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FLEXO NEXT!
THINKING BEYOND PRINT

Day 1 of **Flexo Summit Asia 2026** set the stage for an in-depth exploration of where flexography stands today and where it is headed. Anil Arora's opening address established the summit's focus on learning, challenging conventions and industry collaboration, followed by Sanjay Ghoshal's keynote on the changing future of packaging and the opportunities emerging for flexo.

The conversation expanded globally with Jacek Kuśmierczyk's market outlook and Global Flexo Pulse, where FTA leaders from multiple regions discussed market shifts, standardisation, automation, technology adoption and the future of flexography.

The focus then moved deeper into production. Limitless Flexo explored Flexo's growing versatility across applications, substrates and technologies, while Double Engine of Print Quality traced the journey from creative development and pre-media to plate making and the final press pass, highlighting how quality is built across the entire value chain.

Day 1 also celebrated industry leadership with the **FLEXO ICON AWARD**, honouring Vijay Mehta for his contribution to advancing flexography in India. Overall, the day moved seamlessly across markets, technology, process, quality and leadership, creating a strong foundation for the summit's deeper technical conversations.



DAY 1

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SUMMIT ASIA

Opening the Flexo Summit Asia 2026, Anil Arora, Director, ReEnvision Events Pvt. Ltd., set the context for two days built around learning, exchange and forward thinking. Reflecting on the success of the first edition, he shared how the summit had returned bigger, stronger and more relevant to the evolving needs of the flexographic printing and packaging industry.

He highlighted the summit's objective of bringing the industry together to understand emerging trends, learn from real-world experiences and explore the technologies, practices and ideas shaping the next phase of flexo. Encouraging delegates to look beyond established conventions, he urged the industry to challenge assumptions, ask better questions and remain open to learning from one another.

His address reinforced the larger purpose of Flexo Summit Asia: to create a platform where conversations translate into knowledge, new perspectives and meaningful progress, driven by people, innovation and impact.



ANIL ARORA

President - ReEnvision Events Pvt. Ltd.

"OPENING ADDRESS"

Evolution of the Flexo Summit Asia



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Sanjay Ghoshal, Head of Packaging, Diageo India, explored how growth, sustainability, technology and changing consumer expectations are reshaping the future of packaging.

Highlighting India's strong growth trajectory, he pointed to e-commerce, organised retail, urbanisation and demand for responsible packaging as key forces creating new opportunities for the printing and packaging industry.

He also highlighted the growing relevance of CI flexo in India, driven by shorter runs, faster changeovers, reduced waste and greater efficiency.

From a brand-owner perspective, he addressed the need to balance premiumisation with affordability, sustainability with profitability, and innovation with operational efficiency, concluding that the future of packaging will increasingly depend on collaboration across brands, converters, material innovators and technology partners.



SANJAY GHOSHAL

Head of Packaging - Diageo India

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

"THE FLE^{FO} OPPORTUNITY"

How the Future of Packaging is Being Rewritten



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Jacek Kusmierczyk, President, Polish Chamber of Printing, Poland, brought a wider international perspective to the summit, examining how the printing industry can be understood by connecting global developments with individual market realities. Drawing from the Autumn 2024 Report, he presented a research initiative covering several Central and Eastern European markets, including Poland, Ukraine, Romania, Estonia, Bulgaria, Moldova, Austria, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Slovakia and Latvia.

He outlined how the study looks beyond conventional market data to examine the industry through macroeconomics, business, education, science and technology, creating a broader picture of the forces influencing the printing sector.

With the initiative also expanding its outlook beyond Europe, his presentation highlighted the value of understanding local printing markets within a global framework and the opportunities this creates for economic cooperation, knowledge exchange, education, research and stronger international industry connections.



