

Geo-Chem India Inaugurates Advanced Food Safety Laboratory in Mumbai

03 September 2026 | News

The new laboratory will help businesses strengthen quality assurance, meet compliance obligations and facilitate access to domestic and international markets



Geo-Chem India, part of the Cotecna Group, formally inaugurated its state-of-the-art Food Safety Laboratory in Mumbai, India in the presence of Sébastien Dannaud, Group CEO, Cotecna; Amit Chopra, CEO, Cotecna - South Asia & Middle East; Avinash Maheshwari, CEO, Geo-Chem India; and other senior leaders, technical experts and laboratory professionals.

The facility marks a significant milestone in Geo-Chem India's growth journey and further strengthens its ability to support food businesses, exporters, importers and regulators with advanced testing and inspection services.

As global & India's food industry continues to expand and regulatory requirements become increasingly stringent, the new laboratory will help businesses strengthen quality assurance, meet compliance obligations and facilitate access to domestic and international markets. Reinforcing Geo-Chem India's commitment to strengthening food safety and quality infrastructure, the Mumbai laboratory brings together advanced instrumentation, experienced scientific teams and internationally recognised testing methodologies developed by support of our European counterparts to support a broad spectrum of food safety and quality requirements.

Commenting on the inauguration, Sébastien Dannaud, Group CEO, Cotecna, said: "India is one of the world's most dynamic food markets and an increasingly important player in global food supply chains. The opening of our new Geo-Chem laboratory in Mumbai reflects Cotecna's commitment to investing in the expertise, technology and infrastructure needed to support the food industry's evolving challenges. With our expanded capabilities in India, we are helping customers strengthen quality assurance, meet evolving regulatory requirements and access domestic and international markets with confidence."

Serving more than 850 clients, employing over 200 professionals and processing over 100,000 samples annually, Geo-Chem India's Food Division laboratory network is recognised among the Top 5 Spice Testing Laboratories in India by the

World Spice Organisation (WSO).

"India is a strategic growth market for Cotecna, and the Mumbai laboratory reinforces our commitment to supporting the region's food industry with world-class testing services. By combining our global expertise with strong local capabilities, we are helping customers meet evolving compliance requirements and compete successfully in international markets," said Amit Chopra, CEO, Cotecna, South Asia & Middle East.

The laboratory's analytical portfolio includes testing for pesticide residues, mycotoxins, veterinary drugs, heavy metals, persistent organic pollutants (POPs), contaminants, additives, allergens, microbiological parameters, food contact materials, GMOs and fumigation residues. The facility also supports hygiene and environmental monitoring, along with research and development for new analytical methods and customer-specific testing requirements.

On the formal inauguration, Avinash Maheshwari, CEO, Geo-Chem Laboratories Private Limited, said, "This new facility marks an important milestone in Geo-Chem India's journey and reflects our commitment to strengthening food safety through world-class infrastructure, advanced technology and scientific excellence. Designed with European standards and pharmaceutical-quality practices in mind, the facility significantly enhances our sample-handling capacity and also expands our testing capabilities to include PFAS, dioxins, radioactivity & others."

"With our customers at the heart of this investment, our vision is to build Geo-Chem India into one of the most trusted and respected food testing laboratories in the industry, setting new benchmarks in quality, reliability and innovation," said Maheshwari. Geo-Chem India has built a strong reputation through internationally recognised accreditations and regulatory approvals, including ISO/IEC 17025, EIC, APEDA, GAFTA, FOSFA, BIS and FSSAI, among others.