

2026

Public
Policy
Dialogues

Theme : Food Systems



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Linear Thinking

Schedule



Date: March 20 - 22, 2026

Venue: Indian School of Business, Hyderabad Campus

Day 1 – Friday, 20 March 2026

10:00 AM (Atrium)	Registration
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Khemka Auditorium)	Inaugural Session
Welcome Address by Ashwini Chhatre, Associate Professor & Executive Director, Bharti Institute of Public Policy, Indian School of Business and Conference Chair, Public Policy Dialogues 2026 Opening Remarks by Madan Pillutla, Dean and Professor of Organisational Behaviour, Indian School of Business Keynote Address by Shri. Pasha Patel, Distinguished Farmer Leader; Chairman of the State Agricultural Price Commission, Maharashtra; Executive President of the Chief Minister Environment & Sustainable Development Task Force	
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM (Khemka Auditorium)	Panel Discussion "Governance for Food Systems – Opportunities for Horizontal and Vertical Integration"
Panellists: Arti Ahuja, IAS (Retd.), Former Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India T. Nandakumar, Former Secretary, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Government of India Deepak Sawant, Chairman, Task Force Malnutrition Eradication, Government of Maharashtra Mekhala Krishnamurthy, Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, Ashoka University	
3:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Parallel Roundtable
- State Capacity for Food Systems Transformation Lecture Theatre 01, MOEC* - Advancing Food System Transformation Evidence to Policy for a Viksit Bharat and Net Zero Future (Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)) Lecture Theatre 06, MOEC	
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM (Townhall MOEC)	Research and Innovation Showcase

Day 2 – Saturday, 21 March 2026

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM
(Khemka Auditorium)

Panel Discussion “Civil Society and Food Systems”

Panellists:

Ajay Vir Jakhar, Chairman, Bharat Krishak Samaj (Indian Farmers Forum)

Seema Kulkarni, Senior Fellow & Founding Member, Society for Promoting Participative Eco-system Management Pune (SOPPECOM)

Nachiket Udupa, Member, Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS)

G V Ramanjaneyulu, Executive Director, Centre for Sustainable Agriculture (CSA)

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM
(Khemka Auditorium)

Panel Discussion “Four Axes of Food Systems – Samaaj, Sarkaar, Bazaar and Sanchar”

Panellists:

Venkatramanan Ramachandran, Consultant and Researcher Agritech Analyst, KrishidotSystem

Praful Kumar Naphade, Co-Founder, Healthy Food Bank Pashan (Community)

Vishalakshi Padmanabhan, Executive Director, PGS Organic Council and Board Member, Buffalo Back Consumers Federation

Satyajit Hange, Co-Founding Farmer, Two Brother Organic Farms

Sayantan Bera, National Editor, Mint

12:30 PM – 3:30 PM
(Atrium)

Startup Showcase

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Parallel Roundtables

- Science to Policy Translation for Future-Ready Food Systems in India (National Institute of Nutrition) | **Lecture Theatre 01, MOEC**
- Centering Nutrition in Climate-Resilient Agrifood Systems (Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition) | **Lecture Theatre 06, MOEC**

7:00 PM Onwards
(Recreation Centre Lawns)

Gala Dinner

Day 3 – Sunday, 22 March 2026

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM
(Khemka Auditorium)

Panel Discussion “Nature-Positive Food Systems”

Panellists:

Rangu Rao, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Safe Harvest

P S Vijay Shankar, Professor of Practice Programme, School of Social Sciences, Shiv Nadar University

Yogesh Jain, Head, Sangwari (People's Association for Equity & Health), Northern Chhattisgarh

Thomas Zacharias, Founder, The Locavore

11:15 AM – 1:15 PM

Parallel Roundtables

- Changing Food Choices in India: Implications for Business and Policy (Aline Partners) | **Lecture Theatre 01, MOEC**
- Community Action for Food Systems Transformation | **Lecture Theatre 06, MOEC**

11:15 AM – 3:00 PM
(Atrium)

Women's Collectives for Food Systems