JACEK KUŚMIERCZYK

President - Polish Chamber of Printing, Poland

“MARKET OUTLOOK”

A Global to Local Outlook on Industry Trends



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DAY 1

PANEL DISCUSSION



"GLOBAL FLEXO PULSE"

Insights from FTA Leaders Across Regions



Benjamin Daniel
FTA - Global Alliance, MEA

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President FTA- Global Alliance,
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FTA - Global Alliance,
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Eric Oh
FTA Indonesia

The discussion explored how flexography is evolving across regions, shaped by innovation, market shifts and changing brand expectations. A common focus was the need for consistent quality, process standardisation, efficiency and predictable performance. The panel also highlighted the growing role of automation, AI, inline quality control and predictive maintenance in flexo production. Bringing global perspectives together reinforced the importance of international collaboration and knowledge exchange in shaping flexo's future.



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"LIMITLESS FLEXO"

Celebrating Versatility Across Segments



Chetan Jain
Executive Director -
Taurus Packaging Pvt. Ltd.

Abhay Datta
Director - U.V. Graphic
Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

Prashant Atre
Former MD & Director of Arntence
Group companies & subject matter
Expert UV Inks & Coatings

Siddharth Jain
Director -
MLJ Industries Ltd.

Richard Birch
Product and Service Manager,
Northern EU - Flint Group

Vikas Gupta
Director of Development and Sourcing,
Asia - L&E International

The session opened with Abhay Datta showcasing flexography's versatility across labels, flexible packaging, cartons, pharmaceuticals and shrink sleeves. He highlighted how automation, AI, advanced inks and sustainable technologies are expanding flexo's capabilities. The discussion continued with Prashant Atre moderating a panel featuring Richard Birch, Siddharth Jain, Chetan Jain and Vikas Gupta. Together, they explored how modern flexography is evolving to meet growing demands for quality, efficiency, sustainability and application diversity..



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PANEL DISCUSSION



"DOUBLE ENGINE OF PRINT QUALITY"

Pre Media & Pre Press



Vinay Nalawade
Director - Parakh Agro Industries Ltd.

Ganapathy Thillai
Business Development - Flexo, Esko Graphics India Pvt. Ltd.

Muhammad Rafeeq M
Managing Director - IMS Global India Pvt. Ltd.

Abraham Prabhakar
Managing Director - IMS Global India Pvt. Ltd.

Moderated by Balaji Rengarajan, Esko, the session traced the packaging journey from creative concept and pre-media to plate making and the final press pass. The panel highlighted how consistent print quality begins well before the job reaches the press. Accurate artwork, reliable plate production, the right technology and strong coordination across the value chain emerged as critical factors. The discussion also explored in-house versus outsourced prepress, first press proofs and the role of people and processes in achieving consistent quality.



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INSPIRATIONAL SESSION: FROM IDEA TO INDUSTRY IMPACT

Learnings from the Flexo Icon

Vijay Mehta, Mehta Flex Pvt. Ltd., was honoured with the FLEXO ICON AWARD for his contribution to the growth and adoption of flexography in India. His journey reflects a strong commitment to innovation, technology and indigenous engineering. At the summit, his experience reinforced the importance of continuously embracing new technologies and evolving with the industry. The recognition celebrated both his achievements and the lasting influence his journey continues to have on the flexo community



Vijay Mehta, Director - Mehta Flex



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Day 2 of **Flexo Summit Asia 2026** moved deeper into the practical, technical and strategic challenges shaping the industry. The morning began with the 6 Sigma of Flexo Masterclass, where sessions on Flexo 101, Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE) and the Intelligent Pressroom explored process standardisation, measurable performance, automation and first-time-right manufacturing.

Running alongside this was a focused Sustainable Packaging programme for brand owners, examining the consumer-versus-brand perspective, EPR compliance, flexible packaging, designing labels for recycling and PPWR readiness. These conversations brought sustainability closer to real-world decisions around materials, compliance, recyclability and packaging performance.

The afternoon broadened the discussion from processes to businesses and people. Flexo Avengers explored the journeys of converters who challenged convention, while Driving the FORD examined how flexo can work alongside offset, rotogravure and digital technologies. Conversations on skill development and coatings addressed two critical areas for the industry's future: building capable talent and developing more functional, sustainable packaging solutions.

