**Day 1 – 26th June 2025**

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| ***Theme: Supply Chain Resilience: “India’s Path to Stability in a Volatile World”***  In an increasingly volatile world, businesses and economies are facing continuous disruptions—whether due to geopolitical shifts, global economic fluctuations, technological advancements, or unforeseen crises. In this landscape, supply chains must be resilient, agile, and adaptable to ensure business continuity and global trade stability.  As one of the fastest-growing economies, India has a pivotal role in shaping global supply chains. With its vast manufacturing capabilities, strong digital infrastructure, and evolving policy landscape, India is positioning itself as a trusted and stable supply chain partner for the world. By focusing on resilience and adaptability, this theme highlights how India can transition from being just a participant in global supply chains to a stable and indispensable partner. IWS provides platform to businesses, policymakers, and industry leaders to brainstorm and discuss the strategies that will future-proof supply chains against unpredictable market dynamics. | |
| ***Time*** | ***Topic*** |
| ***10:00 am*** | ***Conference Registration*** |
| ***10:30 am*** | ***Inauguration of Exhibition and Conference*** |
| ***10:30 am – 11:00 am*** | ***Walk Through of the Exhibition with Shri Amardeep Singh Bhatia,* Secretary, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industries** |
| ***11:00 am – 11:10 am*** | ***Welcome Note by RX India*** |
| ***11:10 am – 11:25 am*** | **Keynote Address by Shri Amardeep Singh Bhatia, Secretary, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industries** |
| ***11:25 am – 11:45 am*** | **E-Handbook on Warehousing Standards Soft Launch – Warehousing Association of India and DPIIT** |
| ***11:45 am – 12:00 pm*** | **Keynote Address by Smt. Anita Praveen, Chairperson, Warehouse Development and Regulatory Authority** |
| ***12:00 pm – 12:45 pm*** | ***Inaugural session: Navigating Disruptions: How India Can Be a Reliable Supply Chain Partner***  This panel will explore how India can strengthen its role in global supply chains by enhancing resilience, leveraging technology, and adapting to market disruptions. Industry leaders will discuss strategies to mitigate risks, improve efficiency, and position India as a stable and trusted supply chain partner.  **Discussion Points:**   * Building Supply Chain Resilience & Agility * Role of Technology in Supply Chain Stability * How can India align with global sustainability goals? * Focusing on logistics cost – NCAER and its report * Balancing cost efficiency with ethical and sustainable practices. * The Future: India as a Long-Term Supply Chain Partner * What policy changes are needed to solidify India’s global supply chain role?   **Moderator – Manu Raj Bhalla, President, Warehousing Association of India**  **Speakers –**   * **Sagar Kadu, Director – Logistics, DPIIT – Ministry of Commerce and Industries** * **Mateshwari Mishra, Director,** **Department of Food & Public Distribution, Ministry Of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution** * **Abhishek Jagawat, Director, Ministry of Railways** * **Dinesh Kumar, Director, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways** |
| ***12:45 pm – 13:30 pm*** | ***Panel Discussion - Achieving Operational Excellence through Logistical Optimisation***  In order to strive for operational excellence through logistical optimisation, companies need to be able to leverage data driven decision making and proper technology adoption.  After the interim budget of 2024 was announced – the logistical sphere was allocated a boost or Rs. 11 lakh crores. Though, currently the logistical costs account for 12% of India’s GDP, which hampers its competitiveness.  **Discussion Points:**   * Addressing the skilled labour gap which impacts logistics costs directly * Reducing the number of middlemen effectively reduces the logistical cost * Shipping consolidation and streamlining warehousing operations for better performance at lower costs * Optimizing inventory and last mile to reduce logistics costs   **Moderator – Rajat Wahi, Senior Advisor, CPG and Retail**  **Speakers –**   * **Umesh Madhyan, COO, LEAP** * **Kartik Shah, Regional Manager APAC – Logistics, Supply Chain – Global Logistics, Sennheiser Electronics India Pvt. Ltd.** * **Srinivas Kallakurchi – President & Chief Architect, Optimon (A Division of Choice Solutions Limited)** * **Bharat Bhushan Rathi, Head Logistics, Mankind Pharma** * **Hena Kausar, VP – Logistics, Maruti Suzuki India** |
| ***13:30 pm – 14:30 pm*** | **Networking Lunch** |
