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The India Cargo Awards, organised by the DDP Group, felicitates the 'heroes' of air cargo industry for their hard work and excellence. The accolades honour the innovation, efficiency, and reliability of individuals and companies and spotlight relentless pursuit of operational excellence that drives the global economy.



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Time and again, the air cargo and logistics industry has proven its importance to the world, and the India Cargo Awards serves as an all-India platform with a vision to acknowledge and honour those who have contributed to the success of the cargo and logistics industry.

The 9th edition of India Cargo Awards, held in Mumbai, welcomed Unmesh Sharad Wagh, Chairman, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) as the Chief Guest, and PK Raut, Deputy Director General, Shipping, Union Ministry of Shipping as the Guest of Honour.

Known as the 'Oscars of the cargo and logistics indus-



try', the ceremony holds a position within the sector.

"Over the past decade, the air cargo industry in India has experienced substantial growth and transformation. The market value of the country's cargo industry has tripled, reaching around US\$160 billion, driven by increasing demand in both domestic and global trade sectors. India's position in global logistics performance has improved, with

The India Cargo Awards are unique as they are the first internet voting-based awards, ensuring fairness and impartiality

advancements in infra and streamlined customs procedures enhancing the country's attractiveness as a logistics hub. The sector employs over 25 million people directly and indirectly, underscoring its role in the national economy," SanJeet, Mentor, ICA, said.

The ceremony recognises excellence in the air cargo and

logistics industry across domains such as rail, road, air, sea, allied services, warehousing, technology, third party logistics, among others. Our awards ceremonies are known for their formal black-tie affair, filled with glitz and glamour, attended by the most influential personalities in the industry.

The ceremony is quite unique as India Cargo Awards are the first internet voting-based awards, ensuring fairness and impartiality. The DDP Group is proud to have CargoTV, news, Cargo Talk, and Cargo Breaking News as media partners, who would provide extensive coverage of the event.

Technology experts want to enter logistics industry

“ We have seen the logistics sector evolve. COVID stressed the need for 100% digitalisation. We have been receiving good response from the techies wishing to join logistics sector. Innovation will drive growth in the sector. Industry has started using Blockchain and AI to streamline cargo operations.”



Tej Contractor
Director, Mayur C
Contractor Logistics,
MCC Container Lines and
Transcargo India

Industry all set to achieve Govt target of 10 MMT

“ The air cargo and logistics industry has been growing by leaps and bounds. The industry is geared up to achieve the target as set by the Government of India of achieving 10 million metric tonnes (MMT) by the next five years, but I am optimistic and see that happening in the next three years.”



Vandana Singh
Director Global Key
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Anil Kumar
CEO
Menzies Aviation
Bengaluru



Air cargo witnessing technological innovations

“The air cargo industry is witnessing rapid technological advancements and innovations. India would emerge as one of the leading hubs, more so with the geo-political disruptions. I think it is time for India to step in. Given that we have many carriers and expanding rapidly and creating belly capacity to far-off destinations, the role of India is critical and important at all stages.”



Satish Lakkaraju
CEO, NexGen Logistics
Garudavega

Motivating India to move to a US\$5 trillion economy

“There is a rapid growth and transition of our industry and these awards are testimony and motivation to the cargo fraternity to deliver their best and be recognised in all over the country. Moving to a Viksit Bharat and a US\$5 trillion economy, this probably would be the best motivator to give our industry colleagues the true recognition that they deserve.”



Keku Bomi Gazder
MD and CEO
Aviapro Logistic

The awards will motivate industry to work harder

“The shift is required in the Indian logistics sector, including all the sectors such as railways, roadways, airways and waterways. These awards will renew enthusiasm in the new generation. In the world of trade where every shipment is a link in the intricate chain of supply and commerce, excellence in cargo handling and management.”



PK Raut
DDG, Shipping,
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INDIA BLOOMING into transshipment hub

India, charting a transformative course in air cargo and logistics, establishes itself as a transshipment hub. This evolution is poised to enhance economic growth and reinforce its position in the global supply chain. The country's geographical location provides it a natural advantage for cargo operations.







Ritika Arora Bhola

India's air cargo sector is on the brink of a major transformation, as it positions itself to become a transshipment hub. This evolution marks a shift in global logistics, promising enhanced connectivity, economic growth, and advantages for the country's aviation industry. India's

Increased cargo traffic through Indian airports will generate substantial revenue and create job opportunities in cross sectors

central location between key global markets, combined with its expanding aviation infrastructure, provides it an advantage in the cargo sector. Airports such as Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad are undergoing infrastructure upgrades. These enhancements are designed to streamline operations and accommodate increasing cargo volumes, making Indian airports ideal for transshipment activities.

The growth of India as a transshipment hub is likely to have a substantial economic impact on the economy. Increased cargo traffic through



Indian airports will generate substantial revenue and create job opportunities in logistics, warehousing, and transportation sectors. This growth will foster development of related industries, such as cold storage and e-commerce fulfilment to boost the economy.


The integration of advanced technologies is a significant factor in India's prospering role as a transshipment hub. Airports are adopting advanced cargo handling systems to improve efficiency and reliability. These technologies are critical in managing the complex logistics of transshipment, ensuring that goods are handled swiftly and accurately as they move through the Indian airspace.

India's emerging role in air cargo transshipment reflects

broader trends in international trade. As trade routes become increasingly complex, the need for efficient transshipment hubs has grown. India's geographical location and infrastructure make it a viable option for airlines and logistics firms looking to connect with major markets in Asia, Europe, and the Americas.

The Indian government is supporting the development of the country's air cargo sector through various initiatives and policies. Programmes such as the National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) and development of dedicated air cargo corridors are designed to enhance infrastructure, reduce regulatory hurdles, and promote investment. These efforts are critical in positioning India as a competitive player in the global air cargo market. While

the prospects of the industry are promising, several challenges need to be addressed. These include overcoming infrastructure limitations, ensuring efficient customs procedures, and maintaining high standards of security and safety. The government and the industry stakeholders collaborate in order to address these challenges or issues through planning and investment in infrastructure development.

As the sector continues to evolve, it will contribute to India's economic growth and global trade integration.  discusses with industry experts whether it is ready to become a global transshipment hub amid ongoing several trade disruptions such as Bangladesh crisis, Russia-Ukraine war, global economic slowdown and recession.



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Rail, road links & last-mile connectivity main hurdles

“While India has the potential to become a global transshipment hub, there are hurdles that need to be addressed. The existing cargo infrastructure in India demands improvements to align with the standards set by established transshipment hubs worldwide. The last-mile connectivity and road and rail links to major ports and airports hinder seamless cargo movement, affecting the efficiency of transshipment operations. Equally crucial is the need for a skilled workforce equipped with the expertise to manage and oversee the operations of a transshipment hub. The country also faces stiff competition from well-established transshipment hubs, such as Singapore, Dubai, and Colombo.”



Satyaki Raghunath
Chief Operating Officer
BIAL

Need for skilled workforce to manage operations of a transshipment hub crucial

Transshipment cargo to improve last-mile delivery

“India’s location between Southeast Asia and Western markets makes it a prime transshipment hub for global trade. By consolidating cargo from both regions, airlines can optimise routes, reduce costs, and enhance service. Sectors such as textiles, electronics, pharma, and perishables offer opportunities for growth. In addition, the freight rates may decrease due to the combined volume of EXIM and transshipment cargo in freighters. Increased transshipment activities will enhance linkage, which will also improve delivery times for Indian EXIM cargo. GMR Hyderabad International Airport is geographically well positioned in India to be a transshipment hub.”



Pradeep Panicker
CEO, GMR Hyderabad
International Airport

Rates may dip due to volume of EXIM and transshipment cargo in freighters

Increasing volumes make India an attractive hub

“India’s potential as a global transshipment hub is bolstered by its strategic location, growing economy, and infrastructure improvements. Celebi, with its expertise in cargo handling, is committed for this transformation. India’s geographic advantage along with major maritime routes and its expanding trade volumes make it an attractive hub. The freight corridors and airport expansions further support this shift. Infrastructure gaps at airports cause congestion and inefficiencies, limiting cargo throughput, complex regulations create bottlenecks in cargo movement and customs clearance. Lack of coordination among various transport modes affects overall logistics efficiency.”



Kamesh Peri
CEO, Celebi Terminal
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Infra gaps at airports cause congestion & inefficiencies, limiting cargo throughput



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Govt initiatives support logistics infrastructure

“India is well positioned to become a global transshipment hub. With robust economic growth driving trade volumes, the nation is making progress in port modernisation and logistics infrastructure, supported by government initiatives. The country benefits from its location along key maritime routes in the Indian Ocean linking Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. While current disruptions present challenges, technology advancements and investments in the transportation networks enhance operational efficiency.”



Prediman Koul
CEO
Jeena & Company

India is making progress in port modernisation and logistics infra supported by government



India to improve its role in global transshipment

“India’s ambition to become a global transshipment hub involves upgrading and expansion of Mumbai, Chennai, and Kolkata ports to handle larger vessels and increased volumes. Enhancing inland transportation networks, including rail and road links, to facilitate smooth movement of goods from ports to inland destinations. Implementing advanced port management systems and automation increases efficiency and reduces TAT. Streamlining customs procedures and reducing bureaucratic hurdles to make it easier for global shipping lines to operate in India. By focusing on these areas, India aims to enhance its role in global maritime trade and improve its competitiveness as a transshipment hub.”



Afzal Malbarwala
Managing Director,
Galaxy Freight

Developing inland transportation for smooth movement of goods

Must plug gaps to become global transshipment hub

“India has been growing towards an enhanced economy apart from improving an all-round infrastructural support, yet there are several factors to be considered, while trying to make the country as a global transshipment hub. NLP has taken aspects of logistics into account knitting together all the dimensions—warehousing, different modes of transportation, packaging and metal handling. Temperature plays a vital role in retaining the longevity of agri products, hence shifting from a cold place to a warm one may cause deterioration of contents without cooling facilities. Steps need to be taken to plug all the existing gaps before India is considered fit to be a global transshipment hub.”



