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Grand Launch

27th May, 2025 | 10:30 AM

Jio World Convention Centre, BKC - Mumbai

Event Manual 2025



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As India's first and pioneering industrial-scale PLA Biopolymer plant takes shape under our umbrella, we're thrilled to invite you, to celebrate a landmark moment in our sustainability and innovation journey.

It is our pleasure to invite you to the official
LAUNCH of BALRAMPUR BIOYUG,



Our state-of-the-art manufacturing facility, built with an investment of Rs.2850 crores, boasts an impressive annual production capacity of 80,000 tonnes of 100% compostable and bio-based Poly Lactic Acid (PLA). This achievement underscores our unwavering commitment to innovation, sustainability, and environmental stewardship.

Poly Lactic Acid (PLA) is a groundbreaking, IS/ISO 17088 certified biomaterial transforming the bioplastics industry. Derived from renewable resources like sugarcane, PLA offers a sustainable, compostable alternative to petroleum-based plastics, reducing carbon footprint and aligning with our nation's sustainability goals.

Join us for an exclusive gathering of industry leaders, policymakers, and media experts. This event promises:

- Meaningful connections with the who's who of the industry
- Insightful discussions and thought-provoking panel debates
- Valuable perspectives on the latest trends

This is one event you won't want to miss!

Warm Regards,

VIVEK SARAOGI
Chairman and Managing Director

Balrampur
bioyug[®]
The era of bio circularity





• 27th May, 2025



• 10:30 AM Onwards



• Pavilion 3, Jio World Convention Centre,
Entry Gate - 18, BKC, Mumbai



- Bioyug Official Launch • Exhibition • Panel Discussions
- Bioyug on wheels unveiling • Networking
- Music & Entertainment • Cocktails & Dinner



09:30am - 10:30am

10.30am - 11:15am

- ## Exhibition Tour

11.15am - 11:20am

- 🌿 Welcome Speech by Ms. Avantika Saraogi, ED, BCML

11.20am - 11:30am

- ## Lamp Lighting

11.30am - 11:40am

- 🌿Arrival of Chief Guest - Hon'ble Minister of Defence of India, Mr. Rajnath Singh &

Arrival of Presiding Guest - Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Devendra Fadnavis

11.40am - 11:50am

- ## Curtain Raiser of Bioyug on Wheels

11.50am - 12:00pm

- Special address by **Mr. Vivek Saraogi, CMD, BCML**

12.00pm - 12:10pm

- Address by Presiding Guest, Hon'ble Mr. Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra

12.10pm - 12:20pm

- Address by Chief Guest, Hon'ble Mr. Rajnath Singh, Minister of Defence of India

12.20pm - 12:30pm

- ### ● Felicitation and presentation of Memento

PANELISTS

12:30am - 01:15pm

Ms. Shweta Suryawanshi
GM - Business Development, BCML

SESSION 1

“Green Gold” the Catalysts of Change: The Value Chain Driving the PLA Revolution

Distinguished Speaker
Dr. Ashish Kishore Lele
Director & Chief Scientist
National Chemical Laboratory

Mr. Emmanuel Rapendy
Global Business Unit Head
Polymer and Crystallization
Sulzer

Mr. Sunder Balakrishnan
General Manager
Natur Tec India Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Pradeep Kokkatt
Founder & Managing Director
Greenbio Products Pvt. Ltd.

Ms. Aruna Vahini
Packaging Development
Brittania Industries Limited

01:40pm - 02:30pm

Lunch

02:35pm - 03:30pm

Ms. Avantika Saraogi
Executive Director, BCML

SESSION 2

“Policy to Enable Commercialisation of Biobased technologies Focus on Bio-Plastics”

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Rajesh S Gokhale
Secretary- Department of
Biotechnology (DBT)

Special Address
Mr. Manoj Kr. Singh IAS
Chief Secretary & IIDC
Uttar Pradesh

Ms. Divya Sinha
Scientist F
Central Pollution Control Board

Mr. Deepak Mishra
Joint Secretary
Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals
Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers

