

**The International Conference on Salt and Marine Chemicals Technology and Business  
(SMARTECHBIZ 2026) 22-23 January 2026**

**SALT INDIA EXPO 2026 (22-24 January 2026)**

**Details of Technical Program: SMARTECHBIZ 2026**

<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026</b> <b>Venue: Hall 12, Helipad Exhibition Centre (HEC), Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India</b>
08:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Registration
<b>INAUGURAL CEREMONY</b> <b>(10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)</b>	
10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introductory remarks by Dr. Parul Sahu</li> <li>Lamp lighting by delegates</li> </ul>
10:10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Welcome address by Convener: Dr. Arvind Kumar
10:15 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.	Address by Guest of Honour
10:25 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Presidential address by Director CSIR-CSMCRI and Patron: Dr. Kannan Srinivasan
10:40 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.	Address by Chief Guest
10:55 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Release of SALT INDIA EXPO directory</li> <li>Vote of thanks</li> </ul>
TEA/COFFEE BREAK (11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.)	
<b>SESSION-1</b> <b>(11:20 a.m. to 01:00 p.m.)</b>	
<u>Session Chair: Dr. S C Upadhyay, CSIR-CSMCRI</u> <u>Session Co-chair: Dr. Alok R Paital, CSIR-CSMCRI</u>	
11:20 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Solar salt production in the Mediterranean region
11:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	Indian Salt Industry: Current Scenario and Outlook
12:20 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.	Solar salt and marine chemicals technologies @CSIR-CSMCRI
12:50 p.m. – 01:00 p.m.	Presentation: Yug Enterprise
01:00 p.m. – 01:10 p.m.	Presentation: Shree Bhagwati Buildinfra Pvt. Ltd.
LUNCH BREAK (01:10 p.m. – 02:30 p.m.)	
<b>SESSION-2</b> <b>(02:30 p.m. to 05:00 p.m.)</b>	
<u>Session Chair: Dr. J R Chunawala, CSIR-CSMCRI</u> <u>Session Co-chair: Dr. Pratap S Bapat, CSIR-CSMCRI</u>	
02:30 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.	Salt quality control and brine quality
03:00 p.m. – 03:30 p.m.	Salt Procurement and Logistics: Trade and Quality Factors
03:30 p.m. – 04:30 p.m.	<b>Panel Discussion: Salt and Marine Chemicals Industry: Navigating Technology Transitions, Business Growth and Climate Risks</b> (Session Chair: Mr. Ravi Raghavan, Editor, Chemical Weekly)
04:30 p.m. – 04:40 p.m.	Presentation: GEIST
04:40 p.m. – 04:50 p.m.	Presentation: Shriraam Engineering
TEA/COFFEE BREAK (04:50 p.m. onwards)	

DAY 2	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026</b> <b>Venue: Hall 12, Helifad Exhibition Centre (HEC), Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India</b>	
09:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Registration	
09:55 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Introductory Remarks by Dr. Parul Sahu	
<b>SESSION-1</b> <b>(10:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m.)</b> <u>Session Chair: Dr. Bhoomi R Andharia, CSIR-CSMCRI</u> <u>Session Co-chair: Dr. Sumit B Kamble, CSIR-CSMCRI</u>		
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Salt Processing & Purification Technologies: Latest developments and future prospects	Mr. Balasubramanian R Founder & CEO Shriyaam Engineering, Tutticorin, India
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Resource Recovery from Waste - A tool for competitive advantage	Mr. Vikram Dhumal Business Head, GEIST Research, India
TEA/COFFEE BREAK (11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)		
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon	How Industry Cooperation Can Advance the Salt Industry – A European Example (Virtual)	Ms. Adriana Nosewicz MD, EUSalt, Belgium
12:00 noon – 12:30 p.m.	Global salt market and its current and expected future dynamics- (Virtual)	Dr. Stefan Schlag Leon Beraud Salt Market Expert, Switzerland
12:30 p.m. – 01:00 p.m.	Valedictory Program	