



THE SUGAR TECHNOLOGISTS'
ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

84th

ANNUAL CONVENTION & INTERNATIONAL SUGAR EXPO 2026

18th-20th August 2026
Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, Goa



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INVITATION



Greetings!

It gives me immense pleasure to invite you to the 84th Annual Convention & International Sugar Expo 2026 of The Sugar Technologists' Association of India, to be held from 18th to 20th August 2026 at the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, Goa.

This flagship event—one of the largest gatherings of sugar technologists in the country—comes at a defining moment for the industry. India, as the world's second-largest sugar producer contributing over 20% of global output, is rapidly transitioning towards ethanol integration, energy efficiency, and sustainable manufacturing practices. Against this dynamic backdrop, the Convention will serve as a vital platform for dialogue, innovation and shaping the future roadmap of a sustainable and globally competitive sugar industry.

The event is expected to bring together over 1,000 delegates, including industry leaders, technologists, researchers, policymakers, and professionals from across the sugar and allied sectors. It will provide a unique opportunity to exchange ideas, explore emerging technologies, and deliberate on diversification, value addition, and future-ready growth strategies.

Running concurrently, the International Sugar Expo 2026 will host nearly 100 leading exhibitors showcasing cutting-edge products, processes, and services. The Expo will offer unparalleled opportunities for networking, collaboration, technology transfer, and business development across the entire value chain.

Set against the vibrant and scenic backdrop of Goa, the Convention also promises a thoughtfully curated cultural programme and engaging experiences for accompanying guests—making it not only professionally enriching but also personally memorable.

An engaging and forward-looking programme for the Convention is being meticulously curated by the Council. The event is expected to be graced by Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa; Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India; and Mr. Prahlad Joshi, Hon'ble Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India. On behalf of STAI and its Council, I cordially invite you to participate in large numbers and be a part of this prestigious and impactful gathering.

I look forward to welcoming you to Goa!

Sanjay Awasthi
President – STAI



Dr. Pramod Sawant
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa



Mr. Nitin Gadkari,
Hon'ble Union Minister of
Road Transport and Highways,
Government of India



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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



Biggest congregation of sugar & allied industry scientists, technocrats & managers from India & abroad



Sharing wealth of experience by renowned experts on industry trends and deep insight during the Memorial lectures and technical sessions



Delivering excellence and innovation for future businesses



Opportunity to interface with leading technology developers & who's who of Indian sugar industry



Lucrative opportunity for branding, networking and knowledge sharing



A platform to network, forge partnerships with Govt & industry stakeholders

AWARDS

STAI recognizes the contribution of its members in advancing the cause and growth of the industry. The following awards are presented annually with the aim to encourage them :

- ▶ Life Time Achievement and Industry Excellence Awards
- ▶ ISGEC Gold Medal – Engineering for Excellence
- ▶ J.P. Mukherji Gold Medal for the Best Engineer of the Year
- ▶ Dr. P.J. Manohar Rao Gold Medal for Excellence in Co-products
- ▶ Dr. Bansi Dhar Gold Medal for Energy Efficiency
- ▶ S.C. Sharma Gold Medal for Innovation in Process Technology
- ▶ Noel Deerr Gold Medal and STAI Silver Medal for best research paper in :
 - Sugarcane Agriculture • Engineering
 - Processing • Co-products



Snapshots of the award presentation ceremony during STAI Annual Convention 2025

EXHIBIT AT INTERNATIONAL SUGAR EXPO 2026

The International Sugar Expo 2026, to be held concurrently with the 84th STAI Annual Convention from 18th – 20th August 2026 at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, Goa, offers an exceptional platform to showcase innovation, technology, and services to the sugar and allied industries.

With participation from leading OEMs, technology providers, chemical manufacturers, and MSMEs, the Expo is expected to host 100+ exhibitors and attract over 1,000 industry professionals, making it one of the most influential business and networking platforms in the sector.

Strategically located within the Convention venue, the exhibition area will serve as a high-engagement networking hub during technical sessions, luncheons, and evening programs—ensuring maximum visibility and interaction for all exhibitors.

Size & Price :

	STALL SIZE	PRICE IN	GST
For STAI Members	3 x 3 meters	1,25,000 / stall	18 %
For Non-Members	3 x 3 meters	1,40,000 / stall	18 %
For STAI Members	3 x 2 meters	1,15,000 / stall	18 %
For Non-Members	3 x 2 meters	1,30,000 / stall	18 %

Other Features :

Inclusions: Octonorm stall structure, 1 table, 2 chairs, 1 power point, spotlights, fascia with branding, a dustbin and participation of 2 complementary delegates.

