

Study Tour of the Delegation to the National Farm Machinery Show (NFMS) 2026, USA, under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister (Marketing & Protocol), Government of Maharashtra.

**GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Co-operation, Marketing and Textile Department
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Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032
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Government Resolution

The Government of Maharashtra is strengthening farmers through export-led production and market-oriented marketing of their agricultural produce. The National Farm Machinery Show (NFMS) 2026, to be held from 11–14 February 2026 at Louisville, Kentucky, USA, is a globally renowned exhibition highlighting advanced agricultural machinery, precision farming, automation, sustainable technologies, and innovations relevant to export-oriented agriculture. The exhibition is highly aligned with the objectives of the Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board (MSAMB), as it provides an opportunity to study international best agricultural practices across the entire value chain—from production and mechanization to post-harvest handling, quality management, packaging, and logistics—critical for agro-commodity exports. Exposure to these global practices and technologies will enable the adoption of export-compliant production systems, support evidence-based policy and investment decisions, and enhance the quality, productivity, and global competitiveness of agricultural commodities from Maharashtra.

The proposed study tour under the leadership of the Hon'ble Minister (Marketing & Protocol), Government of Maharashtra, will facilitate strategic interactions with global manufacturers, experts, and policymakers, enabling international collaboration, pilot projects, and future investments. The visit will also support discussions with relevant stakeholders regarding opening the U.S. market for Indian agro produce, thereby strengthening agricultural exports. Overall, the tour will play a crucial role in strengthening the agricultural value chain, empowering Farmer Producer Organizations, and promoting adoption of international-standard technologies, contributing to the long-term growth of agriculture and agri-exports from Maharashtra.

Considering above potential benefits, the Government of Maharashtra, through Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board, Pune, has planned a study visit for Shri. Jaykumar Jitendrasinh Rawal, Minister (Marketing & Protocol), Government of Maharashtra along with the officials to USA from 9th to 16th February, 2026, inclusive of travel time.

2. Accordingly, Government of Maharashtra is pleased to accord the sanction to the following tour of the delegation led by Shri. Jaykumar Jitendrasinh Rawal, Minister (Marketing & Protocol), Government of Maharashtra.

Date	Departure	Arrival	Program Details
09-02-2026	Mumbai	Chicago	Air travel from Mumbai to Chicago – Louisville
	Chicago	Louisville	
10-02-2026			Networking meetings with key officials
11-02-2026			Visit to National Farm Machinery Show (NFMS) 2026, Louisville, USA
12-02-2026			Visit to National Farm Machinery Show (NFMS) 2026, Louisville, USA

13-02-2026	Louisville	Washington D.C.	Travel from Louisville to Washington, D.C.
14-02-2026			Meetings with concerned stakeholders regarding export of agro produce from Maharashtra
15-02-2026	Washington D.C.		Air travel from Washington, D.C. to Mumbai
16-02-2026		Mumbai	

3. All expenses for the visit, such as air travel, visa, stay arrangements etc., will be borne by the Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board, Pune.
4. Accordingly it is requested to grant necessary political clearance for the said visit including clearance for release of foreign exchange.
5. The Government is further pleased to authorize the Period of absence from duty of nominated delegates to be treated as "on duty period" until they resumes on their duty on return to India from the said tour.
6. Nominated delegates are also allowed to avail of the transit period as required for completing the visa formalities etc. and performing journey from the place of their duty to the place of tour and back.
7. This Government Resolution is published on official website www.maharashtra.gov.in of Government of Maharashtra and its reference no is 202602021245237502. This Government Resolution is being issued with digital signature

By the order and in the name of Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra.

(Madhavi Shinde)
Under Secretary to Government of Maharashtra

To,

- 1) The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, 3 Circular Road, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, India
- 2) The Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi.
- 3) The Secretary, Agriculture and Co-Operation & farmer welfare, Government of India, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
- 4) The Resident Commissioner & Principal Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra, Maharashtra Sadan, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi-110001.

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- 1) The Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
- 2) The Secretary, to the Government of India, Ministry of Economic Affairs, New Delhi.
- 3) The Secretary, to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.
- 4) The Additional Chief Secretary, (Services), General Administration Department Mantralaya, Mumbai.
- 5) The Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
- 6) The Principal Secretary, Co-operation and Marketing Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
- 7) Private Secretary to Hon. Minister (Marketing & Protocol), Government of Maharashtra-Mumbai-India
- 8) Managing Director, Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board, Pune.
- 9) Select File.