| ***14:30 pm – 15:15 pm*** | ***The Warehousing Manual – Measuring the competency of Warehouses through rules and regulations***  The warehousing market in India is likely to grow to 516 million sq. feet in 2026 as compared to 344 million sq. feet in 2023, which is fuelled by consumption and e-commerce booming along with concentration of the industry in tier-I and tier-II cities.  Warehouses also need to operate in strict compliance with regulations to ensure safety and health considerations. The rules and regulations may vary depending on region, environmental factors as well as operational goals of the several warehouses that are needed.  Warehouses are more than just a facility to store your overflow of goods/product, they aid in order fulfilment, inventory management and product returns.   * What is the warehouse regulation act? * Expansion into Tier 2 and Tier 3 markets and optimizing warehouse locations * Incorporating green design aspects to reduce the carbon footprint of your warehouse(s) * Efficiently meeting and surpassing warehousing standards * Increasing investments in automation * Tackling the growing demand for warehouse leasing * Micro warehousing for e-commerce   **Moderator – Arun Kumar Shrivastava, Member, Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority**  **Speakers –**   * **Com. Pawan Verma, Business Head – North, CWC** * **Ashok Thakur, Director, NAFED** * **Sanjay Gupta, MD, NCML** * **Sanjay Agarwal, Founder and CEO, Apna Godam** * **Vikas Yadav, Director, Future Warehouse Solutions Pvt Ltd and Founder Director, Association of Warehouse Developers** |
| ***15:15 pm - 15:45 pm*** | ***Fireside Chat – Q-Commerce – Cracking the Code of Instant Gratification***  The key to success in quick-commerce is all about finding the most efficient and time-effective strategies to manage logistics and delivery for Q-Commerce, which focuses on delivering goods to consumers in a very short time – usually within a few hours by optimizing inventory management, locating ‘dark stores’ utilizing advanced technology for order routing and building a robust network for last-mile delivery to meet the consumers’ demand for rapid deliveries and convenience.  Q-commerce has come to be the ultimate game changer in India, where time equals money and convenience rules. It caters to the hectic and fast-paced lifestyles of urban customers. The front runners in this category are leveraging technology, dense networks of dark stores, and hyper-local logistics to meet the demand. Quick Commerce is still at a nascent stage in India, and the cost structure of logistics is the biggest challenge for the segment. On the face of it, the market seems big enough to sustain multiple players, but would that remain the status quo in the long run, or would it be a race to consolidate in the high-stakes market?  **Moderator – Gaurav Saraf, Managing Director – Mumbai, Cushman and Wakefield**  **Speakers –**   * **Manda Raghavendra Rao, Head – Instock Management, Clicktech Retail Ltd** |
| ***15:45 pm – 16:30 pm*** | ***Panel Discussion - The Know-How of Pledge Financing - Financing against Warehouses***  Warehouse financing holds much more power than is visible on the surface. Financing is one of the biggest reasons why industries like agriculture, who’s biggest points needed are sorted supply chains and warehouses. This scheme of pledge finance is like a beacon of hope for those who have warehouses accredited by WDRA but have no way forward when it comes to financing. Now you can get finance against electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (e-NWRs) for agricultural/horticultural produce stored in registered warehouses, enabling farmers to access loans against their stored goods in warehouses that are accredited by WDRA with e-NWRs and NWRs issued.  Electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts for goods/produce stored in the warehouses are used as collateral against getting finance and reduces the need for distress sales on farmers’ end since they don’t need to worry about finances. While this scheme aims to aid farmers in getting loans, it also aims to maintain a highly safe and scientific storage process for the produce and agricultural goods stored by the farmers in the first place.  **Moderator - Chirayu Garg, CEO & Co Founder, CVM Logistics, Member - Association of Warehouse Developers**  **Speakers –**   * **S.L. Jain, Member, Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority** |
| ***16:30 pm*** | ***End of Conference*** |

**Day 2 – 27th June 2025**

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| ***Time*** | ***Topic*** |
