



CONEX South 2025 Roars In: Strong Partnerships, Stronger Construction Future

Tamil Nadu's inaugural event unites industry leaders and government for innovation, business deals, and region-specific construction solutions over three action-packed days.

Chennai: Tamil Nadu's infrastructure aspirations found a new platform last week as the debut edition of **CONEX South 2025** concluded on an emphatic note at the Chennai Trade Centre. Over three days—from **August 28 to 30**—the exhibition floor buzzed with deal-making, live demonstrations, and industry-government dialogues, firmly positioning the show as a catalyst for the state's construction and infrastructure ecosystem.

Organised jointly by Messe Muenchen India and the **Tamil Nadu Highways Contractors Federation (TNHCF)**, with **Guidance Tamil Nadu** lending crucial support as State Partner, the landmark trade fair emerged as Tamil Nadu's premier construction expo. The event attracted **over 5000** industry professionals, with strong delegations from over 30 districts across Tamil Nadu and neighbouring states, demonstrating its significant regional influence.

Honourable Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru Udhayanidhi Stalin, formally inaugurated the event, with **Thiru E.V. Velu, Honourable Minister for Public Works (Buildings, Highways & Minor Ports)**, in attendance. In his address to the business audience present, Honourable Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu, Thiru Udhayanidhi Stalin stated, "I am privileged to inaugurate this esteemed event. Our government has invested strategically in Tamil Nadu's infrastructure, with landmark projects like the ₹37 crore glass bridge at Kanyakumari—delivered under challenging conditions—and the ₹640 crore Teynampet–Saidapet flyover, a world-first engineering feat built above an existing metro tunnel. These investments, along with other key infrastructure developments reflect our commitment to making Tamil Nadu India's top state for infrastructure and ease of doing business."

Sprawling across **9,500 sq. m** of exhibition space, the venue transformed into a vibrant hub of innovation where **200+ leading brands** showcased advanced construction machinery, specialised vehicles, building material equipment, and mining solutions. Supporting program attended by 400+ delegates included Technical Conference with IOCL on "Bitumen & Road Engineering: From Plant Energy to Pavement Performance" as well as The Indian Demolition Association Workshop on "Modern Demolition Techniques".

The hands-on approach, industry insiders noted, was particularly aligned to Tamil Nadu's pressing infrastructure roadmap, which confronts challenges such as **labour scarcity, stringent timelines, and compliance-driven project execution**.

The mood was captured by **M. Thirusangu, President of the Tamil Nadu Highways Contractors Federation**, who said: "*Tamil Nadu's growth trajectory is accelerating, and the focus is now squarely on durable, technology-backed infrastructure. CONEX South brings together the right partners at the right time, making it a crucial platform for collaboration and sustainable development.*"

Bhupinder Singh, President – IMEA, Messe München and CEO, Messe Muenchen India, noted: "*Tamil Nadu market has its own regional challenges and opportunities, and CONEX South was*

designed to reflect that reality. The strong participation of contractors, OEMs, and government officials showed us that this platform is already shaping up as a driver of real business, not just a showcase."

Exhibitors also pointed to the event's tangible impact. **Manish Mathur, CEO- Cranes - ACE - Action Construction Equipment Ltd.**, echoed the sentiment: *"This show allowed us to highlight solutions that directly address the state's infrastructure bottlenecks. The response to our compact and energy-efficient equipment reinforces that South India is a highly dynamic growth market, and we are committed to supporting it."*

Siddharth Raman, Director, Advanced Construction Technologies (P)Ltd said, *"CONEX South was a grand event organised to international standards. All stakeholders have benefited from the infra segment, and we look forward to participating in the subsequent CONEX South events"*

Naveen Viswambharan, Senior Manager – Marcom, Ammann India Private Limited stated, *"The first edition of South Conex in Chennai was a well-organized event. Ammann India was pleased to showcase our latest Light Tandem Roller ARS 32.2 CEV Stage V, which received strong interest along with our other products. The exhibition was well attended by contractors from Tamil Nadu and Kerala, and overall, it proved to be a successful platform for us."*

The trade fair has also received praise from leading industry associations. **Fazrulla Basha, Secretary, Indian Demolition Association (IDA)**, remarked, *"A huge applause to organisers for their exemplary efforts in organising the CONEX South. The exhibits showcased technology, innovation and also brought the industry together under one roof. IDA workshop on the latest techniques in demolition was attended by over 100 delegates. This joint approach has created a remarkable platform for knowledge sharing and industry growth, and we truly value this partnership."*

E. Ganesh, Treasurer, Tamil Nadu Construction Equipment's Owners Association (TAMCEO) mentioned that *"For the first time, a mega construction equipment exhibition has happened in Tamil Nadu. The focus of MMI to bring in potential business customers is commendable & that's the key for their success. It's always a pleasure for TAMCEO to join hands with MMI in all the construction equipment exhibitions. We are happy that about 500+ members of TAMCEO visited the CONEX South 2025 and benefited from upgrading themselves with the latest technology. A few purchases have also been concluded at the expo. All exhibitors are happy with the kind of professional footfall & media coverage, which will bring them more business in the near future. In all, a well spent 3 days & a satisfying exhibition."*

With the state pushing aggressively on **highways, metro rail expansions, and industrial corridors**, industry stakeholders said CONEX South 2025 staged a successful curtain-raiser.

About Messe Muenchen India

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About the Tamil Nadu Highways Contractors Federation (TNHCF)

TNHCF represents the interests of highway and infrastructure contractors across Tamil Nadu, working closely with government and industry to advance quality, safety and timely project delivery while strengthening local capabilities and networks.