-10:00 Main Hall	Introductory Remarks	Mr. Paul Glick, Mr. Andrew Heyduck Rural India Supporting Trust
10:00-10:10 Main Hall	The Vision of Smart Protein Forum	Ms. Sneha Singh Acting Managing Director, GFI India
10:10-10:30 Main Hall	Importance of Proteins in the Indian Scenario	Mr. Krishna Kumar Reliance Consumer Products Ltd. Mr. Pawan Agarwal CEO, Food Future Foundation (Former CEO, FSSAI and Secretary to the Government of India)
10:30-10:50 Main Hall	Plenary Talk	Dr. Jitendra Kumar Managing Director, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), Government of India
10:50-11:00 Main Hall	Keynote Address	Dr. Amit Kumar Tripathi Scientist, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India
11:00-3:00	Smart Protein Experience Tour for Students	
11:00-11:10 Main Hall	Announcement of FICSI's Training of Trainers Program on Plant-based Proteins	Mr. Ankur Chauhan Senior Manager - Standards & Technical Services, FICSI Ms. Priya Tyagi Deputy Manager, FICSI
11:10-11:20 Main Hall	MoU and Partnership talk	Mr. Suresh Kumar Director Quality & Food Safety, Akshayapatra
11:20-11:40	Tea	
11:45-12:25 Main Hall	Launch of the Technical Brief on 'Decoding smart protein nutrition: A technical analysis of plant-based meat and egg products in India'	Prelude Ms. Amrutha Girivasan Science & Technology Associate, GFI India

12:30-1:30

Main Hall

**Thematic Talk - Session I:
Protein Futures - Source to Consumer**

Dr. Ezhil Subbian

Chief Executive Officer, String Bio Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Harpreet Tibb

Board Member, Tibbs Foods Private Limited

Mr. Vishwas Ujre

Director Operations Excellence, Akshayapatra

1:00-1:45

Pathanjali Block

GFIdeas India Poster Presentation

1:00-1:45

Lunch

1:30-2:30

**Unveiling Sustain - A fermented protein by StringBio
Workshop conducted by StringBio at TDU Kitchen**

2:15-3:15

Classroom 006,
First Floor,
Pathanjali Block

GFIdeas India Thesis-in-three

2:30-3:30

Kitchen

**Masterclass Session - Unlocking the power of
plant-based proteins**

**with Chef Suresh Hinduja and TDU
Scientific Kitchen Team**

2:30-4:00

Main Hall

**Mainstage Panel Discussion:
Strategising for Smart Protein Research Grants:
An Indian Perspective**

Moderators:

Padma Ishwarya, S. & Chandana Tekkatte
Science & Technology Specialists, GFI India

Dr. Gurmeet Singh

Professor & Dean (Research & Outreach), TDU

Dr. Mukunda Goswami

Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFE

Dr. Barjinder Pal Kaur

Assistant Professor, NIFTEM-K

Dr. Rakhi Singh

Associate Professor, NIFTEM-K

Dr. G.C.Jeevitha

Associate Professor, VIT

Dr. Jyothi Gokhale

Assistant Professor, ICT Mumbai

4:00-4:30

Tea & Networking

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9:30-10:30

Main Hall

Mainstage Panel Discussion 2: Advancing the Smart Protein Ecosystem in Karnataka

Moderator:

Radhika Ramesh
Policy Specialist, GFI India

Ms. Parnika Pavanram

General Manager (Biotechnology & ESDM),
Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS),
Government of Karnataka

Dr. Mohamed Adil A.A.

Managing Director - Bangalore Bioinnovation Centre
(BBC)- KITS, Government of Karnataka

Mr. Prasad Nair

Strategic Alliances and Partnerships, String Bio Pvt. Ltd.

Dr. Priyankana Mukherjee

Assistant Vice President, IKP Knowledge Park

Ms. Rinka Banerjee

Founder & Director, Thinking Forks Consulting

Dr. Sunil Laxman

Faculty, InStem

9:30-10:30

Classroom 006,
First Floor,
Pathanjali Block

GFIdeas India Smart Protein Debate Competition

10:30-1:00

Kitchen

Smart Protein MasterChef Competition

10:30-11:30

Main Hall

Mainstage Panel Discussion 3: FMCG Big6 Consumer Insights & Market Challenges

Moderator:

Dr. Vilas P Sinkar
Emeritus Professor at TDU

Mr. Vikas Gupta

Global Head of R&D, Tata Consumer Products

Dr. Amit Chakraborty

Vice President, R&D, Reliance Retail Limited

Mr. Hitesh Dubey

Vice President - Plant Protein Business, ITC

Dr. Sujatha Jayaraman

Head R&D Beverages and Nutrition R&D South Asia, Unilever

Dr. Shilpa Vora

Chief Research & Development Officer, Marico Limited

11:00-3:00

Smart Protein Experience Tour for Students

11:30-12:45

Main Hall

Thematic Talk - Session 2: Lab To Label: Product and Process Innovations in Smart Protein

Dr. Gurmeet Singh

Professor & Dean (Research & Outreach), TDU

Mr. Milan Darji

Team leader-Technology, Buhler India

Dr. Parag Acharya

Senior Fellow in Food Innovation, Innovation Growth
Manager, Growing Kent & Medway Cluster,
Food and Markets Department

1:00-1:40

Lunch

1:45-02:30

Main Hall

Thematic Talk - Session 3: Unveiling 'Indo-Genius' Ingredients for the Plant-based Smart Protein Industry

Ms. Smitha Devigere

Founder & CEO - Devigere Biosolutions Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Prashant Nadagoudar

F&B SLS Senior Manager, Food and Beverage BU,
Pall Life Sciences

2:35-3:35

Main Hall

**Thematic Talk - Session 4:
Harnessing Future Technologies for Smart
Protein Innovations**

Mr. Kamalnayan Tibrewal
Founder, Biokraft Foods

Ms. Vaijayanti Gupta
Vice President of Business Development,
CrisprBits Private Limited

Dr. Akalya Shanmugam
Associate Professor, NIFTEM-Thanjavur

3:40-4:25

Main Hall

**Thematic Talk - Session 5:
Model Systems to Evaluate Protein Quality
& Functionality**

Dr. Megha
Associate Professor, TDU

Dr. Vinutha T. Gowda
Senior Scientist, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research
Institute (IARI)

4:30-5:15

Distribution of prizes for student competitions & valedictory ceremony