Sunil Kohli
MD
Rahat Cargo

Shifting of products from a cold place to a warm one needs cooling facilities

External dependence leading to revenue loss

“In 2022, Indian transshipment cargo volume was 4.6 million TEUs, out of which 4.2 million TEUs were handled at foreign ports. This shows 75 per cent of Indian transshipment cargo is handled outside the country. This reliance on external infrastructure translates to missed opportunities for revenue generation and economic growth. The Indian transshipment cargo destinations are Colombo, Singapore, and Klang. Dependence on foreign ports results in a loss of US\$200 to US\$220 million annually for Indian ports, representing untapped potential revenue from Indian-origin and Indian-destination containers. Key rail routes carrying bulk cargo, face capacity and other limitations.”



Soumya Sinha
Director, Supply Chain
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Important rail routes carrying bulk cargo face capacity and other limitations

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LOGISTICS AT CROSSROADS: Addressing scarcity of skilled workforce



The logistics industry relies heavily on skilled manpower to maintain efficiency and effectiveness. Skilled workers are essential for managing supply chains and utilise technology. Various initiatives have been taken to develop a logistics workforce.





Ritika Arora Bhola

In the rapidly evolving logistics industry, a skilled workforce is essential for maintaining efficiency and adapting to new technologies. As supply chains become more complex and demand for faster, more reliable delivery increases, having trained professionals who can manage sophisticated systems and solve intricate problems is crucial.

Investing in skilling is key to building a workforce capable of meeting these challenges and sustaining growth in the logistics sector. To address the issue and to achieve the goal of 'Viksit Bharat' 2047, Finance Minister Nir-

mala Sitharaman in the Union Budget announced a new centrally sponsored scheme as part of the Prime Minister's package worth Rs 2 trillion. This scheme, with an outlay of Rs 60,000 crore, aims to hone the skills of 2 million youth over the next five years in collaboration with state governments and the industry. The focus is on quality of skilling, with course content and design aligned to the needs of the industry.

Few key reasons highlighting this necessity:

Technological integration: The logistics sector is adopting automation, robotics, and data analytics and skilled professionals are needed

to operate them, ensuring seamless integration and optimal performance.

Supply chains: Modern supply chains are complex, involving industry stakeholders and intricate processes. Highly skilled workforce is essential in order to manage, coordinate, and optimise these processes, ensuring timely and cost-effective delivery of goods.

Regulatory compliance: Navigating regulatory requirements, including safety standards and environmental regulations, demands expertise. Highly skilled personnel are essential to ensure compliance and mitigate risks associated with legal and regulatory issues.

Data-driven decision-making: The industry relies heavily on data for decision-making, from route optimisation to inventory management. Professionals with expertise in data analysis can leverage this information to drive efficiency and reduce costs.

Professionals with expertise in data analysis could leverage this information to drive efficiency and reduce costs

Sustainability initiatives: There is an emphasis on sustainable practices within logistics. Skilled individuals are needed to implement green technologies, optimise resource usage, and develop strategies for reducing the environmental impact.

To summarise, the logistics sector's expansion and transformation require a workforce with advanced skills and expertise. Investing in training and development is a must to equip professionals with capabilities needed to address industry challenges and drive future growth. **CargoTalk** spoke to experts to find out their perspectives on the topic.

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Ageing workforce leaving gap in face of shortage

“ In the Indian market, hiring trained professionals for logistics and supply chain sector presents several challenges. One major issue is the prevailing perception of logistics as a less glamorous career compared to technology or finance, which can deter younger, skilled candidates from considering it as a viable career path. This is compounded by an ageing workforce, where professionals nearing retirement are leaving a gap that is difficult to fill due to a shortage of younger talent proficient in logistics technologies. The competition for skilled logistics professionals is intense, with several companies contending with local companies and competing on a global scale.”



Vikram Mansukhani
Chief, Operations, Blue
Dart Express

Firms facing hurdles as youngsters see the industry as less glamorous one

Courses for logistics sector in India scarce

“ The turnover rate in the logistics sector is relatively high due to the demanding nature of the job, lack of career progression opportunities, and sometimes inadequate compensation packages. In India, there is a shortage of specialised courses tailored to the logistics industry, leading to a gap in the availability of trained professionals. Many individuals are not aware of the diverse career opportunities available in the logistics industry, leading to a limited pool of talent entering the sector. Inadequate infrastructure in transportation networks can hinder the smooth functioning of logistics operations, requiring skilled workforce to navigate these challenges effectively.”



Apeksha Gupta
Head, Skilling, VCI
Foundation Trust

Individuals unaware of career opportunities in logistics industry

Emphasis on training in AI, blockchain

“ The Logistics Sector Skill Council (LSSC) in India offers certification programmes in warehousing and supply chain management, aimed at addressing the skills gap among the 22 million people employed in the sector, of whom only 4.7 per cent are formally skilled. Industry-academia partnerships with universities, and online learning platforms are expanding access to relevant training. On-the-job training, mentorship programmes, and leadership development initiatives are crucial. As technology evolves, there is a emphasis on training in AI, IoT, and blockchain. The sector is likely to grow from US\$160 billion to US\$215 billion in the next two years.”



Kamesh Peri
CEO, Celebi Terminal
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Of 22 million employed in the sector, only 4.7% are formally skilled



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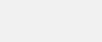
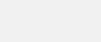
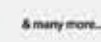
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Need to expand training programmes in rural areas

“It is essential to reposition the industry as dynamic and rewarding. Highlighting the diversity of roles—from supply chain management to technological innovation—can attract young talent eager to engage in forward-thinking fields. Expanding training infrastructure, especially in rural areas, presents a opportunity to access new talent pools. Emphasising the adoption of cutting-edge technologies, such as automation, AI, and blockchain, can appeal to tech-savvy youth. Logistics offers global opportunities, including the chance to travel and collaborate with diverse teams, which resonate with those seeking global experiences. Improving working conditions, clear career progression, and stressing on work-life balance.”



Mahima Agarwal
President-HR, CJ Darcl
Logistics

Adoption of advanced technology can appeal to tech-savvy younger generation

Main concern: Training not up to industry standards

“The logistics industry relies on skilled manpower to maintain efficiency. Recruiting talented workers in the sector is difficult because training frequently doesn't match industry needs as well as high turnover rates caused by restricted career options and harsh working conditions. There are also geographic differences, with many rural regions missing access to quality training. The sector's fragmented character, with many small, unorganised enterprises, lead to variable skill levels and insufficient investment in staff development. Delayed technological uptake, and hefty training expenses exacerbate the challenges. To recruit people, these concerns must be addressed immediately.”



Ajit Jangle
Managing Director
FM Logistic India

Unorganised enterprises oftentimes lead to fragmented skill levels

Need to hone skills of industry-ready workforce

“Being a key growth enabler of the economy, the logistics industry depends on skilled manpower and a steady talent pipeline to efficiently serve the growing demand across sectors. So, apart from deploying technology and automation to achieve operational efficiency, we also have continued to focus on skill development to build an industry-ready workforce. Our Allcargo Multi-Skill Development Centre is facility with a standalone G+2 structure comprising 40 rooms. Built on 45,000 sq. ft. area and located along the 40 ft. Panvel-Uran road, the centre boasts infrastructure for classrooms and training laboratories. We have rolled out many programmes to support employee well-being to develop talent attractiveness.”



Uday Sharma
Chief Commercial Officer
(CCO), Allcargo Gati

The industry depends on skilling to serve demand in various sectors

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Academic institutions changing into training hubs

“The logistics industry has evolved into a complex operation requiring a highly skilled workforce to manage intricate processes and optimise operations. Relevant initiatives such as Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), which certifies the skills of experienced logistics workers, and the Skill Hubs Initiative, transforming educational institutions into vocational training centers for logistics. The NSDC has partnered with private organisations to develop customised training in logistics technologies, and the ASEEM Portal facilitates the mapping of skilled logistics workers to job opportunities nationwide.”



Sandeep Chadha
Founder & CEO,
Warehouser Group

NSDC along with private organisations is developing training for logistics sector

Workshops organised in colleges to spread awareness

“One of the main challenges of hiring trained professionals is the lack of awareness about plethora in the logistics industry. Or even an understanding of the modern-day logistics industry, which is becoming specialised and can offer a rewarding career opportunity in its various verticals. Logistics is still not an aspirational career choice. We offer these workshops in colleges to create this awareness. Institutes/varsities offering courses in Supply Chain and Logistics to upgrade their training curriculum or collaborate with the industry. There is an effort to bridging this gap already, but still more work needs to be done in this regard.”



Alpna Chaturvedi
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There is an effort to bridge this gap, but more work needs to be done

Training modules created for employees, clients

“To bridge the skills gap, we offer a comprehensive range of initiatives, including training and certification programs, on-the-job training (OJT), apprenticeships, and continuing education opportunities. These efforts help our partners, employees, and customers gain practical experience and ensure they stay up to date with industry trends. We have developed a series of specialised training modules for our partners, customer service teams, and employees, all available on our LMS platforms. Our focus on tech enablement, combined with OJTs and soft skills enhancement, allows us to build a complete ecosystem that simplifies operations.”



JB Singh
Director
MOVIN Express

Technology enablement and OJT allows us to build a complete ecosystem

Logistics facing 20% deficit of truck drivers

“As the demand for timely and precise delivery continues to rise, that the workforce is equipped with the necessary expertise becomes increasingly important. The logistics sector is currently facing a 20 per cent deficit of truck drivers in the country. This shortfall has resulted in only 80,000 drivers being available, compared to the required 100,000. The shortage is influenced by factors such as limited training infrastructure, perceptions of the profession due to long hours, infrastructure challenges, and economic fluctuations. Regional differences play a role, highlighting the need for enhanced training, improved working conditions, among others.”



Mahesh Fogla
Executive Director, Patel
Integrated Logistics

Regional differences play a role, stressing need for enhanced training

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17% growth in demand in Asia-Pacific: IATA



Air cargo looks to be on solid ground to continue its strong performance into the second half of 2024, while Asia and Middle East-Asia trade lanes increased by around 20 per cent, 21 per cent and 15 per cent, respectively, says **Willie Walsh, Director General, IATA**.