Dr. Johnsy George
Scientist F and Head
Food Engineering and Packaging
Defence Institute of Bio-Defence Technologies

Prof. Vimal Katiyar
Dean, Research and
Development - IIT Guwahati



Programme Schedule

SESSION TIME	NAME OF MODERATOR	TOPIC OF PANEL DISCUSSION	PANELISTS
			Distinguished Speaker Mr. Vinod C Bondal Managing Director, Konkan Speciality Polyproducts Pvt. Ltd.
			Mr. Vikram Bhanushali Director SKYi Fkur Biopolymers Pvt. Ltd.
			Ms. Meenakshi Sapru General Manager Huhtamaki Food Services
			Mr. Sagar Shejwalkar Asst. Vice President Sci & Tech Innovation Parksons Packaging Ltd.
			Dr. Prakash Hadimani Head - Business Development Steer Engineering Private Limited
			Mr. Gagan Deep Strategic Advisor and Mentor SSF plastics India Ltd.
03:35pm - 04:20pm	Ms. Shweta Suryawanshi GM - Business Development, BCML	PLA Powerhouse “From Farm to Future” Pioneering the PLA Market Transformation	
SESSION 3			
04:20pm - 04:25pm	Refreshment Break		
04:30pm - 04:40pm	Reimagining Sustainability: An Introduction to Indian Circular Polymer Association (ICPA) by Mr. Vikram Bhanushali, President, ICPA		
			Distinguished Speaker Dr. Amit Love Joint Director-Ozone Cell Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change
			Prof. Vivek Verma (PI) Associate Professor Materials Science and Engineering Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
			Dr. Suneel Pandey Director Circular Economy and Waste Management The Energy and Resources Institute
			Dr. Smita Mohanty Principal Scientist Central Institute of Petrochemicals- Engineering and Technology
			Dr. S K Nayak Chief Advisor, Balrampur Bioyug
			Mr. Haren Sanghavi Managing Director, Gms Plastic Machinery PVT. LTD.
04:45pm - 05:35pm	Mr. Stefan Barot President - Chemical Division BCML	"Circularity in Plastics How Biopolymers Present New Opportunities and the Challenges They Face".	
SESSION 4			
05:35pm - 05:50pm	Thank you note by Mr. Stefan Barot, President Chemical Division, BCML		
06:00pm - 10:00pm	Music - Live Band, Cocktails & Dinner		

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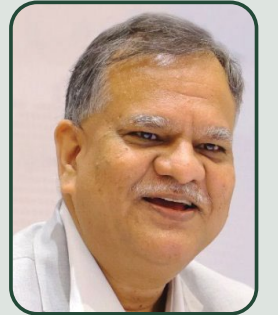
Dr. Rajesh S Gokhale
Secretary- Department of
Biotechnology (DBT)



Prof. Rajesh S. Gokhale is Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India. A distinguished scientist, he has held leadership roles at CSIR-IGIB and IISER Pune. His research focuses on chemical biology, genomics, and disease mechanisms. Prof. Gokhale has published in prestigious journals, mentored 200+ students, and co-founded Vyome Biosciences, a biopharmaceutical company. He's a recipient of several awards, including the Infosys Prize and Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize, and is a Fellow of all three Indian National Science Academies

Mr. Manoj Kr. Singh IAS
Chief Secretary & IIDC
Uttar Pradesh

Mr. Manoj Kr. Singh - is a seasoned bureaucrat with over 35 years of experience. A 1988-batch IAS officer, he has held key positions in Uttar Pradesh and Central Governments, including Principal Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, and Director General. His expertise spans rural development, tourism, urban planning, environment, and infrastructure. Notably, he successfully led the organization of Maha Kumbh-2013 and Kumbh-2019, receiving accolades from the Prime Minister. Currently, he serves as Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh, and holds various additional charges



Mr. Deepak Mishra
Joint Secretary
Department of Chemicals
& Petrochemicals



Deepak Mishra, Indian Forest Service (IFS), 1996 Kerala. Worked in Kerala State Forest Department as various field postings. Also worked as Faculty Member in Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA). Before Joining Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals of Joint Secretary was working as Secretary, Indian Council of Forest Research and Education in Dehradun. The Academic background is Master of Science in Physics from IIT, Kanpur.

