



# TALK

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## INDUSTRY UPDATE

Flipkart Group-owned supply chain network, Ekart, will now make its warehouses across India available to brands, manufacturers, retailers, and SMEs to become a fourth-party logistics (4PL) player. The end-to-end warehousing services by Ekart will include ready-to-use warehousing space, order management, integrated logistics, and inventory management. Ekart will offer specialized facilities such as temperature-controlled and high value goods storage.



Welspun One Logistics Parks has signed a pact with the Uttar Pradesh government for investment of ₹2,000 crore to develop warehousing and logistics parks in the state. The company has signed a MoU with the state government to broaden its presence in the warehousing sector in North India.



The commercial capital of Madhya Pradesh, Indore, will soon have its own multimodal logistics park (MMLP), the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highway announced. The project has been awarded to GR Infraprojects Limited and will be developed in three phases for which target completion of Phase-I is two years, that is, by 2025, leading to commercial operations. The MMLP will be developed in an area of 255.17 acres near Pithampur in Dhar district. The estimated cost of the project is ₹1,110.58 crore," the Ministry stated in a statement.

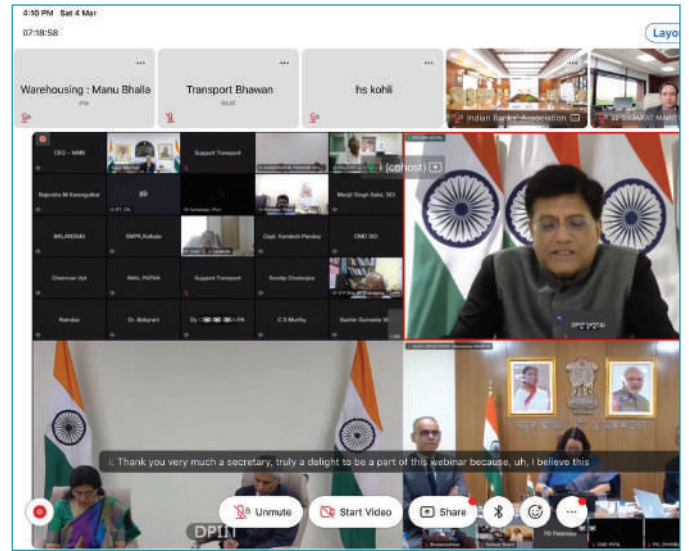
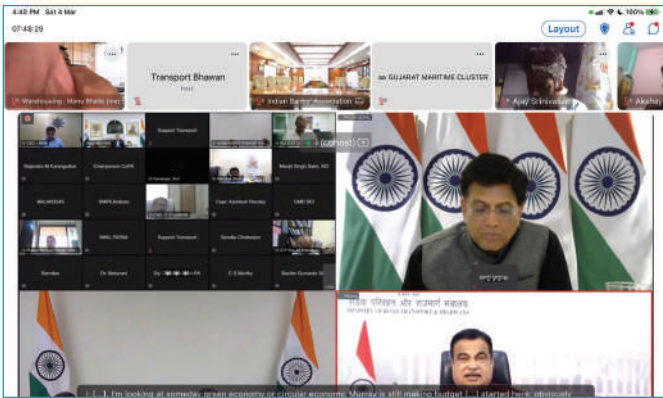


Coldman Logistics has launched its new all-purpose warehouse of 9,000 pallets capacity near JNPT Port. The new facility is equipped with the latest technology, providing the

capacity to store more products and streamline operations. The warehouse is strategically located 11 km away from JNPT Port, making it easier to access major transportation routes, EXIM cargoes, resulting in faster and reliable deliveries.



# WAI SPOTLIGHT



Warehousing Association of India (WAI) participated in Post-Budget Webinar on Union Budget 2023-24. 'Infrastructure and Investment: Improving Logistics Efficiency with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan'. Manu Raj Bhalla, President, WAI and Director and Global Head, Contract Logistics and Supply Chain at Freight Systems (India) participated as a panellist.

The webinar was wonderfully curated providing a 360-degree view of the PM Gati Shakti National Masterplan by including all the key stakeholders and giving them an opportunity to share some of their inputs and views on the subject. It was impressive to see the presentations made by each of the three participating ministries of the key takeaways and action items at the Plenary session.



**Prime Minister Narendra Modi**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi opened the webinar with a welcome address followed by the concluding remarks from Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Textiles, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution & Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways. The remarks from the ministers were precise, informative, and brought out the focus of their ministries to make India a self-reliant nation.

WAI is looking forward to partnering with DPIIT in the various initiatives to derive the true benefits of



**Manu Raj Bhalla**  
President, WAI

PM Gati Shakti National Masterplan, which will go a long way in providing greater coordination between the various ministries and departments and help realize the goals of Aatmanirbhar Bharat in the "Amrit Kaal" such as investment in manufacturing and infrastructure, lowering logistics costs, making India globally competitive and the first choice for foreign investment.



WAI congratulates DPIIT, Morth and MoPSW and organisers for a fantastic webinar seamlessly and flawlessly executed and look forward to many such more in the future.