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IATA in its data for June 2024 showed global air cargo markets registering continuing strong annual growth in demand. This contributed to an exceptional first half-year performance for air cargo, with volumes exceeding 2023 and 2022, and even the record-breaking 2021 levels.

“The global air cargo demand surged in June. Strong growth across all regions and major trade lanes combined for a record-breaking first-half performance in terms of CTKs. Maritime shipping con-



Willie Walsh
Director General
IATA

straints and a booming e-commerce sector are among the strongest growth drivers. The

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sector has remained impervious to ongoing political and economic challenges, and the USA customs crackdown on e-commerce deliveries from China. The industry looks to be on solid ground to continue

its strong performance into the second half of 2024,” said Willie Walsh, Director General, IATA.

In the month of June, the PMI Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) for international manufacturing output indicated expansion (52.3), while the new export orders PMI registered a small contraction, falling just below the critical 50-point benchmark to 49.3. Global cross-border trade expanded 0.1 per cent month-on-month in May, while the industrial production stayed level compared to the previous month.



- Total cargo demand, measured in CTKs, increased by 14.1 per cent compared to June 2023 levels (15.6% for international operations). This is the seventh consecutive month of double-digit year-on-year growth.

- Capacity, measured in ACTKs, increased by 8.8 per cent as compared to June 2023 (10.8% for international operations).

- Total half-year (H1) demand increased by 13.4 per cent compared to H1 2023, by 4.3 per cent compared to H1 2022, and by 0.02 per cent compared to H1 2021.

- Inflation was a mixed picture in June. In the European Union and Japan, inflation rates stayed constant compared to the previous month at 2.6 per cent and 2.8 per cent, respectively, while dropping in the US to 3 per cent. In contrast, CHina's inflation rate remained near zero (0.3%) reflecting weak domestic demand amid high unemployment, slow income growth, and a crisis in the real



Air Cargo market in detail – June 2024

	World Share ¹	June 2024 (% year-on-year)			
		CTK %	ACTK %	CLF (%-pt)	CLF (%-level)
Total Market	100.0	14.1	8.8	2.1	45.8
Africa	20	11.8	23.8	-4.1	38.5
Asia Pacific	33.3	17.0	10.7	2.7	49.6
Europe	21.4	16.1	0.1	3.0	50.7
Latin America	2.8	13.1	15.5	-0.7	33.6
Middle East	13.5	13.8	6.9	2.9	47.3
North America	26.9	9.5	6.0	1.3	39.8
¹ % of industry CTKs in 2023					

estate sector, a trend that has persisted since 2023.

REGIONAL PERFORMANCE

Asia-Pacific airlines saw 17.0 per cent year-on-year demand growth for air cargo in June—the strongest among all regions. Demand on the Africa-Asia trade lane grew by 37.5 per cent YoY. Asia and Middle East-Asia trade lanes rose by 20.3 per cent, 21.0 per cent and 15.1 per cent, respectively. Capacity increased by 10.7 per cent year-on-year.

North American carriers saw 9.5 per cent YoY demand growth in June, the weakest among all regions. Demand on the North America-Europe

route saw an increase of 6.7 per cent, while the Asia-North America trade lane, the world's largest, grew by 12.8 per cent

Middle Eastern carriers saw 13.8 per Cent YoY demand growth for air cargo in June. As mentioned above, the Middle East-Europe market performed particularly well with 30.2 per cent annual growth, ahead of Middle East-Asia which grew by 15.1 per cent YoY. June capacity increased 6.9 per cent YoY, the largest annual increase in five months.

June capacity increased by 6.0 per cent year-on-year. European carriers saw 16.1 per cent YoY demand growth for air cargo in June. Intra-European air cargo rose by 16.7 per

cent compared to June 2023, the sixth month in a row of double-digit annual growth. Europe-Middle East and Europe-Asia routes saw demand increase by 30.2 per cent and 20.3 per cent, respectively. June capacity increased 9.1% year-on-year.

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cent YoY. Latin America posted the second-highest increase in global demand growth at 17.2 per cent in June, up 6.3 percentage points.

African airlines saw 11.8 per cent YoY demand growth for air cargo in June. Demand on the Africa-Asia market increased by 37.5 per cent against June 2023, the strongest performance of all trade lanes. June capacity increased by 23.8% year-on-year. 📈





TIACA's Air Cargo Forum 2025 to be held in Yas Island, Dubai

TIACA announced the launch of an Air Cargo Forum (ACF) in in Abu Dhabi Yas Island from 4 to 6 November 2025. The event, which is organised by TIACA and MGME, is sponsored by the Department of Culture and Tourism, and hosted by Etihad Cargo.



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Building on the success of the Miami Air Cargo Forum, held every two years, the Board of Directors has taken the decision to make the Air Cargo Forum an annual event from 4 to 6 November 2025 to extend support of the global industry and has selected Abu Dhabi-Yas Island as its home for a second permanent location for the ACF. The ACF will now rotate annually between Abu Dhabi and Miami in the USA.

This air cargo event promises to bring together industry

leaders, policymakers, innovators, and stakeholders to chart the course for the future of air freight while keeping with the

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- The Miami Air Cargo Forum has decided ACF will now rotate annually between Abu Dhabi and Miami in the USA.

key event principles mandated by the Board – providing value for money, being network focused, world class, charitable, sustainable as well as other elements such as being fun as well culturally enriching with tours and excursions for attendees.

Organised by TIACA and MGME, sponsored by the Department of Culture and Tourism, and hosted by Etihad Cargo, the ACF 2025 will showcase industry leading solutions, cutting-edge technologies, transformative strategies, and collaborative initiatives aimed at addressing the

challenges and opportunities in global air logistics.

"Endless opportunities here at Yas Island and Etihad Arena. We are thrilled to host the ACF on Yas Island in Etihad Arena from 4 to 6 November 2025. This event underscores Yas Island's status as a 360° MICE destination, featuring world-class event spaces and a strategic location as a key hub connecting the East to the West, home to premium hospitality offerings where industry professionals can meet, collaborate and innovate," Mohamed Abdalla Al Zaabi, Group CEO Miral shared.



Mohamed Abdalla Al Zaabi
Group CEO
Miral

“The Yas Island is home to premium hospitality offerings where industry professionals can meet, collaborate and innovate.”

“The ACF 2025 will be a world class event that will feature keynote addresses from influential thought leaders, interactive panel discussions, multiple networking opportunities, and a comprehensive exhibition showcasing the latest products and services in the air cargo sector. We thank Etihad Cargo and the Department of Culture and Tourism of Abu Dhabi for making this vision a reality,” Steven Polmans, Chair, TIACA, said.



Steven Polmans
Chair
TIACA

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“Abu Dhabi’s strategic location as a key hub connecting the East to the West makes it an ideal choice for ACF 2025. This city is not only a crossroads for global trade but also offers world-class infrastructure and a dynamic business environment. As the national carrier of the UAE, Etihad Cargo is looking forward to welcoming the air cargo community to Abu Dhabi for this event,” Stanislas Brun, Vice President, Cargo, Etihad Cargo, said.

“As the world continues to face challenges, the ACF serves as a critical platform for industry stakeholders to meet, collaborate, innovate, and strategise for a sustainable and resilient future, we found it vital that we continue to bring the air cargo community together through well thought out and organized events that will bring everyone together on an annual basis.” Glyn Hughes, DG, TIACA, said.

The next ACF will be held in Miami from 11 to 14 No-

vember 2024. We are offering multiple ways for companies to get their brand noticed during the event including exhibition, sponsorship, advertisement and hospitality suite rentals. The ACF 2024 will offer an enlarged exhibition floor and a world class conference program with many global thought leaders, in addition to numerous networking opportunities such as a golf tournament and two evening receptions to ensure attendees get the most of their experience.



Stanislas Brun
Vice President, Cargo
Etihad Cargo

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Supply chain, exports impacted as Bangladesh crisis continues

Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) saw a growth of 25 per cent in RMG exports in first quarter 2024 which includes India as well as Bangladesh exports. This might be due to Red Sea crisis and also may be shifting of some orders from Bangladesh to India.



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Due to Bangladesh crisis, are we expecting any impact on freight movement between Bangladesh, India, Europe and rest of the world and vice versa?

The ongoing crisis in Bangladesh has impacted garments exports out of Bangladesh. Around 1,000 manufacturing units, producing clothes for brands such as H&M and Zara were shut down. The supply chain is impacted for the time being. But we are hopeful the situation will improve soon.

Are consignments stuck between Bangladesh-India or at Delhi? Are the consignments mostly garments?

Bangladesh is a country where 85 per cent exports are ready made garments. As of now,

there are some supply chain disruptions due to which many production houses are closed. Many trucks carrying finished

Volumes from Bangladesh have reduced by almost 30 per cent in Q1 of 2024 as compared to the last quarter of last year

goods are stuck inside Bangladesh. We are in touch with our partners, and we hope the situation will improve soon and trucks will be able to arrive at Delhi.

Ever since the start of problems in that country we haven't seen any major freight movement on this corridor or is that seasonal in nature?

DEL processed 13,000 MT of Bangladesh cargo last financial year. The peak season of garment exports starts from August to December and then February-March every year. We, at DEL saw a growth of 25



per cent in RMG exports in Q1 of 2024, which includes India as well as Bangladesh exports. This might be due to Red Sea conflict and also may be shifting of some orders from Bangladesh to India.

Volumes from Bangladesh have reduced by almost 30 per cent in Q1 of 2024 vs last quarter of 2023. This might be due to first quarter being the lean season for RMG export industry and the ongoing situation in Bangladesh.

What steps are being taken/planned to address the issue?