Dr. Johnsy George
Scientist F and Head
Food Engineering and Packaging
Defence Institute of Bio-Defence Technologies

Dr. Johnsy George, Scientist 'F' at DRDO's Defense Institute of Bio-defense Technologies, Mysore, leads the Food Engineering & Packaging Technology Division. His research focuses on sustainable polymeric materials for food packaging, including compostable bottles and specialty films. A Ph.D. holder in Polymer Science from Visvesvaraya Technological University, he has published over 80 international papers (h-index 32), authored five book chapters, and holds five patents. His contributions have earned him multiple national awards, including the 9th National Award for Technology Innovation (2020). He has delivered lectures internationally, trained in Germany, and actively serves on academic boards and scientific bodies.



Prof. Vimal Katiyar
Dean, Research and
Development - IIT Guwahati



Dr. Vimal Katiyar is a Professor of Chemical Engineering at IIT Guwahati and Honorary Senior Fellow at Kyoto Institute of Technology, Japan. His research focuses on sustainable polymers, biodegradable plastics, and green technologies. He has led several national projects and Centres of Excellence, filed over 30 patents, transferred 12+ technologies to industry, and published extensively. He has guided 30 Ph.D. scholars and received multiple innovation awards. Prof. Katiyar also serves on key national committees related to biodegradable plastics and

Dr. Ashish Kishore Lele
Director & Chief Scientist
National Chemical Laboratory

Dr. Ashish Lele - Leading CSIR-NCL as Director of the laboratory; Created a roadmap of critical technology verticals for the 2021-2030 decade and an execution plan for aligning lab resources along the roadmap; developing major technology development programs along the verticals through strategic partnerships. 2018-2021: Led the advanced materials and alternative energy group in RIL; part of strategy team creating roadmap for New Energy and New Materials vertical in RIL. 2010-2017: Provided leadership as Head, Polymer Science and Engineering Division, CSIR-NCL; Led efforts for developing PEM fuel cell technology in a consortium of three CSIR laboratories and three Indian industries. 1993-2017: Set up research group on rheology of complex fluids, polymer dynamics and polymer processing; lead many industrial sponsored research projects at NCL; drove product development activities; participated in CSIR's mission-mode programs.



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Mr. Sunder Balakrishnan
General Manager
Natur Tec India Pvt. Ltd.



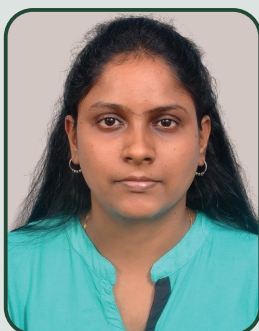
Dr. Sunder - is the Managing Director of Natur Tec, India Pvt. Ltd. Prior to joining the natur-TECTM business unit, Sunder was the technical head at Harita NTI for the zerust® business unit. (dealing in comprehensive solutions on corrosion management). Dr. Sunder received a doctorate degree in chemical engineering from Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan in the area of "Reactive extrusion of biopolymers and composites". He received his bachelors degree in chemical engineering from university department of chemical technology, UDCT Mumbai. He has co-authored several U.S Patents and international publications in the area of Bioplastics and is also a representative on Bio-polymers at International Standards Organization and Bureau of Indian Standards. He is also a national consultant to UNIDO, international centre for advancements in manufacturing technology in the area of biobased and biodegradable polymers.

