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WAI SPOTLIGHT

WAI prioritizes NLP, Gati Shakti, skill development at IWS 2023

Warehousing Association of India (WAI) recently organized a conference at India Warehousing Show (IWS) 2023, at Pragati Maidan. WAI invited Jivisha Joshi Gangopadhyay, Deputy Secretary, Logistics, DPIIT as the Chief Guest.

Delivering the keynote address, she spoke about the Union government's target—National Logistics Policy and Prime Minister's Gati Shakti. She congratulated Indian warehouse operators and manufacturers, who had displayed modern, cutting-edge equipment for warehouses, which will help reduce operating costs and improve productivity and standardization. Amit Kumar Singh, MD, Central Warehousing Corporation was the Guest of Honour. WAI President Manu Bhalla spoke about the vision and mission of WAI and the WAI's roadmap for 2023, including initiatives under the aegis of DPIIT and in collaboration with ADB and other stakeholders. Key initiatives include:

1. Engagement with DPIIT, MoCA in connection with EoDB and related to reduction of logistics costs.
2. Simplification of regulations required for establishing and operating warehouses.
3. Rating and grading of warehouses.
4. Working with ADB on diversity and inclusion of women in warehousing, logistics and supply chain workforce.
5. Engaging with states for ease of doing warehousing business across the nation.
6. Skilling, training, and development programmes with IIMA and other institutes.
7. Exploring Geospatial mapping of warehouses in the country and connect with Prime Minister's Gati Shakti and Unified Interface Logistics Platform.
8. Model warehousing guidelines and suggestions based on the LEAP reports.





The Warehousing Association of India, in collaboration with ADB and DPIIT, is organizing a workshop soon on **Empowering Women in Logistics: Embracing Diversity and Inclusion** to raise awareness about the importance of gender diversity and inclusion in the logistics industry and provide insights into the challenges faced by women in logistics and strategies to overcome them.

WAI ACTIVITIES

WAI participates in G20 Seminar on Trade and Infrastructure

WAI participated in the G20 Seminar on Trade Infrastructure in Global Value Chains at Kevadia, Gujarat. The association would like to thank the DPIIT and all the teams responsible for organizing and conducting this wonderful seminar.

“We are confident there will be excellent takeaways, which will help India’s logistics infrastructure and global competitiveness, powering, and accelerating India’s position in global value chains.”



WAI participates in Indo-Vietnam Meet on Logistics and Warehousing



WAI participated in the Indo-Vietnam Round Table Meeting on Logistics and Warehousing at Vanijya Bhawan on 1 August. Special Secretary Sumita Dawra was the Guest of Honour, Minister of State Somprakash was the Chief Guest of the meeting. Ashok Gupta, Abhishek P. Rao, and Mohit Kapoor, Chair-Events Committee, WAI, attended the event and showcased key points on the role of WAI as a collective representation of industry in Policy Advocacy, spreading awareness about best-in-class practices and the need for grading, standardization, automation, and efforts for creating a centralized data base of warehouses with geotagging.

WAI attends govt’s event on trade insights, future



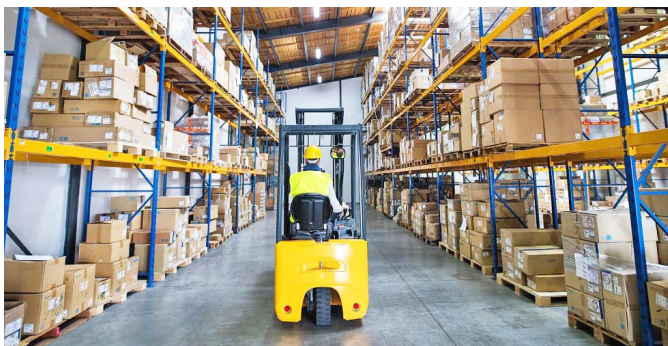
WAI delegation attended the ‘Chief Minister Interaction with Industry Leaders’, organized by the Government of Uttarakhand on 21 August at Taj Mansingh. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, Chief Secretary Dr S S Sandhu, Industry Secretary Vinay Shankar Pandey, Power Secretary Dr Meenakshi Sundaram, IT Secretary, Shailesh Bagauli and Commissioner Industry, Rohit Meena elaborated on industrial development, achievements, future, and assured the state government’s continued support and commitment for encouraging industry and trade community in the fastest growing Himalayan State.

INDUSTRY UPDATES

UPS opens technology centre in Chennai



UPS announces the launch of a new technology centre in Chennai. The centre will be focused on innovations that make it easier for customers to do business. Earlier this year, the company announced a strategic investment of \$15-20 million in India that will complement technology teams in the U.S. and Europe. According to the reports, these centres will enable us to offer an unparalleled logistics experience for our customers, through advanced technologies including AI, automation and robotics.