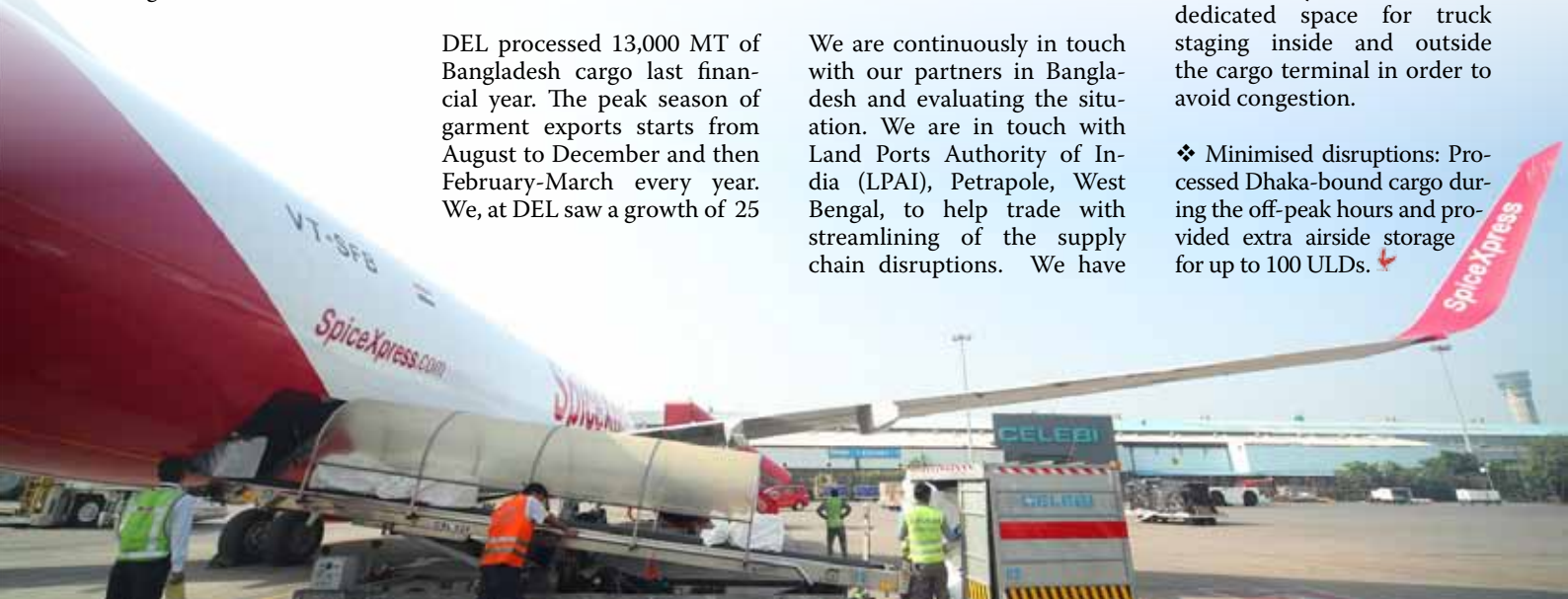
We are continuously in touch with our partners in Bangladesh and evaluating the situation. We are in touch with Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI), Petrapole, West Bengal, to help trade with streamlining of the supply chain disruptions. We have

chalked out the operations plans at Delhi to fast process the cargo as and when it reaches Delhi International Airport once the situation is streamlined. In normal course to manage any increased volumes, DIAL has implemented several proactive measures:

- ❖ Enhanced screening capacity: Installed two additional X-ray machines and increased staffing at both terminals.

- ❖ Optimised cargo handling: Opened extra truck docks, handled two trucks simultaneously, and allocated dedicated space for truck staging inside and outside the cargo terminal in order to avoid congestion.

- ❖ Minimised disruptions: Processed Dhaka-bound cargo during the off-peak hours and provided extra airside storage for up to 100 ULDs.



Bobba Projects: End-to-end supply chain mapping & project solutions

The Bobba Group has launched Bobba Projects as an end-to-end provider of comprehensive space planning and development services. It is expected to optimise efficiency, reduce costs, and ensure timely deliveries. Bobba Projects will optimise efficiency, reduce costs, and in turn, ensure timely deliveries.

With a focus on operational planning and execution strategies, Bobba Group has launched Bobba Projects to offer the expertise needed to ensure seamless project implementation. It serves as a guide in helping projects start off

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on the right path. By applying project management principles to the complex processes of managing the flow of goods and services, from procurement of raw materials to delivery of finished products to the customer, Bobba Projects will optimise efficiency, reduce costs, and in turn, ensure timely deliveries.

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Comprehensive space planning & development: Bobba Projects excels in creating comprehensive plans for space utilisation and development. From initial concept to final execution, the team specialises in crafting strategies that optimise spatial resources and enhance functionality.

Operational planning & execution strategies: With a focus on operational efficiency, Bobba Projects offers expert guidance in designing and implementing strategies that streamline processes and maximise productivity. Their



tailored solutions ensure smooth execution and sustainable performance for businesses of all sizes.

Turnkey project management solutions: The company provides end-to-end project management solutions, handling every aspect of a project from inception to completion. Whether it is construction, renovation, or the implementation of new systems, Bobba Projects ensures seamless execution and on-time delivery.

Real estate management and consulting: Leveraging extensive experience in real estate management, Bobba Projects offers professional consulting services to help clients navigate the complexities of the real estate market. From property acquisition to asset management, the company provides strategic guidance to optimise investment outcomes.

Tailored planning and management solutions: Recognising that every client has unique needs, Bobba Projects specialises in developing customised planning and management solutions. Their approach centers on understanding specific requirements and delivering solutions that align perfectly with client goals.

Supply chain mapping: Bobba Projects brings expertise in supply chain mapping,

conducting comprehensive analyses to identify stakeholders, processes, and vulnerabilities. Through advanced visualisation, they create detailed maps of goods, information, and capital flow, aiding effective client strategy. By understanding interdependencies, they optimise processes, enhance resilience, and drive competitive advantage for sustainable growth.

Logistics: Bobba Projects excels in transportation optimisation, inventory management, and warehousing op-

Bobba Projects maintain flexibility in their strategies and plans, adapting to changing circumstances

erations, integrating advanced technology for efficiency. From streamlining transportation routes to optimising stock levels, they empower businesses to drive sustainable growth through holistic logistics solutions.

Quality control: Quality control is integrated into all operations, ensuring excellence from beginning to finish. The team meticulously vets suppliers, conducts

regular inspections, and employs advanced technologies for precision and reliability. Prioritising quality fosters client trust and loyalty, making it the cornerstone of Bobba Projects' success and dedication to customer satisfaction. The company prioritises flexibility, attention to detail, and client-centricity to ensure exceptional outcomes for every project.

Flexibility: Bobba Projects understands that no two projects are alike. Therefore, they maintain flexibility in their strategies and plans, adapting to changing circumstances to keep projects on track and deliver optimal results.

Attention to detail: The team at Bobba Projects is committed to meticulous attention to detail at every stage of a project. By leaving no stone unturned, they guarantee the quality and integrity of their work, instilling confidence in their clients.

Client-centricity: Putting the clients needs first is at the core of what Bobba Projects does. Through open communication and collaboration, they build partnerships based on trust and mutual respect. Their client-centric approach ensures they consistently exceed expectations.

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- ➔ Their client-centric approach ensures they exceed expectations.

Softlink Global unveils quality of growth, innovation

Softlink Global recently celebrated its Annual Day event titled 'Disrupt 2024' in Mumbai, marking 30 years of innovation and excellence in the industry. The event showcased the firm's growth trajectory and its ongoing efforts to elevate logistics sector through technological advancements and educational initiatives.



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Softlink Global addresses critical industry challenges, providing solutions on various fronts:

1. The Softlink Academy and Logi-Sys Certification Programme, now mandatory in select MBA and BBA programmes, are equipping the next generation of logistics professionals.

2. TradeCHAIN, a new data & documents exchange platform, allows seamless connectivity between Logi-Sys and third-party platforms, including customers, agents, and banks.

3. LogiBRAIN, customisable analytics tool specifically for forwarders and other LSPs, provides business insights, enhancing strategic planning for logistics firms.

4. The upcoming Logi-TALK, a conversational chatbot that will provide fingertip access to queries among other features, will enhance customer experience significantly.



Aeroprime Group appointed as GSSA for Thai Airways in India

Aeroprime Group will manage and oversee Thai Airways' cargo sales, marketing, and operations. This pact aims to bolster exports from India, leveraging superior logistical operations of Thai Airways and facilities to manage all types of cargo, including dangerous goods, perishables, and pharma among others.



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Thai Airways appointed Aeroprime Group as its Cargo General Sales and Service Agent (GSSA) in Delhi, effective September 1, 2024. This partnership marks a milestone for Aeroprime Group, reinforcing its position as the market leader in the cargo sector and enhancing Thai Airways' cargo operations in the country.

Thai Airways operates a diverse fleet of 77 aircraft, including Airbus A320, A350, A330, and Boeing B787, B777, among others. The airline services various destinations across Thailand, Asia-Pacific region, and Europe. Currently, it operates four flights per week, three daily and one every Saturday

between Delhi and Bangkok, (in total 22 flights a week) offering direct connectivity between India, Thailand, and beyond.

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Executive Director
Aeroprime Group



ship aims to bolster exports, leveraging the former's superior logistical operations and facilities to manage all types of cargo, including dangerous goods, perishables, and pharmaceuticals

With access to Thai Airways' network and operational excellence, this partnership will further help the Indian businesses and exporters to tap the Asia Pacific market with confidence. This collaboration aims to further streamline and optimise the airline's cargo services, ensuring efficient, reliable, and seamless logistics solutions.

"We are honoured to be appointed as the GSSA for Thai Airways. We are keen to maintain market leadership position in the sector. This partnership solidifies our reputation for excellence in the sector as we look forward to leveraging our expertise by supporting Thai Airways in their growth journey, aiding

“This partnership will further help the Indian businesses and exporters to tap the Asia Pacific market with confidence.”

their expansion plans, and enhancing sales in exports from India across diverse goods categories,” Abhishek Goyal, ED, Aeroprime Group, said.

This new appointment marks a milestone for Aeroprime Group, underscoring the trust and confidence that leading airlines place in the company's capabilities.

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GHIAL hub for South & Central India, increases storage capacity

GMR Hyderabad International Airport, with a cargo handling capacity of 150,000 MT, is positioned as an air cargo hub for South and Central India linking the catchment areas in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu to more than 150 destinations globally.