For booking of stall and other queries, please contact :

Mr. Amit Khatter

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Payments : Through DD/Bank Transfer in favour of “The Sugar Technologists Association of India” payable at New Delhi

***Availability of stalls is limited, allotment to be made on first-come-first-served basis.** Interested exhibitors may book their preferred stalls by speaking to officials at STAI Secretariat and remitting the cost of stalls in advance to avoid disappointment at later stages.

Be a part of International Sugar Expo 2026 – where innovation meets opportunity, and industry leaders converge.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND?

- ▶ Understanding recent trends in process improvements, technological advancements and innovations in the agriculture and industry with global perspective
- ▶ Accessing opportunities in the Indian Sugar Industry
- ▶ Opportunity to exhibit innovations and delivering presentations to the elite gathering of professionals
- ▶ Networking with top policy makers, industry leaders, Indian & international experts, buyers etc.
- ▶ Overseas collaboration opportunities for industry professionals

WHY EXHIBIT IN SUGAR EXPO?

- ▶ India's one and only apex Sugar Expo offering an ideal platform for brand promotion
- ▶ A unique platform to showcase and launch new products, processes and services
- ▶ Opportunity to reach out to nearly 1000 industry professionals
- ▶ A place for exploring new business opportunities
- ▶ A forum to discuss innovations with industry and agri business leaders
- ▶ Opportunity to make presentations to a focused target sugar industry related audience

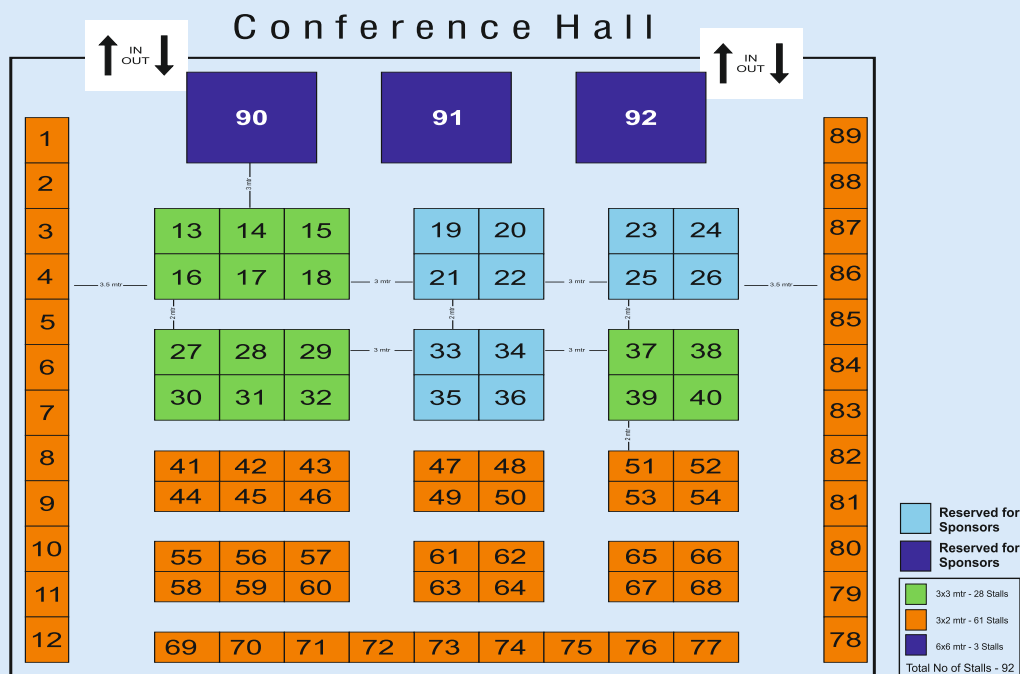


Snapshot of the International Sugar Expo 2025

FLOOR PLAN OF INTERNATIONAL SUGAR EXPO 2026

VISITOR PROFILE

- ▶ Industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and policymakers
- ▶ Managing Directors, CEOs, and senior decision-makers
- ▶ OEMs, MSMEs, and service providers
- ▶ Engineers, sugar technologists, and agronomists
- ▶ Scientists, researchers, and consultants



CALL FOR RESEARCH PAPERS

STAI invites high-quality research papers for presentation at the Convention in the following areas:

- ▶ Sugarcane Agriculture
- ▶ Factory Processing
- ▶ Factory Engineering (including equipment design, maintenance, energy efficiency & conservation).
- ▶ Co-product (including environment and management aspects).

Keeping in view the significance of the event and the limited number of technical papers will be accepted and presented during the convention, the authors are requested to write quality papers, giving their latest innovations, enclosing the precise data with the achievements of their research work and its usefulness to the sugar industry. **The last date for submission of soft copy of the paper is 09th June 2026. Detailed guidelines can be accessed from STAI website : www.staionline.org**



Presentation of Certificate of participation to the author during 83rd STAI Annual Convention 2025

GENERAL INFORMATION ON GOA

Nestled along the scenic **Konkan coast of West India**, Goa is a unique blend of natural beauty, rich heritage, and modern vibrancy. Bordered by Maharashtra to the north, Karnataka to the east and south, and the Arabian Sea to the west, Goa stands out as one of India's most sought-after destinations.

