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IFAT India 2025 concludes with record global participation and strong sustainability momentum

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- Dia Mirza inaugurates the show as technology, policy, and partnerships take centre stage
- The exhibition was dominated by next-generation innovations in circular waste management, smart water systems, and energy recovery.

Mumbai, October 17, 2025: The 12th edition of **IFAT India**, the country's largest trade fair for water, sewage, solid waste, and recycling solutions, concluded in Mumbai after three dynamic days of business, knowledge exchange, and global collaboration. Organised by **Messe Muenchen India** from **October 14–16, 2025**, the event recorded an **all-time high participation** of **18,000+ visitors, 560+ exhibitors from 30+ countries**, spread across **45,000+ sqm** of exhibition space at the **Bombay Exhibition Centre**.

The 2025 edition featured 6 international pavilions — from Germany, Canada, the Netherlands, South Korea, Hungary and Australia — underscoring the event's international significance and reinforcing India's position as a growth hub for environmental technologies. A variety of special pavilions, such as SWAN, IWA, and the International Waste Pavilion, enriched the comprehensive range of offerings.

The trade fair was inaugurated by Dia Mirza, an award-winning actor, producer, and UN Environment Goodwill Ambassador, alongside senior dignitaries from municipal corporations, ministries, and international delegations. Speaking at the opening ceremony, **Dia Mirza** said: "Platforms like IFAT India remind us that the climate crisis demands collaboration—not competition. The innovations displayed here can help India transition faster toward clean, circular, and climate-resilient growth."

Running parallel to the exhibition, the **IFAT India Conference** featured **over 400 speakers across 40+ sessions**, curated across five different stages—**Blue (Water)**, **Green (Urban & Sanitation)**, **Orange (Waste & Circular Economy)**, Waste Tech and Water Tech.

At the **Blue Stage**, sessions led by the **German Water Partnership (GWP)** and **International Water Association (IWA)** focused on urban water reuse, membrane innovations, groundwater purification, and resilient water infrastructure. The **Orange Stage**, hosted with partners such as **German RETech Partnership** and **International Solid Waste Association (ISWA)**, addressed textile waste circularity, biogas as a climate solution, and organic waste valorisation through anaerobic digestion and co-firing biomass. Meanwhile, the **Green Stage**, in collaboration with **AILSG** and **ISWA**, featured programs on EPR implementation, urban sanitation strategies, as well as the University Challenge, led by Prof. Dr. Anupam Singh, was organised as an ongoing initiative to keep student-driven innovation in environmental technology alive. Wilo once again sponsored and hosted the award ceremony, where the winning team earned an exclusive opportunity to represent India at IFAT Munich 2026.

There were also two high-impact technical programs — the **WasteTech Conference** and the **WaterTech Conference** — featured **more than 25 expert-led panel discussions** across two days (October 14–15). The WasteTech Conference explored India's evolving circular economy, with sessions on **data-driven enforcement in waste management**, **legacy waste recovery**, **plastic circularity**, and **corporate responsibility for sustainable waste practices**. Simultaneously, the WaterTech Conference brought together international and national experts to discuss **AMRUT 2.0 and Jal Jeevan Mission outcomes**, **river rejuvenation**, **industrial water reuse**, and **innovative models for circular water management** across urban, rural, and industrial sectors.

India's first-ever "Chief Engineers' Forum for Swachh Bharat" was officially established by the All India Institute of Local Self-Government (Secretariat of Maharashtra WASH Coalition), Mumbai, in partnership with and supported by Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, through a national inaugural roundtable with Chief Engineers, subject experts, and industry representatives of India at IFAT India 2025. It was jointly launched by Smt. Roopa Mishra, IAS, Joint Secretary, MoHUA & National Mission Director, SBM-U, and Dr. Jairaj Phatak (Retd. IAS), Director General, AIILSG. The Forum signifies a major step toward institutionalizing structured peer learning and techno-policy dialogue among senior municipal engineers across the country.

"IFAT India 2025 truly reflected the spirit of global collaboration," said **Bhupinder Singh, President – IMEA, Messe München and CEO, Messe Muenchen India**. "With exhibitors from more than 30 countries and participation of international delegations, pavilions, and speakers, this edition became a melting pot of international expertise and local innovation."

Katharina Schlegel, Global Industry Lead, IFAT Worldwide, emphasized India's growing importance as a hub for sustainable technologies and partnerships. "After 12 successful editions in Mumbai, IFAT India has become the country's largest trade fair for water, sewage, solid waste and recycling technologies. To deepen engagement with policymakers and northern industries, we're bringing **IFAT Delhi** from **April 22–24, 2026**, strengthening our national footprint in sustainability and technology partnerships."—underscoring India's role as a hub for sustainable technologies and partnerships."

The 2025 edition of **IFAT India** delivered a decisive shift in how environmental technology is showcased and adopted — transforming the exhibition floor into a live ecosystem of innovation, partnerships, and procurement.