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GMR Aero Cargo Logistics operates an air cargo terminal at Rajiv

Gandhi International Airport, Shamshabad, Hyderabad in Telangana with a cargo handling capacity of 150,000 MT per annum.

The major export and import commodities handled here comprise pharmaceuticals, vaccines, perishables (agri and marine products),

engineering and aerospace goods, garments, electronics, and special cargo, among others. Hyderabad International Airport is positioned as an air cargo hub for the South and Central India connecting the catchment areas of the states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu to more than 150 destinations internationally.

It also runs an industry unique connect programme called Hyderabad Air Cargo Charter Circle for promoting direct charter freighters through Hyderabad.

The terminal offers a dedicated Pharma Zone, perishable handling facilities, and a recently inducted large multi-ULD Cool Dolly, which make it as one of India's larg-





est centres for handling of temperature-sensitive cargo ranging from -20°C to 25°C. The cargo terminal is also Good Storage and Distribution Practices certified as per World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines. The Hyderabad airport is progressing towards a substantial increase in its tier I and II warehousing capacity to handle rising demand.

Trade growth-significant INTL cargo increase:

❖ Total global cargo volume saw 43 per cent YoY growth in

Q1, reaching 27,576 MT

❖ This increase attributed to a 40 per cent rise in exports and 56 per cent in its imports

❖ Domestic cargo growth: Domestic cargo volume witnessed 7 per cent growth, reaching 17,935 MT in first quarter of 2024-25 compared to last fiscal year

❖ Overall increase: Total cargo tonnage for the first quarter of FY'25 reached 45,111 MT, reflecting a robust 26 per cent year-on-year growth

CURRENT FACILITIES

- An integrated cargo terminal
- Pharma zone and unbroken cold chain facility
- On-site regulators
- Road feeder services
- Cargo satellite building offices, warehouses
- State-of-the-art cargo handling equipment
- International express and courier facilities
- Exclusive code-F freighter bays
- Large tunnel 180x180 X ray screening machine
- Airport free trade zone
- Dedicated pharma zone offering
- 2° to 8°C, 15° to 25° C, -20°C
- Fully temperature-controlled export area
- Pharma superstore cools down up to -30°C
- Temperature-controlled cool dolly
- India's largest cool container station
- Exclusive temperature-controlled storage for perishables
- CCTV and temperature monitoring system
- 24x7 customer support



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Taking new initiatives, skilling programmes off the ground

dnata has always been a celebrated and integral part of UAE Civil Aviation. As a key contributor to the cargo industry, one of its most senior and dedicated team leader, **Steve Allen, Chief Executive Officer, dnata**, shares insights in to how the handler has transformed India's aviation industry over the past six decades.



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dnata since its inception in 1959 has expanded its operations and services, growing to become pivotal to the success and growth of Dubai, and of the country's aviation industry. Discussing its legacy in cargo, Steve Allen, CEO, dnata Group, said, "The impact of COVID on the aviation, travel and tourism industries has been significant. Since the pandemic of 2019, we realised we could only overcome the crisis, if we join forces with our partners and put health and safety of people at the heart of everything we

do." He added, "We have improved services, processes and training to adapt to the new operating environment and help our customers restore confidence in travel. I thank my colleagues and partners at the airport for their commitment to achieving the highest possible level of safety across our operations."

NEW INITIATIVES

In early August, the ground handler has secured a multi-year contract to deliver premium inflight catering for Thai Airways as the airline resumes its services to Italy. "Just like the cargo that travels through



Steve Allen
CEO
dnata Group

various global channels and routes, we have many career-enhancing initiatives for our

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staff. Trained by dnata is a programme that we have run for the past few years. We also conduct talent management programmes, where we look for potential staff and help





them move through the ranks,” Allen said.

With this, dnata provides catering and retail services in Italy to 36 airline customers at 11 main airports with a team of more than 880 hospitality professionals. In the financial year 2023-24, dnata catering and retail teams uplifted some 12 million meals for over 140,000 flights in the country. dnata's catering and retail division is one of the world's leading inflight hospitality providers. The company's 10,500 catering professionals produce over 110 million meals annually, serving full service, low-cost and VIP carriers from more than 60 locations.

In May 2024, dnata completed a mass disinfection pro-

gramme of all GSE to protect its employees and customers' passengers. A bowser spray unit and handheld sanitation

units were used to ensure the most effective disinfection was carried out on all equipment airside, including the com-

pany's cargo operations. More than 11,500 pieces of GSE, including buses, baggage dollies, and pushback tractors, were disinfected at the two Dubai airports.

In addition to the disinfection of its equipment and facilities, in early 2022 dnata supplied employees with PPE, including masks and sanitisers. Detailed norms on wearing and safe disposal of PPE

dnata's handling, cargo, and retail businesses measure direct and indirect emissions related to the number of flight TATs

were provided to staff. Safety inspections are conducted by a dedicated team, with briefings held daily to ensure that all norms are adhered to.

dnata's ground handling, cargo, and travel and retail businesses measure direct and indirect emissions related to the number of flight TATs and revenue to enable comparison and YoY improvement. Having mirrored Dubai's growth, the group presently employs 23,000 staff, delivering world-class services to hundreds of cargo airlines across the UAE. Daily, the company handles more than 1,600 tonnes of cargo, 220,000 bags, manage 580 safe aircraft TATs in Dubai. 🇦🇪

SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES

- ➔ Playing part in the design of the original Dubai International Airport in the 1960s and its three terminals
- ➔ The first aircraft TAT at Dubai airport's newly opened terminal in 1971
- ➔ The launch of marhaba and its airport hospitality services in 1991
- ➔ Its expansion into Dubai World Central airport (DWC) in 2010
- ➔ The opening of a new export customer service centre and Cargo Integrated Control Centre at Dubai Airport Freezone (DAFZA) in 2016
- ➔ The completion of the UAE's first 'green' turnaround of a Flydubai aircraft at DXB in 2019, an achievement made possible by consistent investments in zero emission, electric ramp ground support equipment



Steel tube industry needs to adapt to evolving landscape

APL Apollo has been a major force in transforming the building sector by emphasising innovation and sustainability. In addition to changing the face of the industry, the company is promoting a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future, says **Sanjay Sharma, Chairman and MD, APL Apollo**.



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In today's rapidly shifting industrial landscape, adaptability is the key to survival and success. APL Apollo exemplifies this principle through its innovative strategies and customer-centric approach. As the industry evolves, APL Apollo stands at the forefront, transforming challenges into opportunities thereby setting new benchmarks for excellence.

Embracing innovation with Smart Building Solutions (SBS): One of the most strides APL Apollo has made is in the development and implementation of SBS. The SBS represents a shift in construction, emphasising efficiency, sustainability, and smart integration. It offers pre-engineered steel building systems that are robust and adaptable to various architectural designs and functional

We have set up a robust network of distributors, ensuring our products are available to customers

needs. These solutions are designed to reduce construction time, minimise waste, and enhance the overall durability of structures. By integrating SBS into their product offerings, APL Apollo is enabling architects, engineers, and builders to create innovative, sustainable, and cost-effective buildings that cater to the demands of urbanisation and environmental conservation.



Sanjay Sharma
Chairman and MD
APL Apollo

Expanding product portfolio: The evolving needs of the steel tube industry demand a diverse range of products that cater to various applications. APL Apollo has responded to this demand by expanding its product portfolio. From structural tubes to pre-galvanized tubes, the company offers a comprehensive range of solutions designed to meet the specific requirements of different sectors. For instance, the introduction of Apollo Coastguard, a specially designed tube for coastal and high-corrosion areas, showcases APL Apollo's commitment to addressing unique market needs. This product, with

its superior anti-corrosion properties, is a testament to the company's ability to innovate and adapt to changing environmental conditions.



Strengthening Distribution Networks: In an industry where timely delivery and reliable supply chains are crucial, APL Apollo has made

tributors across India, ensuring its products are available to customers, regardless of their location. APL Apollo's investment in digital plat-



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Commitment to sustainability: APL Apollo is dedicated to promoting sustainable practices within the steel tube industry, as environmental concerns take centre stage globally. The company has implemented several initiatives to reduce its carbon footprint, including energy-efficient manufacturing processes, waste reduction programs, and the use of eco-friendly materials.

Future forward: e-commerce fuels supply chain growth

Real-time data is revolutionising e-commerce logistics. It enhances resource allocation, and enables proactive maintenance. With ability to monitor shipments at a granular level, logistics firms can deliver faster, reliable services,” says **Vineet Malhotra, Co-Founder & Director, Kale Logistics Solutions.**

In the rapidly changing world of e-commerce, speed, transparency, and reliability are not just desirable—they are essential. At Kale Logistics Solutions, we recognise the impact of e-commerce on supply chains and have developed our Airport Cargo Community System (ACS) to meet these demands head-on. By providing real-time updates on shipment progress through mobile apps and web portals, our ACS ensures clients and partners are kept informed about cargo movement, enhancing transparency and efficiency.

One of the challenges in logistics, particularly in e-commerce, is the ‘blind spot’ that frequently occurs at airports. They can complicate cargo tracking and disrupt the smooth flow of goods. Kale’s ACS addresses this by offering comprehensive milestone tracking, covering everything from the airport to the cargo terminal. This vis-



Vineet Malhotra
Co-founder & Director
Kale Logistics Solutions

ibility is crucial for shippers and consignees, who rely on timely information to manage their operations.

However, the road to achieving real-time visibility is not without hurdles. Integrating data across various systems, ensures accuracy, navigates the complexities of working with legacy systems or third-party platforms present challenges. At Kale, we have tackled these issues by

investing in advanced technology, robust data governance, strategic collaborations, and API integration. These efforts have enabled us to deliver real-time visibility that keeps the supply chain operational and efficient, meeting the standards set by the e-commerce industry.

The benefits of real-time tracking and visibility in logistics are undeniable. For logistics companies, it enhances operational efficiency by optimising routes, reducing delays, and streamlining warehouse operations. Implementing these solutions requires investment and a strong focus on data security. At Kale, we strike a balance by collecting the data necessary for tracking, giving customers control over their information, and prioritising top-tier security measures. Our platforms are compliant with GDPR and ISMS and ensure transparency does not come at the expense of privacy.