Mr. Pradeep Kokkatt
Founder & Managing Director
Greenbio Products Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Pradeep Kokkatt - Founder & Managing Director of Greenbio Products, is a visionary leader dedicated to pioneering sustainable innovation in biodegradable solutions. With over a decade of leadership expertise and more than 7 years at the helm of Greenbio, he has successfully delivered products that adhere to stringent ISO 17088 / EN 13432 / ASTM D6400 standards. Notably, in collaboration with Co-founder Mr. Ali Asgar Vora, Greenbio Products has achieved a groundbreaking milestone in India: developing 100% biodegradable PLA bottles, complete with caps and labels, in partnership with a Kerala government entity under the esteemed brand Hilly Aqua. Under Mr. Kokkatt's leadership, Greenbio Products has evolved into a reputable name in eco-friendly manufacturing, catering to both domestic and international markets. His commitment to integrating business objectives with environmental stewardship is unwavering, driving the company towards making a profound global impact. With a forward-thinking approach that harmoniously blends innovation, sustainability, and strategic growth, Mr. Kokkatt continues to steer Greenbio Products towards a greener future.



Ms. Aruna Vahini
Packaging Development
Brittania Industries Limited



Ms. Aruna Vahini - is a packaging professional with over 10 years of experience in leading FMCG companies including ITC, Unilever, and Britannia. Brings deep expertise in flexible packaging and a wide range of packaging materials. Work spans multiple geographies, giving a global perspective on packaging challenges and solutions. Has led several sustainability projects focused on recyclable laminates, PCR content, paper-based formats, and alternative materials. Passionate about innovation and sustainability, continues to drive impactful packaging strategies in the FMCG sector.

Mr. Vikram Bhanushali
Director
SKYi Fkur Biopolymers Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Vikram Bhanushali - Vikram graduated in Bachelor's Degree (B.E) in Polymer Engineering in 1998 from University of Pune, India. He oversaw technical & production in the manufacturing of Specialty Anti-Corrosive Coatings in his company, Devika Chemicals & Devcon Chemicals in the capacity of Director. Since 2015 he is actively involved as Co-Founder Director in SKYi composites & SKYi Innovations looking into Business Development and Sales contributing to the growth of SKYi Group utilizing his experience of over 15 years in various industries especially polymers by assisting in developing applications and business of Long Fiber Composite materials and Compostable Biopolymers.



Ms. Meenakshi Sapru
General Manager
Huhtamaki Food Services



Meenakshi Sapru - Head of Sales- (India and SEA) Huhtamaki Foodservices packaging Pvt Ltd Meenakshi Sapru (Born in Kashmir – J&K India). She holds bachelor's degree in Printing Technology from Pune University with Masters in Business Administration from Mumbai University. A Professional with an experience of 30+ years in Sales, Marketing, Business Development, P & L accountability and a Business strategist. She has been instrumental to setup business for major companies like Xerox, Hewlett Packard. Her leadership has led to the exponential business growth to organisations she has served till date.

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Mr. Sagar Shejwalkar
Asst. Vice President
Sci & Tech Innovation- Parksons
Packaging Ltd.



Mr. Sagar Shejwalkar - is the Assistant Vice President – Science & Technology Innovation at Parksons Packaging Ltd., where he leads the development of fiber-based primary packaging solutions. He works at the forefront of material science and application engineering, driving innovation in fiber-based, recyclable, and compostable packaging. Sagar has played a key role in scaling technologies such as bagasse-based packaging, biopolymer applications and advanced bio-based coatings. His expertise spans extrusion processes, circular packaging systems, and sustainable product design. With a deep commitment to innovation-led sustainability, he brings actionable insights into building future-ready packaging solutions.

Dr. Prakash Hadimani
Head of Business Development
Steer Engineering

Dr. Prakash - Over all 20 years of experience in field of polymer compounding technology of Biophilic materials, biomass processing, denim stone development, sustainable De-crosslinking XLPE, Devolatilization extrusion technology, battery separator extrusion adhesive and rubber based continuous process, non-dust additive, reaction polymers, specialty polymer materials, polymer highly filled wood and jute compounding non-Halogen flame retardant system, specialty metal compounding. Expertise on twin screw co-rotating extrusion training, troubleshooting, process developments, and formulation developments for polymer materials.



