

All India Food Processors' Association

# Working for the interests of Food Processing Industries



**Food Sustains Life, Processing Sustains Food** 

#### INTRODUCTION

AIFPA closely interacts with industry, Government, research institutions, regulatory bodies and financial organizations to resolved industry concerns and confers Awards for contribution to food processing technology & innovation. It imparts training on Food Safety & Standards Modules and conducts Seminars, Webinars, Conferences on scientific, technical, quality enhancement, environmental and regulatory issues, besides taxation, exports and the rapidly emerging global challenges.

## **ROLE OF AIFPA**

Ever since its inception, AIFPA has been discharging its role as a pathfinder for the Indian Food Processing Industry to provide access to newer technologies, critical process plant & machinery, modern packaging machines, efficient logistics and enabling marketing infrastructure etc. As the exclusive representative of Food Processing Industry in the country, AIFPA has always undertaken the responsibility of policy interventions with the concerned Government Agencies, to bring about necessary changes as and when required, in order to mitigate the bottlenecks which hinder the growth of Food Processing Sector in the country. Alleviating the problems of the MSME sector which produces over 85% of the food has for ever been the endeavour of AIFPA.

# LIAISON WITH INSTITUTIONS

The Association maintains a close liaison with the Research Institutions like the CFTRI, Mysore; DFRL, Mysore; IIP, Mumbai; IARI, New Delhi; NIFTEM, Sonipat & Thanjavur and other Institutes under the ICAR & ICMR, etc. and refers the problems of the Industry wherever necessary to these institutions for technological solution.

# **UNION BUDGET & TAXATION**

AIFPA has been making budgetary proposals every year on taxation matters concerning Processed Food Industry and the products thereon to the MoFPI for recommending them to the Union Ministry of Finance for inclusion in the Union Budget.

## **SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS**

AIFPA has been regularly organizing Seminars and Workshops at various places in the country on topics concerning food processing, quality standards of processed foods, new technologies in food processing, skill development & technology up-gradation, matters relating to taxation of processed foods, scope for marketing of processed foods both in India and abroad etc.

#### INTERACTION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS & EXHIBITIONS

AIFPA keeps a close liaison with Foreign Embassies, Trade bodies and Chambers, delegations of different countries visiting India regarding opportunities in the food processing sector for their investment and development. Members are also encouraged to participate in the International Exhibitions & Events concerning the food processing sector.

#### MATTERS CONCERNING FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS

AIFPA has been working as a nodal body of food processors in regard to the development of safety & standards for various types of processed foods, holding discussions with stakeholders and suggest modifications required before the standards are finalized and notified by FSSAI.

AIFPA is one of the members of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) representing small scale food sector. AIFPA is also a member on the Central Advisory Committee (CAC) of FSSAI representing Food Processing Industry.

## AIFPA'S JOURNAL, "INDIAN FOOD PACKER" AND "E-NEWSLETTER"

The Association publishes a bimonthly technical Journal titled, "Indian Food Packer" (IFP). It is the official organ of the Association and is over 70 years old. This Journal voices the views of the Association and publishes regularly technical and other articles of interest to the Industry, Development News, Industry News, Food Safety matters and food standards etc. It contains nearly 100 pages of reading matter in each issue. Besides members of the Association, the Journal has subscribers from Agricultural Universities, Research Institutions, Home Science Colleges etc. in India and also a few subscribers from foreign countries.

The Association is also bringing out a monthly E-Newsletter carrying highlights & developments in Food Processing Industry/Food Technology, Events etc. The E-Newsletter is sent widely to a few thousands mail IDs of Food Processors, Food Scientists & Technologists, Food Machinery manufacturers, Food Additive manufacturers and Suppliers etc.

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association is committed to the growth and development of Food Processing Industries in India and extends its active support for its scientific advancement to meet the growing requirements of processed foods in the Indian and export markets.

#### **Benefits To Members**

- **Digital Monthly Newsletter :** News about industry events, product development, innovation, regulatory matters, Govt. policy, industry feedback & achievements, global happenings etc.
- **Bi-Monthly Journal :** Covering Industry Information, Govt. Schemes, Emerging Technologies, Raw Materials, Packaging Systems, Marketing, Exports, Entrepreneurship, Supply Chain, New Opportunities.
- **Disseminate Information :** About Govt. Notifications, Industry representations, Financial Proposals and Development work in Food Processing Industry.
- **Participate in AIFPA Committees and Government–Industry deliberations :** To provide feedback for Govt. on Policy Issues and Industry Concerns.
- **Growth Opportunities :** Get Networking and Business Opportunities with potential buyers, suppliers, investors, technology providers and joint venture partners.

- **Platform to interact with Industry experts:** Gain acquaintances and professional inputs from industry, scientific, financial and Govt. experts.
- **Global Exposure:** The Association interacts with Indian Missions Abroad, Foreign Embassies in India, Global Trade & Industry Chambers and other Industry Bodies, overseas expositions, including meeting diplomates & foreign business delegations.
- **Guidance to Startups:** Guidance on Technology, Processing, Packaging, Regulatory Issues, Marketing, Financial Matters, Taxation and various Policy Concerns.
- **Participation in Expos/Events:** Members can avail concessional options for participating in various events and expositions organized/supported by the Association.
- **Professional Accomplishment and Visibility :** By becoming Speakers or Sponsors at Association Seminars, Webinars, Conferences, Exhibitions and other events.

# **GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION**

In regard to various matters concerning the Food Processing Industries in India, the Association is duly recognized by the Government of India, particularly the Ministry of Food Processing Industries as a Nodal Agency and it has close interaction with various Govt. bodies, such as: MoFPI, MoHFW, FSSAI, MoC&I, MoF, MoA&FW, NHB, APEDA, EIC, BIS, QCI, State Council of Finance Ministers on Value Added Tax (VAT), GST, etc.

## AIFPA AWARDS

The Association gives Awards every year to selected Research Scientists and other experts for contributing scientific papers of outstanding importance and useful to the Food Processing Industry. It also gives awards to distinguished personalities in different areas of Food Processing Industries.

AIFPA has instituted several Scholarships and Medals, which are being given every year to selected students of Food Technology for excellence in their courses.