Kale has adopted innovative technologies and strategies to stay ahead in the competitive e-commerce landscape. Our use of sensor-equipped trucks, data loggers, and blockchain ensures updates are accurate and secure. Cloud-based platforms centralise data, providing user-friendly dashboards offer a complete view of the supply chain.

IoT devices, such as QR codes, scanners, RFIDs, and GPS systems, exchange data with our ACS, while AI tools forecast dis-

“Cloud-based platforms centralise data, providing user-friendly dashboards offer a complete view of the supply chain.”



ruptions and optimise routes. This combination of technology and partnerships guarantees unparalleled visibility throughout the supply chain.

Real-time data is revolutionising e-commerce logistics. It optimises decision-making, enhances resource allocation, and enables proactive maintenance. With the ability to monitor shipments at a granular level, logistics companies can deliver faster, reliable services. Ultimately, this fosters customer satisfaction and loyalty, solidifying the role of real-time visibility as a cornerstone of modern e-commerce logistics.

Jumbo Logistics enhances 3PL ops with new warehouse

Jumbo Logistics continues to strengthen its third-party logistics offering with a new warehousing facility. The firm has been providing logistics services and support to the Jumbo Internal and external Business departments. We find out more about about how its third party logistics services.



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Vikas Chadha, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Jumbo Logistics, said, "We are not just in the business of importing but transporting our goods in a timely



Vikas Chadha
CEO
Jumbo Logistics



manner. We did not want to give it to a third party without ensuring that our supply chain is credible and reliable."

The firm has its tentacles spread firmly in India. As one of the leading 3PL retailers Jumbo's Logistics team is

also involved in the installing of high-end products as well. "We wanted to provide end to end logistics." From import or export documentation preparations, shipment monitoring and tracking services to customs clearances, his company often leads by success.

"The genesis of the business is in dealing with our loyal retail customers such as Sony, Dyson, Webber and Havels, an India product. With around 100 people, the organisation keeps growing form strength to strength," he said.

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Logistics has grown in the Middle East, "we want to add value to the companies that partner with us," Chadha informed.

The recent floods that impacted the UAE in April 2024, proved to be a challenge for the warehousing companies spread across the country. Showing resilience, Chadha explained how his team rose to the challenge.

"Since we use high-quality processes to ensure that the pallets were managed efficiently, we filed in zero insur-

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ance claims during the country-wide floods that impacted so many, and I believe that was a good achievement by the company's team."

The company also offers last-mile delivery services for its online business. "Often times third party brands we work with, make a request for a large volume. For instance, the firm may have consignment. Our team ensures that we get the goods to the customers on time," he added.



CCUB 2024 to focus on challenges & opportunities in cold chain sector

The much-awaited Cold Chain Unbroken 2024 is all set to take place on 19 to 20 September 2024 at Novotel Hyderabad.

The conference will feature a wide range of panel discussions spread over two days, covering various aspects of the cold chain industry. These sessions will provide valuable insights into current challenges and emerging solutions. The CCUB offers an excellent opportunity for knowledge sharing and networking among professionals in the field. Attendees can expect to connect with peers, exchange ideas, and explore potential collaborations. This event is ideal for anyone involved in or interested in the cold chain logistics industry, providing a space to learn, engage, and contribute to the advancement of the sector.



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Om Logistics acquires ICD Bawal for ₹110 crore

With its strategic location, ICD Bawal is poised to become a key hub for economic growth in the region, solidifying Om Logistics' position as a leader in logistics. The acquisition shows its commitment to revolutionising supply chain management, says **Raghav Singhal, Executive Director, Om Logistics**.



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Om Logistics has announced the acquisition of Inland Container Depot (ICD) Bawal in Haryana for ₹110 crore. This investment marks a milestone in Om Logistics' journey, solidifying its position as a leader in the industry. Strategically located on the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC)

The ICD features two automated rail lines, a 30k sq.ft. custom bonded warehouse space and can handle 5k containers of EXIM cargo monthly





and within the Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation industrial estate, ICD Bawal is a state-of-the-art multimodal logistic hub built on 20 acres of land. The facility features two automated rail lines, a 30,000 square feet custom bonded warehouse space and a capacity to handle 5,000 containers of EXIM cargo per month.

ICD Bawal boasts connectivity to major ports, in-



cluding Mundra, Pipavav and JNPT, ensuring seamless cargo movement. Its proximity to IGIA and other airports enable efficient air cargo handling.

The depot is located near NH48 and NH71, providing access to northern and western India. ICD Bawal has direct connectivity to the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor and Indian Railways, facilitating swift rail cargo movement. This acquisition enables Om Logistics to expand its pan

India operations, reduce average transit times and optimise supply chain management.

"This milestone demonstrates our commitment to revolutionising supply chain management and setting new benchmarks in the logistics industry," Raghav Singhal, Executive Director, Om Logistics, said.

ICD Bawal features advanced technology, including automated container move-

ment systems, real-time GPS tracking and app-based monitoring. The depot also offers customised warehousing solutions with value-added services, ensuring operational excellence and accuracy.

With its strategic location and multimodal connectivity, ICD Bawal is poised to become a key hub for industrial and economic growth in the region, further solidifying Om Logistics' position as a leader in the logistics industry. 🚚

1WN hosts get together for air cargo stakeholders

One World One Network (1WN) recently hosted a dinner along with cocktails, for the air cargo industry stakeholders in New Delhi. The glittering evening saw the industry stakeholders took part in networking and exchanging ideas with each other. Later, they danced to the foot-tapping music.



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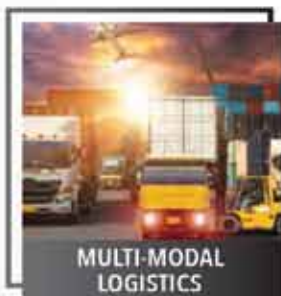


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ICTT handles 73,636 TEUs in July, posts 25% growth

In 2023-24, DP World's ICTT recorded its volume at 7.54 lakh TEUs. Registered a growth of 22% in the April to July period of 2024-25, it handled 72,000 TEUs for third consecutive month. Berthed 7,800 vessels since inception, ICTT handled highest-ever transaction on a single vessel (6,157 TEUs with MSC Aurora) .



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DP World announced that its International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) at Cochin delivered a record-breaking performance by handling 72,000 TEUs for three consecutive months. ICTT handled 73,636 TEUs in July 2024, delivering 25 per cent volume growth from May to July 2024-25. This performance comes on the back of a robust June 2024—volume of 79,044 TEUs.

In the current year alone, DP World Cochin has facilitated 40 additional vessel calls in a bid to support growth of trade in the region during which the terminal has handled ultra large container vessels such as MSC Aurora, MSC Darlene, and MSC Mariagrazia, all of which are 365 metres in length.

The DP World Cochin terminal has recorded higher volumes this financial year, with the highest at 79,044 TEUs in June 2024

ICTT has recorded the highest growth of 22 per cent in April to July period of 2024-25. The terminal has recorded higher volumes this financial year, with the highest at 79,044 TEUs in June 2024.

In the financial year 2023-24, DP World Cochin achieved its highest-ever combined volume of 7,54,237 TEUs, solidifying its position as the South India's preferred gateway for trade through consistently enhanced performance.

"DP World Cochin has provided exceptional efficiency, reaffirming our dedication to supporting the state's infrastructure and driving economic growth. In the first quarter of 2024, we introduced new STS cranes, e-RTGs, and expanded yard space, boosting our capacity to 1.4 million TEUs per annum," Praveen Thomas Joseph, CEO, DP World Ports & Terminals, Cochin, said.

DP World's ICTT provides mother vessel (mainline) connectivity to the Far East, Southeast Asia, Middle East, Europe, Mediterranean, and Singapore. This allows 50 per cent of the cargo to connect directly on mother vessels, avoiding congested hubs, resulting in faster transit times. It offers regular connectivity to multiple transshipment hubs such as Singapore, Port Klang, Colombo, Jebel Ali and Mundra.

DP World Cochin has made rapid strides to enhance operational efficiency with gate automation, eliminating paper transactions, and accelerating cargo handling. The terminal has made vessel details available to optimise shipment planning and logistics. The user-friendly interface improves navigation and transparency, making shipment tracking much easier for customers.

To support EXIM trade from the state, DP World opened its 75,000 square feet Cochin Economic Zone that also has a container terminal in order to enable seamless trade. This economic zone is Kerala's first free trade warehousing zone and the country's first economic zone within a major port further thereby strengthening its position as South India's preferred gateway to trade. ➔

CJ Darcl ferries 34 excavators through specialised rail rakes

The use of rail rakes for moving excavators represents a major advancement in logistics. Rakes, integral to the Indian Railways' infrastructure, are designed to handle heavy loads efficiently. The firm's use of rakes for shifting heavy equipment is a leap towards greener logistics and supports the govt's infrastructure goals.



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CJ Darcl Logistics Ltd begin transportation of excavators through specialised rail rakes to utilise the Indian Railways network for aggregating machines from multiple OEMs and transporting them from Chennai (Tamil Nadu) to Ballabgarh (Haryana).

In a move underscoring its commitment to sustainability and efficiency, CJ Darcl has so far shifted 34 excavators using specialised rakes, including models from Volvo CE, Komatsu India Private Limited, and Gainwell Commosales Private Limited. This initiative aligns with the company's mission to integrate eco-friendly practices into its logistics operations.

"Embracing rail transport is in line with the country's vision of modern, eco-friendly infrastructure. This initiative is a testament to our unwavering commitment to innovation, sustainability, and leadership in the logistics sector. We are proud to pave the way for a more sustainable future," KK Agarwal, Chairman and Managing Director, CJ Darcl, said.



KK Agarwal
CMD
CJ Darcl

“This initiative is testament to our unwavering commitment, sustainability and leadership in the logistics sector.”

