



TALK

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WAI SPOTLIGHT

WAI participates in DPIIT's stakeholder consultation meet on women inclusion in logistics



The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) held a stakeholder consultation meet at Vanijya Bhawan, focusing on “Enabling Women Workforce Participation in Logistics Sector”. It was aimed to catalyse the participation of women in logistics, a critical component of the nation’s ‘Viksit Bharat 2047’ vision.

Rajeev Singh Thakur, Additional Secretary, DPIIT, delivered the keynote address. He highlighted the importance of gender diversity for growth and innovation of the industry. He also focused on insights and collaborative efforts. Ramesh Kumar Verma, Deputy Secretary, GoI, DPIIT also shared his insightful thoughts on the topic. Mohit Kapoor, Chair, Projects, and Events Committee, WAI, reiterated WAI’s commitment towards pushing for gender diversity and inclusion in

warehousing and logistics industry to get talented female workforce contribute to this transition period of Amrit Kaal towards Shatabdi Kaal in 2047. The consultation brought together professionals from a diverse group which included industry associations, MSMEs, large enterprises, skill training institutes, academia, bi-lateral and multilateral institutes to discuss and strategise the way forward for gender inclusivity in logistics. Various challenges hindering women’s entry and retention in the logistics workforce were also discussed. Topics ranged from infra barriers to the need for policy reforms that prioritise women’s safety, training, and professional growth. The discussions shed light on the untapped potential of women in driving innovation and efficiency in logistics. Success stories and best practices from around the globe, illustrating the impact of women’s increased involvement in the sector were shared.

WAI ACTIVITIES

WAI ponders upon Haryana Logistics Policy



Manu Raj Bhalla, President, Mohit Kapoor, Chairperson of Events and Projects, and Seshu Kulkarni, Executive Director at the Warehousing Association of India participated in a meeting held by the Haryana Govt. to deliberate on the upcoming Haryana Logistics Policy. WAI shared its views and insights on the logistical challenges stakeholders in the logistics and warehousing industry face and policy changes that can help alleviate these challenges for the growth of the industry in Haryana.

WAI partners with 21CC to promote skilling in logistics



WAI announced its partnership with 21CC Education for Skilling and Training in Logistics, Warehousing and Supply Chain Industry. 21CC Education has built a user friendly, online learning management system. Under this collaboration, WAI members will contribute to content development. The platform will enable aspiring individuals to meet the demand of skilled workforce in the logistics industry. A joint certificate from 21CC Education and WAI will be provided to individuals who complete the skilling and training programmes.

WAI, Great Lakes unite to promote youth in logistics

WAI collaborated with Great Lakes Institute of Management, Gurgaon, to organise 'Industry-Academic Interface Conference on Logistics and Warehousing' event. Experts from across India participated in panel discussions to generate awareness and provide industry insights among students. While the first panel centred around warehousing standards, modernisation, automation, and challenges in infra and policy regulations, the second panel deliberated on skilling and gender diversity in the sectors.



WAI workshop on empowering women

WAI along with ADB under the aegis of DPIIT held a 'Workshop on Empowering Women in Logistics and Standardisation, Grading and Rating of Warehouses in India.' Represented by industry and govt. stakeholders and World Bank, IFC, and CUTS Int'l, the workshop focused on the need for diversity and inclusion in the logistics industry and importance of standardisation of warehouses following grading and rating systems. Sumita Dawra, former Special Secretary, DPIIT, Dr. Jivisha Joshi Gangopadhyay, Deputy Secretary, and Surendra Ahirwar, Joint Secretary, Logistics Division, DPIIT, articulated their views. Manu Raj Bhalla spoke about the launch of second and 2023 version of e-Handbook for Warehouse Standards covering automation and AI topics.



INDUSTRY UPDATES

IndoSpace launches first city warehouse in Chembur

IndoSpace launched its first in city warehousing facility in Chembur, under the brand name INLOGIS, in Mumbai. The facility spans 1.5 lakhs sq. ft. and offers scalability options ranging from 5,000 to 35,000 sq. ft.. It is well connected to Mumbai Trans Harbour Link, Mumbai-Pune Expressway, JNPT Port, Easter Freeway, Eastern Expressway and city airports.



FLV invests in Indicold to boost cold chain market in India



Fundalogical Ventures has made first investment in the Pre-Series A round raised by Indicold. The funds will be used to focus on tech development, expanding into new geographies and building a strong team. It is one of the few funds

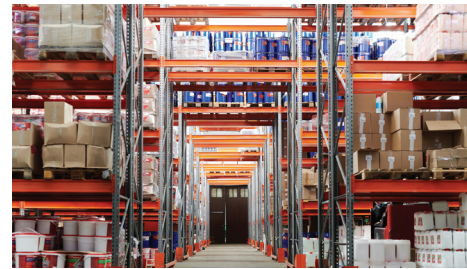
focusing on high growth sectors such as supply chain and logistics, and peripheral sectors. It invests in early growth firms with an investment size of 20 to 80 crore, during their cycle as a lead or co-investor.

8 Indian cities witness 15% YoY rise in Grade A & B spaces

In a recent report titled 'Exploring India's thriving logistics and warehousing landscape' by JLL, the warehousing sector demonstrated growth in 2023, with a 15 per cent YoY increase in total stock of Grade A and B spaces across eight major cities. The cumulative warehousing space reached 371 million sq. ft., showing a rise from 329 million sq. ft. in 2022. Yogesh Shevade, Head, Logistics & Industrial, JLL, noted, "The sector has been on a growth trajectory since 2017 and attributed this growth to a 15 per cent YoY increase in total warehousing stock, reaching 371 million sq. ft.



EFL 3PL opens Grade A warehouse in Bhiwandi



EFL 3PL launched its flagship Grade A warehousing facility in Bhiwandi, Mumbai. The addition of the facility strengthens EFL & EFL 3PL's capabilities, offering end-to-end services to their diverse clientele. Spanning 175,000 square feet, the Grade A warehouse features modern facilities and advanced logistics technologies. EFL 3PL's holistic approach to logistics solutions, ensures the dynamic requirements of clients are met efficiently.

Flyjac Logistics opens ₹300-cr new MPLC in Mumbai



Flyjac Logistics opened Multi-Purpose Logistics Centre (MPLC) in Mumbai. This facility is in Taloja, Navi Mumbai, and was set up at an investment of Rs.300 crore and is spread across 5 lakh sq. ft. This MPLC is aimed at offering improved efficiency and sustainability in serving the firm's customers. This facility is equipped with automation technologies to enhance overall efficiency of logistics operations.



We welcome new members to WAI

Avanti Hydro Power LLP
AWH All Warehouses and Industrial Parks Private Limited
Barabazaar Transport Company Private Limited
Cold Steel Corporation
Dewas Techno Products Pvt. Ltd.
Durafloor Concrete Solutions LLP
H.A.M. Enterprises

Indelox Services Private Limited
Lynkit Solutions Private Limited
Merrill Estates Pvt. Ltd.
Nayyar Packers
Precision Pyramid Pvt. Ltd.
Shah Realtors
Shivani Services
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