Mr. Gagan Deep
Strategic Advisor and Mentor
SSF plastics India Ltd.



Mr. Gagan Deep techno-commercial professional with nearly 40 years of experience in the Pharma and FMCG sectors, specializing in packaging innovation and strategy. After starting at Ranbaxy and serving as Packaging Development Manager at Hindustan Lever, I rose to Regional Packaging Director - South Asia at Unilever. I later held global procurement roles in Singapore and Dubai, focusing on packaging feedstocks. From 2016 to 2023, I was Global Head of Packaging Development at Himalaya Wellness. Currently, I consult as a Strategic Advisor, driving innovation, sustainability, and technology development.

Prof. Vivek Verma (PI)
Department: Materials Science
and Engineering, IIT Kanpur

Dr. Vivek Verma is a faculty of Materials Science and Engineering (MSE) department at IIT Kanpur. He did his B. Tech. in Metallurgical Engineering from IIT Madras and PhD from Pennsylvania State University. His research interests include developing materials for sustainable packaging and wound dressing. His group focusses on physical and chemical modification of polymers. Development of seaweed-based packaging solutions for FMCG products, dressings for chronic wounds, and hemostatic materials for faster blood clotting are few of his contributions. He has filed several patents on packaging and wound care materials. He has been awarded STE Green Excellence Award, Shri Ram Arora Award and American Academy of Mechanics, Founders' Prize and Grant.



Dr. Suneel Pandey
Director
Circular Economy and Waste Management
The Energy and Resources Institute



Dr Suneel Pandey - is Senior Fellow and Director, Circular Economy & Waste Management Division, TERI. In addition, he is also working as Adjunct Faculty at TERI School of Advanced Studies (TERI SAS). He has more than 30 years of consultancy/ research experience in the areas of municipal, industrial and hospital waste management, their linkage with climate change aspects and circular economy and resource efficiency, waste-to-energy issues, impact assessment, air, water and soil quality monitoring, site assessments, performance evaluation of ETP and institutional strengthening and capacity building. He has obtained his Ph. D. degree in hazardous waste characterization from Nagpur University while working as Project Fellow at NEERI, Nagpur. Prior to joining TERI, Suneel has worked for ERM India and at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology on development of landfill liner for containment of land disposed hazardous waste and deriving material balances and associated environmental pollution for Hong Kong region as part of Post Doctoral Research.

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Dr. S K Nayak
Chief Advisor, Balrampur Bioyug



Prof. Sanjay K. Nayak is a renowned polymer scientist with over 36 years of experience in teaching, research, and consultancy in the petrochemical sector. He served as Director General of CIPET (2007–2021) and is currently Vice-Chancellor of Ravenshaw University, Odisha. He holds dual Ph.Ds in Science and Engineering, a D.Sc. in Polymer Science & Technology, and has been Adjunct Professor at international universities. A pioneer in eco-friendly composites, nanocomposites, and biopolymers, he has published 500+ research papers, authored 30+ books/chapters, and holds 50+ patents. Prof. Nayak has mentored over 50 Ph.D. scholars, contributed to national standards as BIS committee chair, and received top honors including the APA Distinguished Scientist Award, FICCI Lifetime Achievement Award, and recognition among the top 2% global scientists in Polymers by Stanford University.

Mr. Haren Sanghavi
Managing Director, Gms Plastic
Machinery PVT. LTD.

Mr. Haren Sanghavi has been the Managing Director of GMS Plastic Machinery Pvt. Ltd. since 2016 and has been associated with the company since its inception in 2006. Under his leadership, GMS has expanded its manufacturing and export of plastic waste recycling and extrusion machinery, in collaboration with Gamma Meccanica S.p.A., Italy. A prominent voice in the plastics and recycling sector, he has authored technical articles, presented papers at major conferences, and actively contributed to policy-making, including the Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016. He serves as a Managing Committee Member of AIPMA and is known for his work in environmental advocacy and stakeholder engagement.



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