Despite being India's smallest state by area, Goa ranks among the **most prosperous states, with a per capita income over 2.5 times the national average**, and is consistently recognized for its **high quality of life and robust infrastructure**.

The state capital, Panaji, along with cultural hubs like **Margao** and **Vasco da Gama**, reflects Goa's distinctive Indo-Portuguese heritage—shaped over **450 years of Portuguese influence** until its integration with India in 1961.

Renowned for its **pristine beaches, iconic churches, temples, and UNESCO World Heritage architecture**, Goa attracts millions of domestic and international visitors each year. Its location along the Western Ghats—one of the world's richest biodiversity hotspots also makes it a haven for nature lovers, with diverse flora and fauna.

SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF GOA

To enhance your visit, specially curated sightseeing tours are being arranged for accompanying guests:

- ▶ City Tour of Goa
- ▶ Heritage Trails of Goa
- ▶ Local Market Experience

For tour packages, transfers, and assistance, participants may connect with M/s. Alpcord Network



DISTANCE TO THE VENUE

Dabolim Airport to venue	- 25 Kms
Manohar International Airport to venue	- 40 Kms
Panjim Railway Station to venue	- 07 Kms



OFFICIAL HOTELS IN GOA

Sr. No.	Hotel Name	Category	Room Tariff		Approx. Distance from the Venue
			Single	Double	
1	Taj Cidade de Goa Horizon	5 Star	14500	14500	5 Km
2	Vivanta Goa Panjim	5 Star	8000	8500	7 Km
3	Novotel Panjim	5 Star	8000	8500	7 Km
4	Bambolim Beach Resort	4 Star	5650	5650	3.5 Km
5	PRAINHA Resort by Sea (Standard Room)	4 Star	5500	6000	5 Km
6	PRAINHA Resort by Sea (Sea Facing Cottage)	4 Star	6500	7000	5 Km
7	Ginger Dona Paula Goa	3 Star	5700	5700	4 Km

Terms and Conditions

- Check In time is 1500Hrs & Checkout time is 12 noon.
- The above hotels are inclusive of room & breakfast and exclusive of taxes.
- Taxes structure for Taj Cidade de Horizon, Vivanta & Novotel Panjim are inclusive of 18% and whereas the other are 5%.
- The above room booking will be confirmed for minimum 02 nights stay & full advance payment.
- Rooms are allotted on first come first serve basis will subject to availability by 15th July 2026.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The STAI Annual Convention is a premier global platform that brings together leaders and decision-makers from across the sugar and allied industries. The event is expected to witness participation from:

- CMDs, Directors, CEOs, and senior management from sugar mills
- Scientists and researchers from premier institutes
- Equipment manufacturers, engineers, and technologists
- Agriculturists, agronomists, and industry professionals

Sponsorship offers a powerful avenue to:

- Enhance brand visibility among a highly influential audience
- Build strategic connections with key industry stakeholders
- Showcase leadership and commitment to industry advancement
- Strengthen corporate positioning in a competitive market

Experience Goa. Engage with the industry. Be part of a truly memorable convention.

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE CATEGORIES

Platinum

₹ 8 Lakhs

Deliverables :

- ▶ Display of Company's Logo on the wings of Backdrop & other publicity material.
- ▶ Complimentary enrollment of 5 delegates.
- ▶ Display of company's standees at strategic locations.
- ▶ Free printing of Full Page Coloured advertisements in Proceedings and Souvenir of the Annual Convention.

Diamond

₹ 6 Lakhs

Deliverables :

- ▶ Display of Company's Logo on the wings of Backdrop & other publicity material.
- ▶ Complimentary enrollment of 4 delegates.
- ▶ Free printing of Full Page Coloured advertisement in Proceedings & Souvenir of the Annual Convention.

Gold

₹ 4 Lakhs

Deliverables :

- ▶ Display of Company's Logo on the wings of Backdrop & other publicity material.
- ▶ Complimentary enrollment of 3 delegates.
- ▶ Free printing of Full Page Black & White advertisement in Souvenir.

Silver

₹ 3 Lakhs

Deliverables :

- ▶ Complimentary enrollment of 2 delegates.
- ▶ Free printing of Full Page Black & White advertisement in Souvenir.

Bronze

₹ 2 Lakhs

Deliverables :

- ▶ Complimentary enrollment of 1 delegate.
- ▶ Free printing of Full Page Black & White advertisement in Souvenir.