"Our decision to employ rail transport for moving excavators marks an advancement in our sustainability commitment. This initiative minimises our carbon footprint and highlights our dedication to leading the industry toward an environmentally friendly and efficient future. We are setting up a new standard in sustainable logistics, to demonstrate innovation and responsibility can coexist. We extend our gratitude to our valued customers for supporting this movement," Nikhil Agarwal, President, CJ Darcl, said.



Nikhil Agarwal
President
CJ Darcl

“We are establishing a new standard in sustainable logistics, to show innovation and responsibility can coexist.”

The use of rail rakes for moving excavators represents a major advancement in logistics. Rakes are designed to handle heavy loads efficiently. Consolidating excavators into one transport unit allows CJ Darcl to minimise the carbon footprint linked to transportation via roads. The company's use of rail rakes for ferrying heavy construction equipment is not only a leap towards

greener logistics but also supports the government's infrastructure goals. Rail transport, renowned for its efficiency and reduced carbon footprint, offers a solution that complements the government's emphasis on enhancing logistics infrastructure and reducing environmental impact.



Estimates for selected major commodities for July 2024

Trade: Export

Sl. No.	Commodities	Values in Million USD				% Change	
		JULY'23	APR'23-JULY'23	JULY'24	APR'24-JULY'24	JULY'24	APR'24-JULY'24
1	Tea	65.17	227.80	79.37	266.75	21.79	17.10
2	Coffee	104.65	451.95	103.62	623.42	-0.98	37.94
3	Rice	980.39	3801.75	830.38	3638.64	-15.30	-4.29
4	Other cereals	65.50	317.40	12.16	72.44	-81.43	-77.18
5	Tobacco	104.70	419.61	146.47	573.33	39.90	36.63
6	Spices	297.28	1403.44	335.92	1425.66	13.00	1.58
7	Cashew	26.81	109.58	19.97	88.60	-25.51	-19.14
8	Oil meals	108.14	553.93	131.95	462.64	22.01	-16.48
9	Oil seeds	123.11	498.23	123.10	455.32	-0.01	-8.61
10	Fruits & vegetables	271.84	1064.21	277.80	1121.32	2.19	5.37
11	Cereal preparations & miscellaneous processed items	233.79	913.52	245.61	1009.62	5.06	10.52
12	Marine products	598.06	2370.23	570.67	2199.54	-4.58	-7.20
13	Meat, dairy & poultry products	292.03	1301.94	456.10	1467.39	56.18	12.71
14	Iron ore	217.28	1058.54	234.07	894.78	7.73	-15.47
15	Mica, coal & other ores, minerals, including processed minerals	354.17	1529.85	359.43	1513.23	1.49	-1.09
16	Leather & leather products	404.59	1498.14	413.84	1467.45	2.29	-2.05
17	Ceramic products & glassware	401.54	1452.99	316.70	1339.33	-21.13	-7.82
18	Gems & jewellery	2304.90	9832.83	1835.68	9100.35	-20.36	-7.45
19	Drugs & pharmaceuticals	2134.03	8725.63	2312.47	9514.81	8.36	9.04
20	Organic & inorganic chemicals	2584.29	9177.97	2273.43	9381.69	-12.03	2.22
21	Engineering goods	8720.30	35486.01	9039.31	36968.96	3.66	4.18
22	Electronic goods	2044.77	8982.05	2807.72	11242.89	37.31	25.17
23	Cotton yarn/fabs./made-ups, handloom products etc.	1009.73	3768.25	968.06	3884.52	-4.13	3.09
24	Man-made yarn/fabs./made-ups etc.	390.29	1551.41	405.56	1570.91	3.91	1.26
25	RMG of all textiles	1141.95	4836.59	1277.20	5126.87	11.84	6.00
26	Jute mfg, including floor covering	29.35	123.92	25.15	108.43	-14.30	-12.50
27	Carpet	111.43	437.59	123.16	486.53	10.53	11.18
28	Handicrafts, excl. handmade carpet	122.26	528.13	138.43	545.93	13.23	3.37
29	Petroleum products	6715.73	25747.72	5227.92	25937.33	-22.15	0.74
30	Plastic & linoleum	673.65	2603.52	733.23	2855.56	8.84	9.68
	Sub-Total	32631.74	130774.76	31824.52	135344.25	-2.47	3.49
	GRAND TOTAL	34489.89	138386.66	33981.41	144122.89	-1.47	4.15

Note 1: Exports include Re-Exports.
Note 2: The figures for JULY'24 are provisional. Note 3: Grand total is inclusive of component 'Other'

(Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India)

Estimates for selected major commodities for July 2024

Trade: Export

Sl. No.	Commodities	Values in Rs Crore				% Change	
		JULY'23	APR'23- JULY'23	JULY'24	APR'24- JULY'24	JULY'24	APR'24- JULY'24
1	Tea	535.36	1872.36	663.48	2226.68	23.93	18.92
2	Coffee	859.69	3714.40	866.23	5202.67	0.76	40.07
3	Rice	8054.12	31244.62	6941.56	30368.33	-13.81	-2.80
4	Other cereals	538.12	2609.37	101.66	604.49	-81.11	-76.83
5	Tobacco	860.09	3448.54	1224.45	4785.59	42.36	38.77
6	Spices	2442.18	11535.88	2808.36	11899.03	14.99	3.15
7	Cashew	220.24	900.59	166.95	739.51	-24.20	-17.89
8	Oil meals	888.42	4551.75	1103.02	3861.56	24.15	-15.16
9	Oil seeds	1011.40	4094.35	1029.05	3800.53	1.75	-7.18
10	Fruits & vegetables	2233.23	8745.21	2322.27	9358.93	3.99	7.02
11	Cereal preparations & miscellaneous processed items	1920.62	7507.83	2053.15	8426.70	6.90	12.24
12	Marine products	4913.22	19480.87	4770.52	18359.14	-2.90	-5.76
13	Meat, dairy & poultry products	2399.11	10700.11	3812.78	12249.08	58.92	14.48
14	Iron ore	1785.01	8698.58	1956.73	7468.69	9.62	-14.14
15	Mica, coal & other ores, minerals, including processed minerals	2909.57	12573.54	3004.65	12630.25	3.27	0.45
16	Leather & leather products	3323.75	12313.54	3459.52	12249.29	4.08	-0.52
17	Ceramic products & glassware	3298.70	11941.51	2647.44	11178.42	-19.74	-6.39
18	Gems & Jewellery	18935.15	80819.46	15345.35	75948.01	-18.96	-6.03
19	Drugs & pharmaceuticals	17531.50	71711.34	19331.01	79415.84	10.26	10.74
20	Organic & inorganic chemicals	21230.44	75431.71	19077.24	78376.36	-10.14	3.90
21	Engineering goods	71638.91	291654.64	75563.80	308561.75	5.48	5.80
22	Electronic goods	16798.20	73827.60	23471.06	93839.85	39.72	27.11
23	Cotton yarn/fabs./made-ups, handloom products etc.	8295.16	30970.66	8092.49	32422.41	-2.44	4.69
24	Man-made yarn/fabs./made-ups etc.	3206.30	12750.59	3390.26	13111.91	5.74	2.83
25	RMG of all textiles	9381.36	39751.50	10676.76	42791.93	13.81	7.65
26	Jute mfg., including floor covering	241.13	1018.43	210.27	905.02	-12.80	-11.14
27	Carpets	915.42	3596.56	1029.58	4060.88	12.47	12.91
28	Handicrafts, excl. handmade carpet	1004.37	4340.77	1157.24	4556.63	15.22	4.97
29	Petroleum products	55170.97	211605.55	43702.65	216456.66	-20.79	2.29
30	Plastic & linoleum	5534.20	21397.57	6129.45	23834.43	10.76	11.39
	Sub-Total	268075.95	1074809.43	266108.94	1129690.56	-0.73	5.11
	GRAND TOTAL	283341.03	1137368.66	284066.57	1202889.07	0.26	5.76

Note 1: Grand total is inclusive of component 'Other'.

Note 2: The figures for JULY'24 are provisional.

(Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India)

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Estimates for selected major commodities for July 2024

Trade: Import

Sl. No.	Commodities	Values in Million USD				% Change	
		JULY'23	APR'23- JULY'23	JULY'24	APR'24- JULY'24	JULY'24	APR'24- JULY'24
1	Cotton raw & waste	88.72	287.23	86.29	238.30	-2.74	-17.04
2	Vegetable oil	1632.62	5154.23	1868.66	6083.01	14.46	18.02
3	Pulses	205.58	705.19	294.39	1442.98	43.20	104.62
4	Fruits & vegetables	185.51	799.93	217.71	938.31	17.36	17.30
5	Pulp and waste paper	164.64	595.41	152.19	645.09	-7.57	8.34
6	Textile yarn fabric, made-up articles	201.20	719.72	200.75	757.90	-0.23	5.30
7	Fertilisers, crude & manufactured	990.68	4009.00	683.62	2974.39	-31.00	-25.81
8	Sulphur & unroasted iron pyrites	17.80	77.04	21.42	54.01	20.34	-29.89
9	Metaliferrous ores & other minerals	820.34	3078.01	835.25	3275.03	1.82	6.40
10	Coal, coke & briquettes, etc.	2738.16	14271.17	2986.37	12323.81	9.07	-13.65
11	Petroleum, crude & products	11812.53	53662.35	13873.04	65370.12	17.44	21.82
12	Wood & wood products	569.11	2165.76	565.08	2121.32	-0.71	-2.05
13	Leather & leather products	73.62	330.38	147.34	368.13	100.15	11.42
14	Organic & inorganic chemicals	2318.90	9664.34	2506.76	9732.68	8.10	0.71
15	Dyeing/tanning/colouring materials	553.91	1508.21	393.13	1414.97	-29.03	-6.18
16	Artificial resins, plastic materials, etc.	1934.09	7384.47	2024.43	7523.89	4.67	1.89
17	Chemical material & products	1347.40	4623.86	984.93	3807.65	-26.90	-17.65
18	Newsprint	39.54	152.22	47.63	163.07	20.46	7.13
19	Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	1980.34	8201.45	1329.82	6714.21	-32.85	-18.13
20	Iron & steel	1834.70	6964.89	1930.39	7000.57	5.22	0.51
21	Non-ferrous metals	1898.23	7280.45	2228.62	8395.60	17.40	15.32
22	Machine tools	417.62	1486.14	468.09	1760.83	12.08	18.48
23	Machinery, electrical & non-electrical	4329.23	16094.15	4469.12	16496.67	3.23	2.50
24	Transport equipment	2091.73	8692.74	1889.98	9114.98	-9.65	4.86
25	Project goods	60.63	274.47	16.34	249.73	-73.06	-9.01
26	Professional instrument, optical goods, among others	620.80	2413.99	738.97	2680.31	19.03	11.03
27	Electronic goods	7765.66	27518.95	8661.49	30553.95	11.54	11.03
28	Medicinal & pharmaceutical products	735.24	2681.52	740.53	2895.75	0.72	7.99
29	Gold	3503.24	13200.83	3130.08	12642.37	-10.65	-4.23
30	Silver	30.74	214.92	165.74	648.44	439.14	201.71
	Sub-Total	50962.53	204213.04	53658.14	218388.06	5.29	6.94
	GRAND TOTAL	53485.93	213532.77	57478.33	229698.72	7.46	7.57

