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Gallus and HEIDELBERG Reinforce Commitment to India's Dynamic Label and Packaging Market at LOUPE India 2026

- *First Gallus and HEIDELBERG appearance at LOUPE India since 2012 signals the strategic importance of India and the company's long-term commitment to customers across the region*
- *Visitors will experience Gallus technologies exhibited for the first time in the region, including the Gallus Screeny Printing Unit, supported by live demonstrations and application expertise*
- *Joint Gallus and HEIDELBERG presence will highlight application-focused solutions developed around the specific production requirements, investment priorities and growth ambitions of Indian converters, supporting efficient, reliable output, consistent quality and long-term business growth*

Chennai and St. Gallen, 22 September 2026 – [Gallus Group](http://www.gallus-group.com), a subsidiary of Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (HEIDELBERG), and a global leader in label printing technology, today announces its return to LOUPE India 2026. At the show, Gallus and HEIDELBERG will present technologies, services and application expertise designed especially to help Indian label and packaging converters optimize entire production workflows, achieve efficient and reliable output, and build scalable and cost-effective production operations across a range of applications. India is one of the world's fastest-growing national economies, with demand for printed packaging being driven by urbanization, rising prosperity and growing consumption of branded

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products. India's packaging market is forecast to grow from the current figure of around US \$12 billion to US \$20 billion by 2030, with particularly strong growth across pharmaceutical, food, beverage and e-commerce applications.

This expansion is increasing demand for reliable, accessible and high-quality production technology that reflects different production requirements, investment priorities and stages of business development. Against this backdrop, LOUPE India's broadened remit beyond labels to include mid-web flexible packaging, shrink sleeves, pouches, inline carton converting and smart-label innovations reflects the way converters are extending their capabilities to capture new opportunities across the wider packaging value chain. This evolution aligns closely with Gallus' broad application portfolio, which spans labels, including security and pressure-sensitive labels, tube laminates, in-mold labels, pouches, wraps and shrink sleeves, sachets, and light carton packaging.

"India is one of the world's most dynamic markets and, for HEIDELBERG and Gallus, one of significant strategic importance. Its growing population, rising prosperity and expanding economy are continuing to drive demand for printed packaging," says Samir Patkar, President, HEIDELBERG India. "Our return to LOUPE India with Gallus gives us an important opportunity to meet converters face-to-face, understand their priorities and demonstrate how Gallus and HEIDELBERG's role as a system integrator for packaging and label as well as an integrated solutions partner can create measurable value across the entire production workflow. Increasingly, converters need more than equipment; they need support integrating technologies, consumables, software, service and application expertise into an efficient production environment that can evolve alongside the business."

"India is becoming an increasingly important growth market for HEIDELBERG and the exhibition presence reflects HEIDELBERG's wider commitment to supporting customers across India," says Dr. David Schmedding, CSO at HEIDELBERG. "The company is strengthening its local sales and service capabilities, investing in demonstration facilities and expanding its partner

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network to provide solutions tailored to the production requirements, investment priorities and growth ambitions of Indian converters.” Together, Gallus and HEIDELBERG offer an integrated ecosystem spanning conventional, hybrid and digital printing, software, consumables, service and training. This integrated approach enables converters to work with a single partner across technology selection, workflow optimization, application development, operator training and long-term production growth, reducing operational complexity while improving productivity and return on investment.

A central exhibit will be the [Gallus Screeny Printing Unit](#). Introduced in 2025 and making its Indian debut, it brings rotary screen-printing capabilities to narrow-web production environments regardless of press manufacturer. Designed as a compact, independent module, the unit can be integrated into different working environments. With mechanical speeds up to 120 meters per minute, the technology enables converters to add high-opacity colors and fine details to labels, while its cross-brand integration capability supports retrofit strategies and helps protect existing investments.

“Converters in India are balancing significant growth opportunities with strong cost discipline. They need technologies that deliver efficient, reliable production and a clear return on investment,” says Uwe Boerner, CSO, Gallus Group. “Our presence at LOUPE India is a clear expression of our long-term commitment to this market and gives us an important opportunity to demonstrate how Gallus and HEIDELBERG can help customers simplify production, control costs and build the capabilities they need to grow.”

LOUPE India 2026 takes place from 29 October to 1 November 2026 at the India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, Delhi NCR. Visit Gallus and HEIDELBERG at Booth K14.

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Picture 1: Gallus and HEIDELBERG return to LOUPE India in 2026, with regional technology debuts including the Gallus Screeny Printing Unit.

Picture 2: Dr. David Schmedding, Chief Technology and Sales Officer at HEIDELBERG: “India is one of the most dynamic markets worldwide and therefore of outstanding strategic importance for HEIDELBERG.”

Picture 3: Gallus supports Indian converters across a broad range of label and packaging applications, from pressure-sensitive and security labels to tube laminates, in-mold labels, pouches, shrink sleeves, sachets and light carton packaging.

About Gallus

Gallus Group, a subsidiary of Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (HEIDELBERG) with production facilities in Switzerland and Germany, is a leading company in the development, production of conventional and digital narrow-web, reel-fed presses designed for the label and packaging business. The machine portfolio is augmented by a broad range of screen-printing plates (Gallus Screeny), globally decentralized service operations, and a broad offering of printing accessories and replacement parts, as well as consulting services. Products and services of the Gallus brand are distributed through the global HEIDELBERG Sales and Service network. Gallus employs around 300 people, of whom 160 are based in Switzerland, where the company has its headquarters in St. Gallen. For more information, visit www.gallus-group.com.

With a clear focus on growth, HEIDELBERG as a system integrator and total solution provider is driving further development in the core areas of packaging and digital printing, software solutions and the lifecycle business with service and consumables so that customers can achieve maximum productivity and efficiency. The company is also focusing on expanding into new business areas such as high-precision plant engineering with integrated control, automation technology and robotics as well as the growing green technologies.

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