The day concluded with The Next Generation, offering fresh perspectives on reinventing packaging businesses, followed by an inspirational session with Ravi Saxena on resilience, leadership and overcoming challenges. Together, Day 2 connected process, sustainability, technology, skills and leadership, bringing the summit's conversations from operational excellence to the future direction of the flexo industry.



DAY 2

6σ MASTERCLASS OF FLEXO



"FLEXO 101"

Optimising Flexo Operations / Printing By Numbers Or Feeling



Tinku Sharma
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Country Sales Manager -
Tesa Tapes

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Miracron Corporation, APR

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Stefano D'Andrea
Flexography Process Trainer
Independent Consultant, Italy

Vipin Sharma
National Application
Specialist, Flint Group

Sundar Moorthi
Head of Packaging Material Procurement,
Reliance consumer Products Ltd.

Led by Stefano D'Andrea, FLEXO 101 focused on achieving consistent, predictable and repeatable flexo performance. The session brought together expertise across plates, tapes, anilox, inks, converting and brand procurement. The discussion emphasised moving from printing by instinct to measurable process parameters, supported by greater control and standardisation. The key takeaway was clear: better flexo comes from understanding and controlling the numbers behind the process.



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"OEE"

The Secret Sauce Of Flexo- Overall Equipment Effectiveness



Mahesh Purandare
Founder & Consultant -
FlexiQ Consultancy LLP

Roman Dresler
Country Sales Manager -
Tesa Tapes

Subodh Kulkarni
Plant Director -
Tetra Pak India Pvt. Ltd.

Sanjeev Sondhi
Managing Director -
Zircon Technologies India Ltd.

Silvia Cristina Kabus
Flexography Process Trainer
Independent Consultant, Italy

Nitin Narkhede
Consultant - Print and Packaging
- Reliance Consumer Products

Carole Binczyk
Sales Director - SWE,
Polymount International BV

This session put the spotlight on Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE) and what it really means for a flexo operation. Moving beyond machine speed alone, the discussion explored how availability, performance and quality come together to determine true pressroom productivity. Led by Mahesh Purandare, Founder & Consultant, FlexiQ Consultancy LLP, the session brought together perspectives from equipment, consumables, converting and print operations to examine production losses, downtime, process efficiency and the opportunities often hidden within everyday operations. The key takeaway was clear: better productivity is not always about running faster. It is about understanding where efficiency is being lost and making every available production hour count.



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6 σ MASTERCLASS OF FLEXO



"THE INTELLIGENT PRESSROOM"

Integrating Press Technology, Process Control & Automation for First-Time-Right Manufacturing



Prashant Atre

Former MD & Director of Artience Group
companies & subject matter
expert UV inks & Coatings

Joachim Barthelme

Executive Vice President Business
Unit Flexible Materials - BST

Amit Ahuja

CEO - Multitec Aids

Dhirendra Sharma

Marketing Head - UFLX Ltd.

Tarak Trifaley

Sales Director,
Polymount India Pvt. Ltd.

Mehzabin Nair

Managing Director -
Skanem India

Led by Prashant Atre, the session explored how technology, process control and automation can enable first-time-right flexo manufacturing. The panel brought together perspectives across inspection, press technology, converting, plate mounting and packaging production. Discussions focused on reducing manual intervention and process variability through automation, real-time monitoring and standardisation. The key takeaway was the need to connect people, processes, data and technology to reduce waste, shorten makeready and improve consistency.



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SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING (BRAND OWNERS SESSION)



"SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING" The Consumer's Vs Brand Owner's Viewpoint



Dr. Geetal Mahajan
Global Sustainable Packaging Lead, Kenvue

Led by Dr. Geetal Mahajan, Global Sustainable Packaging Lead, Kenvue, the session explored sustainability through the often-different perspectives of consumers and brand owners. The discussion highlighted the challenge of translating growing consumer expectations for responsible packaging into solutions that remain functional, scalable and commercially viable. It emphasised the need to consider material choices, recyclability, packaging performance and evolving sustainability requirements together rather than in isolation. The session reinforced that meaningful progress requires brands to balance consumer expectations with practical packaging realities, while keeping sustainability central to future packaging decisions.