The organizations interested in sponsoring any of the above packages can send the sponsorship amount through DD/Cheque/Bank Transfer in favour of **"The Sugar Technologists Association of India", New Delhi**. The members/sponsors desiring any further information/clarification may contact the STAI Secretariat. (Bank details : Please see last page)

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

The following publications will be released during the 84rd Annual Convention will be widely circulated amongst all the delegates during the convention and to all the STAI members post convention. Advertisers are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

For booking advertisements, please contact :

Mr. Hanu Mehrotra, +91 9654395889
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Advertisement Categories :



Inside Front Cover with Four Colours

Inside Back Cover with Four Colours

Outside Back Cover with Four Colours

Four Coloured Page

Special Full Page Black & White

Special Half Page Black & White

Ordinary Full Page Black & White

Ordinary Half Page Black & White

Mechanical Details : Page Size : 24 cms x 18 cms

Printed Area : 20.5 cms x 15 cms

DELEGATE FEE FOR PARTICIPATION

The delegate fee for different categories is given below :

Particulars	Early Bird Registration (Upto 31 st July 2026)			Standard Registration (From 1 st Aug. 2026 onwards)		
	Delegate Fee	GST	Total	Delegate Fee	GST	Total
STAI Member	₹ 6500	+ ₹ 1170	= ₹ 7670	₹ 7000	+ ₹ 1260	= ₹ 8260
Senior STAI Members (65 Years or above)	₹ 4000	+ ₹ 720	= ₹ 4720	₹ 4500	+ ₹ 810	= ₹ 5310
Non-Member	₹ 10000	+ ₹ 1800	= ₹ 11800	₹ 12000	+ ₹ 2160	= ₹ 14160
Accompanying Person (Spouse Only)	₹ 4000	+ ₹ 720	= ₹ 4720	₹ 4000	+ ₹ 720	= ₹ 4720
Student Member	₹ 3000	+ ₹ 540	= ₹ 3540	₹ 3000	+ ₹ 540	= ₹ 3540

Please note that THE DELEGATE FEE ONCE PAID IS NON REFUNDABLE.

While registering for Convention, please use the attached registration form. To avoid inconvenience to the delegates and embarrassment to the organizers, it is requested that the following instructions be strictly followed by every delegate attending the Convention:

- ▶ The delegate should present the **original receipt of the delegation fees** paid by him/her at the counter of registration to procure all the necessary papers, coupons, etc.
- ▶ The delegate should **wear the badge**; having bar code and displaying his/her name at the time of attending the Convention programme.
- ▶ Entry to technical session and lunch / dinner area will be restricted only to registered delegates wearing bar coded badges.
- ▶ **Vehicle owners** are requested to purchase lunch/dinner coupons **for their drivers**. Coupons will be available at the registration counter of the convention against cost.
- ▶ **Additional Meal Coupons** : Registered delegates can purchased additional lunch/dinner coupons for their children on payment basis.

Note: Please see the following annexures & send the registration / accommodation forms duly filled up to STAI secretariat.

- ▶ Delegate registration form (See annexure 1)
- ▶ Hotel accommodation form (See annexure 2)

For further information please contact :

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Queries related to travel, accommodation or sightseeing may be addressed to :

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TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

The following programme has been planned for the Convention :

18th August 2026

- ▶ 1500 hrs Registration of Delegates
- ▶ 1630 hrs Official Opening of the International Sugar Expo 2026 and Hi-Tea

19th August 2026

- ▶ Inauguration of the STAI Annual Convention and Distribution of Awards

Post Lunch Session

- ▶ S.N. Gundurao / Mangal Singh Memorial Lectures
- ▶ Panel Discussion
- ▶ Technical Session
- ▶ AGM

20th August 2026

Pre Lunch Session

- ▶ Presentation of technical papers in parallel sessions

Post Lunch Session

- ▶ Presentation of technical papers in parallel sessions

PAYMENT DETAILS

A. Delegate Registration/Accompanying Person/Sponsorship/Stall Charges/Advertisement Charges etc.

The delegate can make payment as per the details mention below :

The Sugar Technologists' Association of India

HDFC Bank SB A/C No. 13851450000023

RTGS/NEFT IFSC CODE : HDFC 0001385

Okhla Phase-I, New Delhi- 20

GSTIN : 07AAATT1402F1Z0

B. Hotel Accommodation:

Advance room tariff for two night towards hotel accommodation may be sent in favour of "The Sugar Technologists' Association of India", through DD/Bank transfer payable at New Delhi. Accommodation requests from 15th July 2026 will be subject to availability of rooms. Final tax invoice shall be issued by respective hotel. Delegates may furnish their organization's GSTIN directly to the respective hotel at the time of Check-in

The delegate may also make payment using this QR Code.