Shiprocket expands warehousing footprint in Mumbai, Gurugram, BLR

Shiprocket expands its warehousing footprint with the opening of three new facilities in Mumbai, Bangalore and Gurugram as it looks to enhance capacity by about 50 per cent by this fiscal. The addition of these warehousing facilities will augment the total capacity by 4.3 lakh square feet, the company said. Besides, it will help in ensuring a seamless and efficient operation for the company's over 2.5 lakh merchants, it said. The company, however, did not disclose any financial details. The Shiprocket Fulfillment platform offers tech-driven warehousing solution for retail and e-commerce brands with over 42 facilities across India.

V-Logis expands horizons with new warehouse in Chennai



Leading 3PL logistics & warehouse services providers in India, V-Logis has expanded its horizons with a brand-new warehouse in Chennai. Spanning across 100,000 sq. ft., this space is more than just storage. Strategically positioned for optimal efficiency, the new warehouse promises to provide great services for storing goods, managing inventory, or streamlining operations.

IndoSpace leases 3 lakh sq. ft. warehousing space to Kerry Indev Logistics

IndoSpace recently leased 3 lakh sq. ft. of warehousing space to Kerry Indev Logistics. The facility, which occupies a space of 3 lakh sq. ft. is built exclusively for supporting Mitsubishi Electric India's (air conditioning business) operations. The 3PL logistics provider has a well-established tenant portfolio including key OEMs from automotive and electronics manufacturing across



India. The logistics park is situated within the industrial ecosystem provided by Sri City, renowned for its strategic location and world-class infrastructure. Rajesh Jaggi, Vice Chairman – Real Estate, Everstone Group, said, "We are deeply honoured to continue being the partner of choice for Kerry Indev Logistics. This renewed association is a testament to the trust they place in our capabilities, and we will continue to innovate and provide best-in-class solutions to all our partners and operate with the highest governance."



We welcome new members to WAI

Avanti Hydro Power LLP

AWH All Warehouses and Industrial Parks Private Limited

Barabazaar Transport Company Private Limited

Durafloor Concrete Solutions LLP

H.A.M. Enterprises

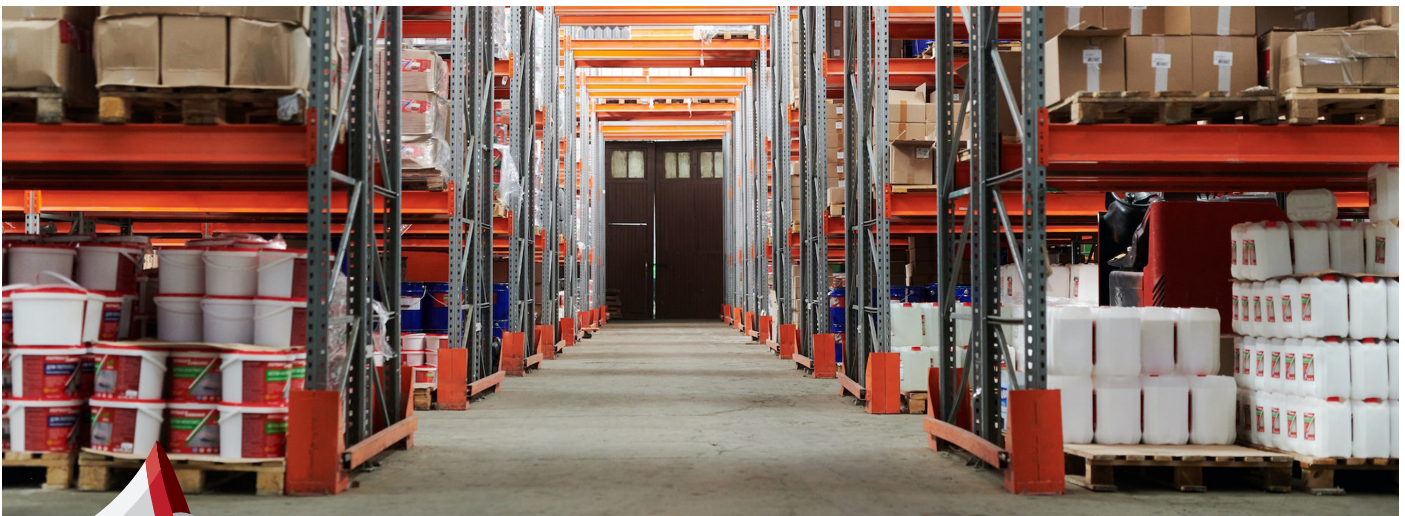
Indelox Services Private Limited

Lynkit Solutions Private Limited

Nayyar Packers

Precision Pyramid Pvt. Ltd.

Siemens Limited



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: **15 September, 2023**