

## **SIES School of Packaging at Fi India & ProPak India 2026**

SIES School of Packaging - Packaging Technology Centre successfully concluded the SIES Packaging Conference, held concurrently with ProPak India 2026 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai. The conference brought together industry leaders, academicians, researchers, packaging professionals, and delegates to exchange insights on emerging trends, innovations, sustainability, and future challenges in the packaging sector. We extend our sincere gratitude to all distinguished speakers, moderators, panellists, delegates, partners, and the ProPak India team for their valuable contributions and enthusiastic participation, which made the event a resounding success.





SIES School of Packaging convened a thought-provoking panel discussion on “The Food Pack of Tomorrow: Smarter, Safer, Sustainable - But at What Cost?” held on 28 August 2026 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre (BEC), Mumbai. Moderated by Mr. Rajesh Kumar Gera, Advisor and Chief Strategist, SIES School of Packaging, the panel featured distinguished industry experts Mr. Mangesh Sonar (Director, BD India Sub-continent, Kiefel Packaging Group India Pvt. Ltd.), Ms. Bhagyashree Chavan Mhatre (Founder & Director, Food Monk Innovations), and Mr. Parthesh Dave (Technical Director, Acumen Packaging and Packaging Educationist).



The panel explored one of the industry's most pressing questions: “Can India afford the food pack of tomorrow?” Discussions covered emerging technologies such as smart packaging, IoT-enabled solutions, blockchain-based traceability, and active packaging systems, while repeatedly returning to the challenge of balancing innovation with affordability. The experts examined how the industry can deliver packaging solutions that are smarter, safer, and more sustainable without compromising accessibility and commercial viability for Indian consumers and businesses. The session highlighted the importance of developing future-ready packaging that aligns technological advancement with practical market realities.



The conference featured several engaging knowledge sessions which included “Can India Afford the Food Pack of Tomorrow?”, moderated by Ms. Kriti Pant, which explored the balance between nutrition, convenience, innovation, and affordability, and “The Food Pack of Tomorrow: Smarter, Safer, Sustainable - But at What Cost?”, which brought together experts to discuss the opportunities and challenges of future-ready food packaging solutions. Additionally, Ms. Namrata Kargutkar, Packaging Lead at The Whole Truth Foods, delivered valuable insights on “The Critical Role of Packaging in Nitrogen Retention in Nitrogen-Flushed Products.” The event reinforced the collective commitment of industry stakeholders toward developing smarter, safer, sustainable, and commercially viable packaging solutions for the future.

- \* - \* -