Note 1: Imports include Re-Imports.
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(Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India)

Estimates for selected major commodities for July 2024

Trade: Import

Sl. No.	Commodities	Values in Rs Crore				% Change	
		JULY'23	APR'23- JULY'23	JULY'24	APR'24- JULY'24	JULY'24	APR'24- JULY'24
1	Cotton raw & waste	728.84	2360.79	721.34	1989.56	-1.03	-15.72
2	Vegetable oil	13412.29	42361.30	15621.01	50778.55	16.47	19.87
3	Pulses	1688.90	5795.56	2460.97	12042.73	45.72	107.79
4	Fruits & vegetables	1523.99	6574.71	1819.91	7831.43	19.42	19.11
5	Pulp and waste paper	1352.58	4893.27	1272.20	5384.25	-5.94	10.03
6	Textile yarn fabric, made-up articles	1652.92	5915.13	1678.12	6326.21	1.52	6.95
7	Fertilisers, crude & manufactured	8138.65	32958.48	5714.68	24824.76	-29.78	-24.68
8	Sulphur & unroasted iron pyrites	146.26	633.01	179.09	451.05	22.45	-28.74
9	Metaliferrous ores & other minerals	6739.23	25303.16	6982.26	27335.89	3.61	8.03
10	Coal, coke & briquettes, etc.	22494.47	117309.31	24964.47	102859.14	10.98	-12.32
11	Petroleum, crude & products	97042.20	441070.11	115971.29	545559.37	19.51	23.69
12	Wood & wood products	4675.38	17800.18	4723.75	17706.63	1.03	-0.53
13	Leather & leather products	604.77	2716.00	1231.68	3073.63	103.66	13.17
14	Organic & inorganic chemicals	19050.17	79433.18	20955.19	81236.43	10.00	2.27
15	Dyeing/tanning/colouring materials	4550.51	12394.81	3286.34	11811.00	-27.78	-4.71
16	Artificial resins, plastic materials, etc.	15888.93	60689.00	16923.20	62801.84	6.51	3.48
17	Chemical material & products	11069.14	38037.62	8233.52	31781.60	-25.62	-16.45
18	Newsprint	324.79	1251.33	398.12	1361.31	22.58	8.79
19	Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	16268.91	67403.07	11116.56	56034.86	-31.67	-16.87
20	Iron & steel	15072.39	57243.61	16137.02	58434.83	7.06	2.08
21	Non-ferrous metals	15594.36	59839.19	18630.05	70078.72	19.47	17.11
22	Machine tools	3430.83	12215.64	3912.96	14697.53	14.05	20.32
23	Machinery, electrical & non-electrical	35565.45	132274.54	37359.46	137697.52	5.04	4.10
24	Transport equipment	17183.99	71446.69	15799.24	76069.15	-8.06	6.47
25	Project goods	498.07	2256.52	136.55	2084.26	-72.58	-7.63
26	Professional instrument, optical goods, etc.	5100.03	19840.79	6177.43	22372.84	21.13	12.76
27	Electronic goods	63796.34	226172.70	72405.44	255042.29	13.49	12.76
28	Medicinal & pharmaceutical products	6040.17	22040.53	6190.47	24169.90	2.49	9.66
29	Gold	28779.74	108545.67	26165.77	105519.53	-9.08	-2.79
30	Silver	252.55	1765.00	1385.50	5412.68	448.61	206.67
	Sub-Total	418666.83	1678540.91	448553.59	1822769.50	7.14	8.59
	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	439397.05	1755179.41	480488.40	1917193.38	9.35	9.23

Note 1: Grand total is inclusive of all countries.

Note 2: The figures for JUL'24 are provisional.

(Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India)

Grade A warehouses: The next big game changer

Institutional Grade A warehouses have taken up 381 million sq. ft in Ahmedabad, Delhi NCR, Kolkata, Mumbai, Pune, Bengaluru and Hyderabad. e-commerce fell to 1% in Q1 of 2024 with smaller companies outsourcing logistics to 3PL players and upgrading white spaces in existing warehouses.

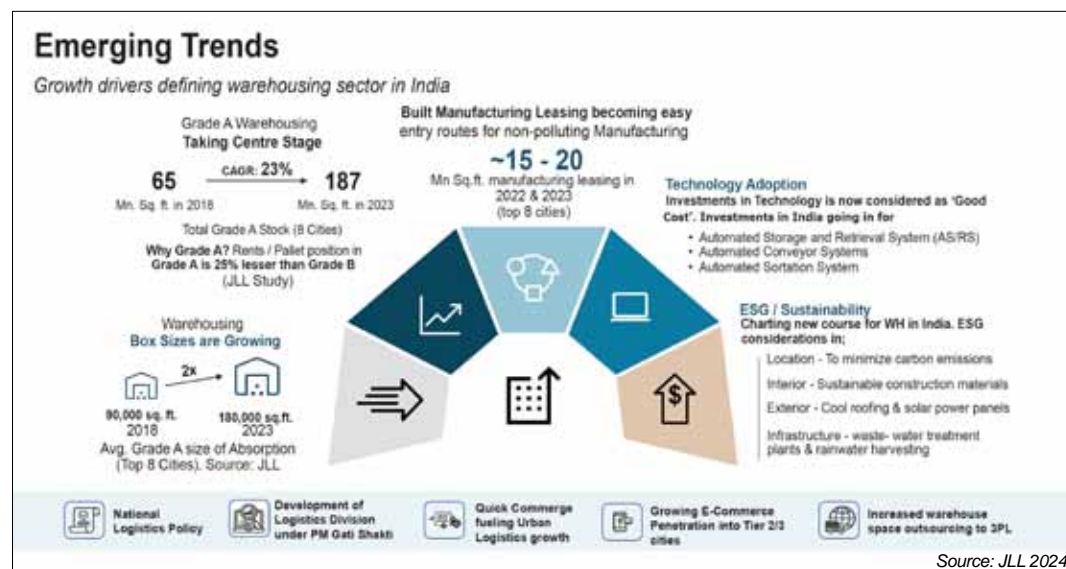


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The warehousing sector has grown in the past four years as the sector recalibrates to adjust itself to global supply chain restructuring, post COVID. Supply is primarily driven by institutional Grade A warehouses, taking the total supply of warehousing supply in top eight cities to 381 million square feet in first quarter of 2024, projected to reach 595 million square feet by 2027.

KEY GROWTH DRIVERS

The rising demand is primarily driven by third party logistics players as most companies find it suitable to outsource non-core/logistic activities. 3PL is a significant 43 per cent in first quarter of this year, outpacing all other sectors in warehousing demand. Manufacturing leases have taken



centre stage post COVID, given the advantage of faster time to operate and pre-approved status for many manufacturing industries.

Sectors that have taken advantages include auto, fast

moving consumer goods (FMCG), fast moving consumer durables (FMCD), electronics among others. Manufacturing leasing has seen exponential growth of 65 per cent CAGR since the pandemic to reach 14 million square

feet in 2023 and projected to touch 16 million square feet by this year-end. Growth of e-commerce is tapering down from 3 per cent in the last year to a mere 1 per cent in first quarter of 2024. This is because smaller companies are outsourcing logistics to third party logistics players (3PL) and optimising white spaces in existing warehouses, which has been their focus.

CRUCIAL PAIN POINTS

Acquisitions: Land acquisition challenges have been hitting the warehousing sector hard as getting the right parcel of land in the right location is tough. In Indian cities such as Mumbai, Pune Bengaluru, and Chennai, the warehousing vacancies have reached an all-time low.

FACT FILE

➔ Growth of e-commerce dipped to 1% in Q1 of 2024 because firms are optimising white spaces in existing warehouses.



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Movements

ALLCARGO GATI India



Ketan Kulkarni has been promoted to a role of Deputy MD, Gati Express and Supply Chain. He previously served as the CGO, Allcargo Group, in the chairman's office. His new role would be to lead the company in the next phase of growth.

JEENA CRITICARE LOGISTICS India



Prakash Singh has been promoted as COO at Jeena Criticare Logistics. He will be responsible for overseeing the development of initiatives to promote growth through business development, operational efficiency innovation at the firm.

KALE LOGISTICS India



Chetan Khanna has been appointed as the new Global Chief of Human Resources Officer by the Kale Logistics. With 20 years of experience in executing HR strategies, he will be responsible for leading the digitisation and futureproofing of HR.

CELCIUS LOGISTICS India



Ganesh Satnam has been appointed as the CBO, Life Sciences & Healthcare at Celcius Logistics. He has 20 years of experience in SCM and logistics operations. He has a track record of providing transformative strategies and operational efficiencies.

ETIHAD CARGO India



Shriram Maruwada has been appointed as the Senior Cargo Planning & Performance Manager of Etihad Airport Services Cargo. He has 10 years of air cargo experience. His expertise will be vital in managing smooth cargo handling ops.

KALE LOGISTICS India



Sanjeev Madavi has joined as the new CIO at Kale Logistics. He has 30 years of experience in digital transformation and innovation in global supply chain and logistics. He will lead Kale's expansion into multimodal community platforms.

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