Across categories, the focus was unmistakably on **scalable, digital, and circular solutions** designed to align with India's fast-evolving regulatory and ESG landscape. IFAT India 2025 served as a launchpad for cutting-edge technologies that are shaping the sustainable industry. **Alfa Laval** unveiled its **SG2-series decanter centrifuges**, delivering high-performance separation for **ethanol and biofuel dewatering**, designed for **CBG operations**. **Fornnax** introduced the **R-MAX3300**, the **world's largest secondary shredder** for AFR pre-processing. **Ultrafluid Filtration LLP** launched the **world's fastest membrane rolling equipment (8040 & 4040)**. At the same time, **Aquatech International (QUA)** debuted the **FEDI GIGA Q-Connect**, a compact, high-flow **electro-deionisation system** for ultra-pure water. **Danfoss India** also made a significant impact with the launch of its **latest drives featuring Edge Computing Condition-Based Monitoring**, advancing intelligent and energy-efficient industrial operations. Together, these unveilings showcased innovation at the heart of India's green transition.

"The conversations this year were more strategic than ever," remarked **Jignesh Kundaria, Director & CEO, Fornnax Technology** - a leading recycling equipment manufacturer. "Buyers came with specific implementation goals, not just curiosity. It's clear that IFAT India has matured into a results-driven sourcing platform that's driving real innovation and actionable collaboration across the industry."

"The Indian water industry is clearly transitioning from capacity creation to sustainability-driven performance," remarked **Gopal Madabhushi, Senior Vice President - South Asia, Veolia Water Technologies & Solutions**. "The discussions at IFAT India 2025 showed a sharp focus on digital efficiency, resource recovery, and circular processes. Clients are now seeking solutions that enhance reliability, reduce lifecycle costs, and align with their ESG and industry-specific sustainability goals."

Municipal and industrial visitors agreed that the 2025 edition delivered **actionable, investment-ready solutions**, rather than conceptual showcases.

Dr. Ravindra Utgikar, Chief Sales Officer, Wilo Mather and Platt Pumps Pvt. Ltd, remarked, "IFAT India 2025 reaffirmed India's strong focus on sustainable and digital water infrastructure. The

discussions around efficiency and resilience align perfectly with Wilo's mission to deliver smart, energy-efficient water solutions. The event provided excellent opportunities to connect with policymakers and utilities driving water security across the country."

"The water, wastewater, and solid waste solutions evaluated at IFAT India 2025 perfectly align with our goals of an integrated approach towards holistic water, wastewater and solid waste management", said **Swapnil Desai, Deputy Engineer, Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation.**

Building on this record-breaking edition, **IFAT Delhi will take place from April 22-24, 2026 and IFAT India 2026 will return to Mumbai from September 9–11, 2026**, continuing its mission to accelerate India's journey toward a greener and more circular economy.

About IFAT Worldwide

Messe München not only demonstrates its considerable expertise in organising environmental technology trade shows with the world's leading trade fair, IFAT Munich. Other international events include IE expo China in Shanghai, IE expo Chengdu in Chengdu, IE expo Guangzhou in Guangzhou, IE expo Shenzhen in Shenzhen, IFAT Africa in Johannesburg, IFAT Eurasia in Istanbul, IFAT Saudi Arabia, IFAT Delhi in New Delhi, IFAT India in Mumbai, Singapore International Water Week (in cooperation with IFAT) in Singapore as well as IFAT Brasil in São Paulo. Together, the 12 IFAT events form the world's largest network for environmental technologies.

About Messe München

As one of the world's leading trade fair organisers, Messe München presents the world of tomorrow at its around 90 international trade fairs. These include twelve of the world's leading trade fairs such as bauma, BAU, IFAT, and electronica. Its portfolio comprises trade fairs for capital and consumer goods, as well as for new technologies. Together with its subsidiaries, it organises trade fairs in China, India, Brazil, South Africa, Turkey, Singapore, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Thailand, and the U.S. With a network of over 15 associated companies and almost 70 offices worldwide, Messe München is active in more than 130 countries. The more than 150 events held annually attract around 50,000 exhibitors and around 3 million visitors in Germany and abroad.

About Messe Muenchen India

Established in 2007 as a wholly owned subsidiary of Messe München GmbH, **Messe Muenchen India** is one of the leading B2B trade fair organisers in the IMEA (India, Middle East & Africa) region. The company brings together global and regional stakeholders through high-impact trade shows across key industry verticals. Its diverse portfolio includes events such as electronica India, productronica India, bauma CONEXPO INDIA, Gujarat CONEX, IFAT India, IFAT Africa, analytica Lab India in Mumbai & Hyderabad, analytica Lab Africa, SmartTech Asia, Laser World of Photonics India, The smarter E India, air cargo India, air cargo Africa, transport logistic Africa, PackMach Asia Expo, Pharma Pro&Pack Expo – Hyderabad, drinktec India, Indian Ceramics Asia, World Tea & Coffee Expo and transport logistic India. With its expansive reach and deep industry networks, Messe Muenchen India serves as a strategic platform for enabling business growth, investment, innovation, and cross-border collaboration across some of the most dynamic markets in the world.