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"FIRESIDE CHAT" Strategies For Achieving EPR Compliance



Abhishek Garg
Founder - A A Garg & Co

PN Sridharr
Sustainable Packaging Consultant

The fireside chat with Abhishek Garg, Founder, A A Garg & Co., and PN Sridharr, Sustainable Packaging Consultant, focused on navigating the evolving landscape of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). The conversation explored how businesses can approach compliance more strategically while strengthening accountability across the packaging value chain. It highlighted the importance of responsible material choices, recyclability and stronger coordination between stakeholders. The session reinforced that EPR must move beyond a compliance exercise to become an integral part of long-term packaging and sustainability strategies.

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SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING (BRAND OWNERS SESSION)



"FLEXIBLE PACKAGING UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT"



Ranesh Bajaj
CEO - Vinsak



Kaushik Nag
CEO Flexibles & CPP -
Jupiter Laminators Pvt. Ltd.



Bijay Sahu
Director, Sales & Marketing -
Chiripal Poly Films Ltd.



Richard Birch
Product and Service Manager,
Northern EU - Flint Group



PN Sridharr
Sustainable Packaging
Consultant

Led by PN Sridharr, the panel brought together Ranesh Bajaj, Kaushik Nag, Richard Birch and Bijay Sahu to examine the changing landscape of flexible packaging. The discussion focused on balancing performance, sustainability, material efficiency and commercial viability. Panellists explored how evolving brand expectations and sustainability priorities are influencing packaging and production decisions. The session highlighted the need for greater collaboration across the value chain to create practical, future-ready flexible packaging solutions.



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"DESIGNING LABELS FOR RECYCLING"



Nalin Gupta
Packaging Solutions Manager
(North & East India), UPM



Manish Desai
Director -
Mudrika Labels Pvt. Ltd.



Harveer Sahni
Chairman -
Weldon Celloplast Ltd.



Sunita Amin
Whole Time Director -
Aron Universal Ltd.



PN Sridharr
Sustainable Packaging
Consultant

Led by PN Sridharr, the panel brought together Manish Desai, Harveer Sahni and Nalin Gupta to explore how labels can be designed with recyclability in mind. The discussion focused on the role of label materials, adhesives and design choices in supporting better recycling outcomes. Panellists highlighted the need to consider a label's impact across the complete packaging lifecycle, rather than treating it as an independent component. The session reinforced the importance of collaboration between brands, label converters and material suppliers to make recycling-friendly label solutions more practical and scalable.



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SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING (BRAND OWNERS SESSION)



"YOUR ESSENTIAL PPWR COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST"



GUIDO RENSEN

Independent Consultant - Subeco BV

Led by Guido Rensen, Independent Consultant, Subeco BV, the session provided a practical overview of the evolving Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) landscape. It focused on what businesses need to consider as European requirements around recyclability, packaging reduction and circularity become more stringent. The session highlighted the importance of preparing packaging strategies and material choices for upcoming compliance requirements. It reinforced the need for companies to view PPWR readiness as an integral part of future packaging development and market access.



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PANEL DISCUSSION



"FLEXO AVENGERS"

Converters who Changed the Game



Rohit Kapoor
Managing Director -
Meghdoot Packaging

Upendra Sathis Abeywickrama
Managing Director - Flexiprint Pvt. Ltd.

Amit Ahuja
CEO - Multitec Aids

Rajendra Mehta
Managing Director -
Multiflex Polybags Pvt.Ltd.

Moderated by Amit Ahuja, the session brought together Upendra Sathis Abeywickrama, Rajendra Mehta and Rohit Kapoor to share their journeys in advancing flexography. The discussion explored technology adoption, calculated risk-taking and continuous investment as drivers of growth. Panellists reflected on navigating change and building stronger, future-ready converting businesses. The session reinforced how vision, adaptability and challenging convention can move the flexo industry forward.



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"DRIVING THE FORD (FLEXO, OFFSET, ROTOGRAVURE, DIGITAL)"

Integrating Flexo in the Technology Mix



Ranesh Bajaj
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Sridhar Janardhana
Head-Packaging Dev -
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Manish Desai
Director -
Mudrika Labels Pvt. Ltd.