| ***11:00 am – 11:45 am*** | **Panel Discussion – The future of Supply Chain and Logistics – Supply Chain Managers are stepping up to the forefront**  A supply chain manager is involved throughout a product’s journey. The growth of focus on the educational end is on of the biggest reason why the future upholders of the are entering this industry by choice. Supply chain and logistics are the backbencher, yet the backbone of most operations.  As noted by some of the best SCM leaders – ending up at the top of the logistics and supply chain game was a pure surprise, but their constant effort towards reskilling and upskilling to reach better grounds is a constant given.   * Building a dynamic educational backdrop for the supply chain and logistics industry * Round-the-clock upskilling and reskilling * SCM curriculum on the rise in top universities and educational institutions * What kind of trainings will aid the supply chain and logistics workforce to keep going forward? * Determining the right skillset and working on constant skillset updation in the workforce   **Moderator – Abhishek Bhutani, MD Logistics and Industrial Services, Ahmedabad, Cushman and Wakefield**  **Speakers –**   * **Priyanka Chauhan, formerly Logistics Operations Lead, Nestle** * **Dr. Jaya Priyadarshini, Assistant Professor – Operations, Great Lakes Institute of Management** * **Rajni Gupta, AVP - Manufacturing and Supply Chain, Jubilant Foodworks Ltd** * **CII School of Logistics** * **Mansi Mahansaria, Founder, JustDeliveries** * **Saikiran Malleli, Supply Chain Product Manager, Azentio Software** |
| ***11:45 am – 12:15 pm*** | ***Industry 4.0 – Cybersecurity and Automation - The Next Generation of Smart Supply Chains***  Cybersecurity and automation are the most integral component of all Smart Supply Chains enabling enhanced visibility, proactive threat detection and rapid response to cyberattacks across the entire supply chain while simultaneously streamlining processes with the help of automation. This ultimately leads to increased efficiency and resilience.  **Discussion Points -**   * Data protection and encryption * Real time monitoring and analytics * Cost optimisation as a result of IoT and Automation * Training and maintenance – a complexity to integration of automation * The speed and accuracy of 4.0 tools coming together for the success of the bottom line * Are Industry 4.0 goals attainable in India or is it a dream far-fetched?   **Moderator – Biswajit Bhattacharya, Lead Client Partner & Automotive Industry Leader India S/Asia, IBM**  **Speakers –**   * **Shaik Asad Parwez, Head – Logistics and Warehousing, V-Guard Industries Limited** * **Puskar Mukherjee, VP and Head of Supply Chain, Emami Agrotech Limited** * **Taruna Arora, Procurement Lead, Infosys** |
| ***12:15 pm – 13:00 pm*** | ***Talk Show – Driving ESG and Sustainability in your Supply Chain Processes***  Driving ESG in your supply chain processes is one of the most important ways to place your organisations at a high environmentally conscious point. From reducing carbon footprint and employee engagement to transparency and reporting, setting clear ESG goals is essential to the overall success of your company.  Despite driving the logistical processes in the most professional ways, unless and until your organisation sets up standards for ESG, there will always be a gap between you and the top position in the industry.  **Moderator – Mohit Kapoor, Chair – Projects and Events Committee, Warehousing Association of India**  **Speakers –**   * **Dr. K.V. Jagannath – CEO & MD, Choice Solutions Ltd.** * **Anil Kumar Mishra, National Logistics Head (South Asia), Pladis Global** |
| **13:00 pm – 14:00 pm** | **Networking Lunch** |
| ***14:00 pm – 15:00 pm*** | ***Startup Bazaar Day 2***  ***Powering the Pillars of Gati Shakti***  At the India Warehousing Show (IWS), the Startup Bazaar is a dynamic platform designed to spotlight innovation and emerging excellence in the logistics and supply chain ecosystem. In this special showcase at the conference, the top 5 shortlisted startups will take the stage to present their solutions in 5-minute power pitches before an esteemed jury comprising industry veterans, policymakers, and domain experts.  This year, the Startup Bazaar aligns with the ambitious vision of PM Gati Shakti – National Master Plan for Multimodal Connectivity. Startups will be evaluated on how effectively their products or services contribute to one or more of the seven pillars of Gati Shakti: **comprehensiveness, prioritization, optimization, synchronization, analytics, dynamic decision-making, and digitization.**  From smart infrastructure to AI-powered logistics, these young innovators will showcase how they are helping shape an integrated, efficient, and tech-driven supply chain ecosystem — enabling faster, smoother, and smarter movement of goods and services across the country.  The winning startup will be felicitated with the prestigious IWS Startup Award, recognizing their potential to accelerate India’s infrastructure growth and operational synergy in line with the Gati Shakti vision. |
| **15:00 pm** | **End of Conference** |