# WAI ACTIVITIES



Manu Raj Bhalla, President, WAI and Director and Global Head, Contract Logistics and Supply Chain at Freight Systems (India) moderated the session on supply chain resilience at CII Western Region Conference on Globalisation of Logistics at Mumbai.



Horizon Industrial Parks recently hosted members from the WAI Infrastructure Committee at its headquarters in Mumbai. Changemakers and leaders, from leading institutions, warehouse developers and others collaborated to address concerns around land acquisition, laws & regulations, and incentives for the industry. The meeting also facilitated a discourse toward achieving excellence in 2023 through a collaborative agenda.



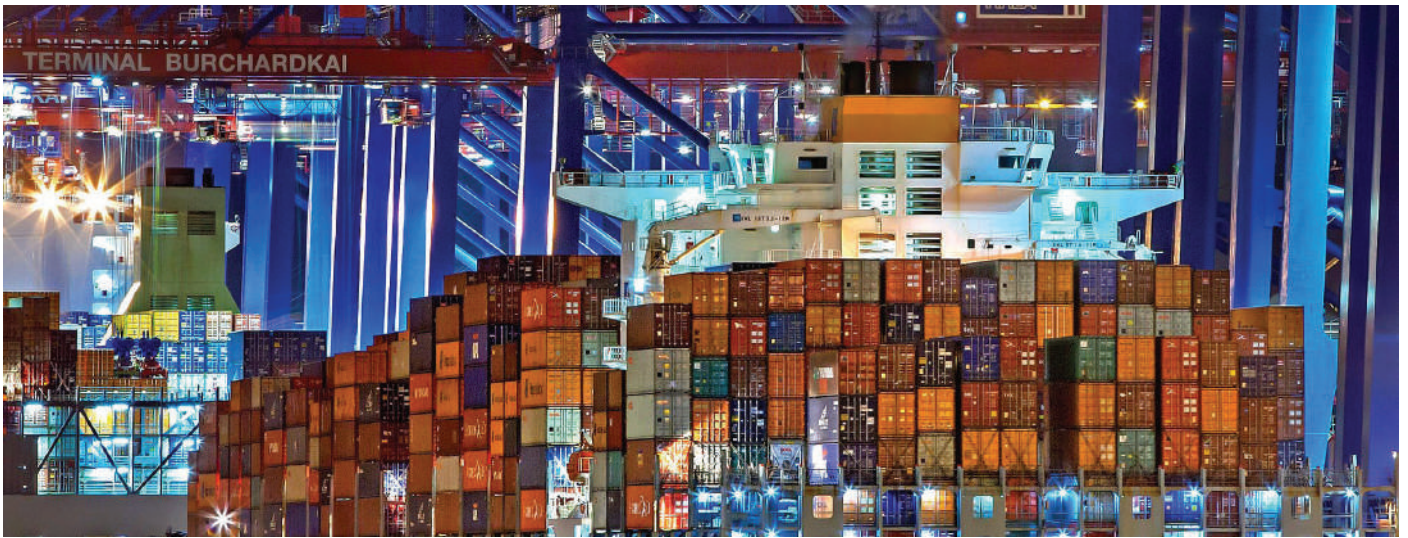
Some of the key recommendations, including fixing timelines for land approval and creating a nodal agency for approvals to simplify and accelerate the regulatory process. The committee also emphasized the importance of according the benefits of industry status to the warehousing sector to access electricity tariffs at concessional rates, financing, and better infrastructure among others.



Manu Raj Bhalla, President, WAI participated in National Conference on PM Gati Shakti Masterplan. Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Textiles, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution was invited as the chief guest. The session focused on the participation of private sector in logistics and suggestions for creating an amenable ecosystem for dealing with key issues.







# WAI welcomes its new members

Advanchainge Pvt. Ltd.	Ganesh Pralhad Chaudhari (Floormart Global)	Misra Properties Pvt. Ltd.	Realm Intermediates
Akurai PEB LLP	Indospace Development Management Pvt. Ltd.	MTI Logistics Pvt. Ltd.	Reliance Retail
APL Apollo Tubes	IRC (India) Ltd.	Musaddilal Projects Pvt. Ltd.	Robinsons Global Logistics Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
Bigfoot Retail Solutions	Jay Storage Solutions	NDR Warehousing Pvt. Ltd.	Transworld International Warehousing
CCI Logistics Pvt Ltd	Kosamba Logistics Pvt. Ltd.	Nikitha Build-Tech Pvt. Ltd.	UNI Global India Pvt. Ltd.
Conserve Buildcon LLP	Lai Investment Manager Pvt. Ltd.	Panache Green Tech	Welspun One Logistics Parks Pvt. Ltd.
Constructure Designs	Macrotech Developers Ltd.	PJ Fab India Structures Pvt. Ltd.	Zeromile Warehousing Pvt. Ltd.
ESR Development	Meesan Logistics Pvt. Ltd.	Prozo Distribution Pvt. Ltd.	
Ethics Prosperity Pvt. Ltd.	MEX Storage Systems		
Flyjac Logistics			

