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National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM-K), an Institute of National Importance under the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), will organise the International Conference on Advanced Next Generation Vision for Emerging and Sustainable Healthy Foods (ANVESH–2026) from February 26–28, 2026.

Addressing a press conference held ahead of the event, Dr Avinash Joshi, Secretary, MoFPI; D Pravin and Preet Pal Singh, Joint Secretaries, MoFPI; and Harinder Singh Oberoi, Director, NIFTEM-K, were present.

Dr Joshi stated that ANVESH–2026 will serve as a significant international platform bringing together experts, researchers, industry representatives and policymakers from more than 25 countries.

Dr Joshi emphasised that both food packaging and food technology are crucial for the growth of the food processing sector. Scientific and advanced packaging plays a vital role in extending the shelf life of food products. He added that although the sector remains largely unorganised in India, it has recorded a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of around 7 percent over the past decade. During the same period, India’s agricultural exports have witnessed substantial growth, with processed food exports doubling in the last ten years.

Dr Harinder Singh Oberoi underscored the concept of Food as Medicine and stated that post-harvest losses amounting to nearly Rs 1.10 lakh crore annually can be significantly reduced through modern food processing technologies. He added that ANVESH–2026 will serve as an important initiative to promote innovation, value addition and sustainable food systems.

The three-day international conference is expected to witness participation from more than 1,000 delegates. Under the Participation and Speakers segment, eminent experts from globally reputed institutions and organisations such as CGIAR, McGill University, Wageningen University

& Research, Volcani Institute and The University of Queensland will participate, along with leading scientists, industry experts, exporters, startup entrepreneurs and policymakers from India and abroad. Special addresses are proposed by the Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Chirag Paswan, Member, NITI Aayog Ramesh Chand, senior officials of MoFPI and representatives from other Ministries and Departments.

The conference will feature plenary sessions, keynote lectures, panel discussions, roundtables, an exhibition and a live cookery show. More than 50 exhibitors, including startups, MSMEs and PMFME beneficiaries from various States, will showcase innovations across the food processing value chain.

ANVESH–2026 will provide a robust global platform for dialogue on emerging areas such as digital compliance, food safety and traceability, alternative proteins, nutraceuticals, waste management, circular economy approaches and agri-food entrepreneurship, thereby contributing significantly to the development of resilient, healthy and sustainable food systems.

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