

WSO Highlights Farmer Empowerment, Traceability and Food Safety at NSC 2026

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The World Spice Organisation (WSO), the not-for-profit technical partner of the All-India Spices Exporters Forum (AISEF), today inaugurated the 5th National Spice Conference (NSC) 2026 at the Novotel Jaipur Convention Centre.

Held under the theme “Empowering Farmers, Protecting Consumers,” the two-day conference brings together farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), industry leaders, policymakers, regulators, researchers and experts.

The conference commenced with the inauguration of the exhibition, followed by the inaugural session featuring Ramkumar Menon, IAS, Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Horticulture Department, Government of Rajasthan; and Ganapathy K D, Business Committee Member, AISEF.

Speaking at the conference, Ramkumar Menon, Chairman, WSO, said, “The future of India’s spice sector will depend on our ability to empower farmers and protect consumers.”

Commenting on the Conference, Manivannan MS, Secretary, Spices Board said, “India’s spice sector is at an important juncture, where strengthening farmer livelihoods must go hand in hand with consumer protection. Through its various initiatives and schemes, the Spices Board continues to support stakeholders across the value chain in improving productivity, adopting better post-harvest practices, strengthening quality and safety standards, and meeting the requirements of domestic and international markets.”

The first session, Farmer Empowerment & Income Growth, focused on strengthening farmer livelihoods and improving value realisation.

A key focus of the day was Food Safety & Consumer Protection, with discussions centred on pesticide residues, quality requirements and labelling.

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