

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

**Theme - Streamlining Tomorrow: Transforming Supply Chains through Automation**

**Day One – 11th July 2024**

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| 10:00 Hrs       | Conference Registration & Exhibition Inauguration  |
| 11:00-11:15 Hrs | Welcome Note, Conference Inauguration & Lamp Lighting  |
| 11:15-11:30 Hrs | Opening Keynote  |
| 11:30-12:30Hrs  | <p><b>Inaugural Session – Panel Discussion – National Logistics Policy – Boosting the Significance and success of India’s Logistics sector</b></p> <p>The National Logistics Policy aims to lower the excessive cost of logistics from an existing 13-14% and lead it to par with the other developed countries, eventually surpassing them in terms of logistical and operational success. This will lead to a hike in the competitive ability of products made in India in both the domestic as well as the international market. Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency of India Limited (ICRA) estimates that the sector will develop at CAGR of 10.5% through 2025 after growing at CAGR of 7.8% over the last 5 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A peak at the growth graph of NLP and the Indian logistics industry</li> <li>• Expanding on Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) – technology driven solution that aims to improve logistical visibility, cut down costly delays and transport expenses.</li> <li>• Ease of Logistics (ELOG – the digital platform)</li> <li>• Gati Shakti, upheld by 7 pillars – Roads, Railways, Airports, Ports, Mass Transport, Waterways, Logistics Infrastructure</li> </ul> |
| 12:30-13:30 Hrs | <p><b>Panel Discussion - The Future of Supply Chain and Logistics - Now is the Time for Torchbearers of the Future to Step Up!</b></p> <p>A supply chain manager is involved throughout a product’s journey. The drastic lack of educational focus on the industry is one of the biggest reasons why the future upholders of the society – the youth – do not choose to enter the industry by choice. 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. Supply chain and logistics are the backbencher, yet the backbone of most operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building an educational platform for the supply chain and logistics industry</li> <li>• Round-the-clock upskilling and reskilling</li> <li>• Lack of SCM curriculum in top universities</li> <li>• The work paradox in supply chain</li> </ul>   |



- A look back into the everyday life of SC managers
- Trends shaping up the work profile of a supply chain manager in the near future
- The advent of digitalization and automation in Supply Chain and how they tie into educational fields
- Life of a Supply Chain Manager in 2030

13:30-14:30 Hrs **Networking Lunch**

14:30 – 15:10 Hrs **Talk Show – Leveraging logistical costs through technology and more**

After the interim budget of 2024 was announced – the logistical sphere was allocated a boost of Rs. 11 lakh crores. Though, currently the logistical costs account for 12% of India's GDP, which hampers its competitiveness.

- Addressing the skilled labour gap which impacts logistics costs directly
- Reducing the number of players in the loop 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

15:10-15:50 Hrs **Panel Discussion – Regulations and Compliances – the essentials to a successful warehousing and logistical experience**

Compliance issues tend to be one of the biggest problems posed in logistical operations, despite its importance these issues tend to be overlooked more often than they should be.

- Setting standards vs meeting standards
- What are the legal compliances necessary for logistics centre?
- Journey from export controls to import restrictions.
- Employment laws for safety and IT, data protection on the employee and employer end
- Compliance issues in terms of environmental and economic standpoint

15:30-17:00 Hrs **Talk Show – Spearheading Sustainable supply chain for the future of your business**

Today, consumers are very conscious of the products they buy. They want to play a role in protecting the planet and avoid brands that are not transparent in terms of their values and operational processes. Companies are moving to reduce their carbon emissions, with some stating ambitious goals to be carbon neutral in the next 5 to 10 years. This session focuses on defining a path towards net zero.

- Bridging the gap between intention and reality to reduce carbon emission
- Delivering a Zero Emission Road Freight Fleet
- Optimization and simplification across the supply chain
- Embrace the challenge to find the solutions
- Embed sustainability into your culture and operations
- How advances in technology are making the economics of renewable energy and electric vehicles much more favourable every year.
- Mediating the role of sustainability between Industry 4.0 and supply chain management

17:00 Hrs **End of Day-1 Conference**



# Day Two – 12th July 2024

11:00-12:00 Hrs **Inaugural Session – Celebrating women in leadership roles in the logistical sector**

## **Panel Discussion – Looking into the next decade for supply chains**

Taking a look at the balance of women and men in the industry, it is an achievement that we are heading towards a higher number of women every passing year in the logistics and supply sectors. Widespread of technology will take the sector by storm and create opportunity for growth for the people and the industry alike.

- Women making their mark as the top echelons of the industry
- Gender diversity as the new goal for logistics and transport sectors
- Fostering a culture of growth and clear pathways to ascend professional hierarchy towards leadership roles
- Added responsibility of leading organisations that are miles apart
- Diversifying your supply chain processes
- What are the pain points that cause disruptions?

12:00-13:00 Hrs **Panel Discussion – Executing efficient Supply Chains with the competence of AI and Industry 4.0**

- Industry 4.0 disrupting the way companies think – making them rethink the way they set up their supply chains
- Minimising human interference while streamlining processes through automation
- Key leaders leaning towards investment in the digitisation
- Ad hoc and real time planning providing wiggle room for adjustments to avoid supply chain complications
- Perfecting the amalgamation of existing and new technologies
- Supply chain of the future – highly automated, data driven and sustainable.

13:00 -14:00 Hrs **Networking Lunch**

14:00 - 14:40 Hrs **Panel Discussion – E-commerce and Q-commerce: Riding the consumer experience enhancement wave**

E-commerce Supply Chains must be dynamic enough to withstand the several challenges that are posed to the overall structure of the supply chain over time. From the hit of a pandemic to the complete revolution of e-commerce, the industry has come a long way, though there is always scope for improvement. Q-Commerce vs e-commerce

- Completing the sustainable supply chain cycle
- Visibility over the whole system – from raw material to finished product that ends up in the customers' hand
- Traditional logistics getting a makeover for e-commerce
- Last mile delivery and logistics – introducing crowd shipping and its practicalities within India
- Centralised warehousing operations – a new way to reduce e-commerce operations costs
- Optimizing the cycle time from procurement to last mile for significant improvement in

the supply chain cycle

- Q-commerce expected to take over the traditional e-commerce market size occupied for various reasons including but not limited to – convenience, reduced shipping times, free shipping, logistical ease as local shops are a part of the seller network, affordable products, and various options.

14:40 - 15:30 Hrs **Panel Discussion – Transportation as the backbone of logistical dynamics**

Transportation is one of the most important parts of supply chain processes and logistical operations – From selecting carriers to shipping costs, everything determines the timely and cost-effective movement of goods.

- Transportation management becoming the competitive differentiator
- Explosion of vehicle technology, cyber-attacks and security tactics
- Adopting a responsive transportation system, which the right combination of transport systems – ensuring your system does not break down at any given point in the supply chain cycle
- Road freight disruption – what are the challenges that the industry faces?
- Shifting focus to air cargo – Seamless freight movement to and from India

15:30 Hrs **End of the conference**

