

## पशुपति कुमार पारस PASHUPATI KUMAR PARAS



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Dated: 4th August, 2023

## Excellency,

It gives me immense pleasure to inform that Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India is organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of its flagship event **World Food India (WFI) 2023 from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023** at New Delhi with a view to showcase global food processing landscape along with Indian food heritage.

Global leaders of Food processing industry and allied sectors, including food processors, equipment manufacturers, logistics companies, cold chain players, start-ups and innovators, and food retailers are participating in World Food India 2023 to showcase their strengths and forge mutually beneficial ties. Various thematic, country and state sessions is being organized in the event. In addition, buyer seller meetings, and other events are also planned to explore B2B/G engagements and cross-sector cooperation.

Earlier edition of WFI organized in November 2017 was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, and attracted participation from 61 countries, 7 International Ministers, 9 Ministerial/ Official delegations, 15 business delegations and 11 International Business Chambers. 60 Global CEOs and more than 200 global companies participated in the event. On domestic front, the list of participants included Policy Makers, Union Ministers, Chief Ministers, etc. MoUs worth US \$11.25 billion were signed/ exchanged/ announced during WFI 2017. In addition, various States signed MoUs worth US \$2.28 billion.

Excellency, I have the pleasure of inviting the Sultanate of Oman to be part of World Food India 2023 as a partner/ focus country. Participation from Oman would enable its Food Processing stakeholders to explore the vast opportunities of India's agri-food sector.

I am attaching a copy of event brochure for your reference. Additionally, officials from the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI, the Event Partner), and Invest India (Investment Facilitation Partner) have been advised to connect with your office in this regard. I am also enclosing contact details of officials for further assistance in this regard.

Looking forward to hosting you here in India! With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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