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Manager - HP, South India

Kaushik Nag
CEO Flexibles & CPP -
Jupiter Laminators Pvt. Ltd.

Shrihari K Rao
President - Global Centre of Excellence
(Beauty & Cosmetics) - EPL Ltd.

Moderated by Ranesh Bajaj, the session explored how flexo, offset, rotogravure and digital printing can complement each other in today's technology mix. The panel discussed choosing the right process based on application, quality, run length and commercial needs. Flexo's expanding role alongside other print technologies emerged as a key focus. The session reinforced the value of integrating technologies to achieve greater flexibility and efficiency.



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"FIRESIDE CHAT"

Need for Skill Development in Flexo Industry



Prof. Madhura P. Mahajan
Head of the Department of Printing and Packaging
Technology - PVGCOET

Jacek Kuśmierczyk
President - Polish Chamber of Printing,
Poland

The fireside chat with Jacek Kuśmierczyk and Prof. Madhura P. Mahajan focused on the growing need to strengthen skills, education and technical training within the flexo industry. The conversation highlighted the importance of bridging the gap between academic learning and evolving industry requirements. It emphasised continuous upskilling and greater industry-academia collaboration to prepare professionals for changing technologies and processes. The session reinforced that building a skilled workforce is fundamental to the future growth and competitiveness of flexography.



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"BEYOND COLOR"

How Coatings are Redefining Sustainability



Prashant Atre
Former MD & Director of Artience Group
companies & subject matter expert
UV inks & Coatings

Richard Birch
Product and Service Manager,
Northern EU - Flint Group

Abhay Datta
Director,
Dutta Press Pvt. Ltd.

Sanjay Ghoshal
Head of Packaging -
Diageo India

PN Sridharr
CEO Flexibles & CPP -
Jupiter Laminators Pvt. Ltd.

The session explored how coatings are moving beyond aesthetics to become an important part of sustainable packaging design. Bringing together perspectives from inks and coatings, printing, brand ownership and sustainability, the discussion examined the balance between performance, functionality and environmental responsibility. The panel highlighted the growing role of coating technologies in enabling resource efficiency, recyclability and improved packaging performance. The conversation reinforced the need for collaboration across the value chain to develop high-performing and more sustainable packaging solutions.



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"THE NEXT GENERATION" Reinventing the Packaging Business



Priyata Raghavan
Deputy CEO - Sai Packaging

Dr. Gita Bajaj
Director,
Vinsak - Rotatek

Aashna Popli
Business Development Manager -
Popli Graphics

Yashwi Jain Agarwal
Director -
Sequoia Print

Ramneek Hora
Business Operations & Strategy,
Hora Art Centre | Managing

Moderated by Dr. Gita Bajaj, the session brought together Priyata Raghavan, Aashna Popli, Yashwi Jain Agarwal and Ramneek Hora to share a next-generation perspective on the packaging business. The conversation explored how younger leaders are bringing fresh thinking, technology adoption and new approaches to business growth while building on established foundations. Panellists reflected on the challenges of evolving legacy businesses, responding to changing customers and creating their own leadership identities. The session highlighted how the next generation is not simply carrying businesses forward, but actively redefining how they grow, compete and evolve.



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"INSPIRATIONAL SESSION"



Neha Jha
General Manager -
ReEnvision Events Private Limited

Ravi Saxena
Founder and CEO-Wonderchef
Home Appliances Pvt Ltd

Ravi Saxena, Founder & CEO, shared a deeply personal perspective on the journey of building, growing and constantly reinventing oneself through the challenges of entrepreneurship. Rather than focusing on the business, he spoke about the setbacks, difficult decisions and uncertainties that shaped his journey and strengthened his approach to leadership. His message centred on the importance of resilience, calculated risk-taking, learning from failure and maintaining clarity of purpose when circumstances do not go as planned. The session left the audience with a powerful reminder that sustainable growth is shaped as much by mindset and the ability to overcome challenges as it is by opportunity.



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