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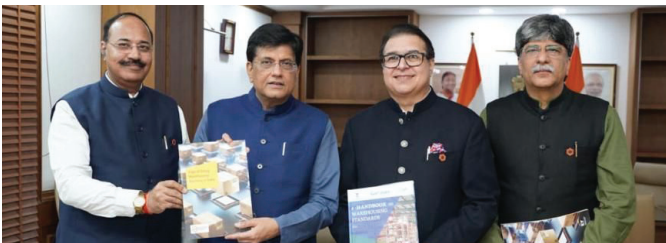
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WAI SPOTLIGHT

WAI members meet Piyush Goyal to discuss EoDB, challenges

To discuss issues pertaining to the Indian warehousing sector and to present the WAI report on 'Ease of Doing Warehousing Business in India,' the WAI members met Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry on 25 April 2023. "The support ex-



tended by the Hon'ble Union Minister on these issues to be taken up soon was heartening," said Manu Raj Bhalla, President, WAI.

A few initiatives such as model warehousing policy for the states, reviewing various licences and approvals, skilling and earmarking of area for warehousing in the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) were raised. WAI also appraised the Hon'ble Union Minister regarding the progress on 2023 version of the e-handbook of Warehousing Standards with the support of DPIIT and pledged to work closely with all stakeholders for ease of establishing and operating warehouses in India.

WAI congratulates Government for LPI performance

Warehousing Association of India (WAI) congratulates the Union Government for moving up by a few notches in Logistics Performance Index 2023. India now stands on 38th rank compared to 44th. India is well on its way to figure among the top 10 countries in the LPI by 2030 as envisaged by the Government of India.



Manu Raj Bhalla
President, WAI

Manu Raj Bhalla, President, WAI said, "It is a testimony to the National Logistics Policy due to which the port, airport and highway infrastructure have improved. Some of the initiatives taken in this regard are listed below:

- Digital Integration System: It is leading to seamless and faster workflow, making logistics significantly more efficient
- Unified Logistics Interface Platform: ULIP aims to collapse all logistics and transport sector digital services into a single portal, thereby freeing manufacturers, and exporters from the present challenges of long and cumbersome processes
- Ease of Logistics Services: e-logs, a new digital platform, allows industry to directly take up operational issues with government agencies for speedy resolution
- Comprehensive Logistics Action Plan: It comprises integrated digital logistics systems, standardisation of physical assets, benchmarking service standards, human resource development, capacity building, development of logistics parks

WAI is a proud partner in these initiatives. Last year, we had published the e-handbook on Warehousing Standards 2022. We are all set to publish the updated 2023 version shortly," said Bhalla.



WAI ACTIVITIES



WAI takes part in DPIIT & ADB's logistics cost workshop

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) recently held a workshop on logistics costs in partnership with ADB. Manu Raj Bhalla, President, WAI participated in a discussion moderated by Dr. Jivisha Joshi Gangopadhyay, Deputy Secretary, Logistics Division, DPIIT, who asked questions about components of logistics cost and ways to reduce them. Bhalla focused on the importance of domestic supply chains in enabling market access for small sellers to boost economy. The WAI President further spoke about cost of time, inventory carrying, safety of merchandise and labour (cost of insurance) that builds into logistics costs.

WAI participates in IAF's Logistics Management Seminar

WAI had the privilege to discuss the Indian Warehousing Standards and building world-class warehousing Infrastructure at the Indian Air Force (IAF) Logistics Management Seminar LOGISEM-23 on 'Leverage Emerging Global Supply Chain to Enhance Logistics Capabilities while absorbing disruptions,' recently. "It was an enriching experience to see the advancement of logistics practices of IAF in rhythm with the National Logistics Policy, PM Gati Shakti Masterplan and Aatmanirbhar Bharat and leverage government e-marketplace GEM, thereby bringing huge savings to the national exchequer. We look forward to partnering with the IAF's initiatives in automation of their warehousing processes across India," said Manu Raj Bhalla, President, WAI.



WAI meets TAPA APAC to discuss more on 2023 e-handbook



The Warehousing Association of India (WAI) is proud to be associated with Transported Asset Protection Association (TAPA) APAC and look forward to working for the benefit of the Indian warehousing industry. WAI's technical committee recently had a productive meeting for the 2023 e-handbook on Warehousing

Standards. This new version includes various new technologies and practices. "WAI is glad to welcome new faces into the task force with representation from all industry stakeholders. We welcome Madu Lokan, Executive Director, TAPA APAC, Shounak Ray, Head, Business Development, International Finance Corporation, Gaurav Jayaswal, Scientist, Bureau of Indian Standards, Abhishek Chaturvedi and Unnikrishnan N of Godrej, Mahendra W of Horizon Industrial Parks, Manish Inamdar, Senior Director, Projects, ESR Advisers India, IndoSpace," Manu Raj Bhalla, President, WAI shared in a LinkedIn Post.

"WAI thanks DPIIT and Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry for entrusting us with this significant publication, which will help the Indian warehousing industry advance towards establishing modern world class infrastructure in the country in-line with the National Logistics Policy," he added.

INDUSTRY UPDATES

Rivigo by Mahindra opens express hub in Bhiwandi, Luhari, Pune

Rivigo by Mahindra Logistics launched its first Express Hub in Bhiwandi. Followed with Luhari and Pune, these new processing centres are a part of Mahindra



ndra Logistics large format, multi-client warehouse that offer state of the art infrastructure and facilities. Express Hubs have a network of 17 processing centres and over 200 branches across India.

WOPL raises ₹500 crores AIF to boost warehouse infra growth



Welspun One Logistics Parks (WOLP) has concluded the initial close of its second Alternative Investment Fund, WOLP Fund 2, raising ₹500 crores from domestic high net worth and family office investors within a short span of eight weeks.

LOGOS, Ivanhoe buy land in Pune to set up logistics park

Asia Pacific logistics real estate major LOGOS and its venture partner Ivanhoe Cambridge have acquired a 77-acre industrial land parcel in Pune's Chakan industrial area to develop a large-scale logistics park, as per reports. The land parcel spans 2.2 million sq. ft. LOGOS India-Ivanhoe Cambridge logistics venture will invest ₹650 crores in the project. The master plan will focus on sustainability-driven development, featuring Grade A industrial and logistics buildings.



Railways to develop Gati Shakti multimodal cargo terminal at Gadchandur

To generate revenue through freight transportation, South Central Railway (SCR) has decided to develop a new Gati Shakti Multi Modal Cargo Terminal (GCT) at Gadchandur railway station, Secunderabad Division. The new terminal will be developed at an estimated cost of ₹15.2 crore at Gadchandur.



We welcome new members in WAI

AAJ Enterprises

Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd

Hyphen SCS Pvt. Ltd.

Master Logistics Pvt. Ltd.

Ramakant Pathak & CO.

Transindia Realty & Logistics Parks Ltd.

Udgam Solutions Private Limited

Zoho Corporation



WAI is Hiring! Apply Now

The Warehousing Association of India (WAI) is seeking a highly capable and dynamic individual to fill the role of Executive Director, who will be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the organization, coordinating with stakeholders, and driving initiatives to achieve the association's objectives. The position offers an exciting opportunity to lead and shape the future of the warehousing industry in India.

- An aspirant can share his resume and passport size photo at : info@warehousingindia.org
- A candidate must add a covering letter in **100 words**.
- Preferred Age Group : **45 to 55 years**
- Last date for receiving applications: **21 June, 2023**