

CILT INDIA EXPO 2018 – EVENT UPDATE

1. The Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport (CILT) India organized its annual event for the year 2018-19, namely “**CILT India Expo 2018**” in New Delhi, India from November 22 – 23, 2018. CILT India has previously also been organizing such event. However, this event was peculiar from the previous editions, as it also included an exhibition on logistics sectors including players from Road, Rail, Inland Water Transport, Multimodal Logistics operators, Warehousing, IT solution providers and passenger mobility as well as passenger hospitality organizations.
2. The event was organized at “National Rail Museum”, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, India and was inaugurated on 22nd. November 2018, in the presence of following dignitaries:
 - (a) **Shri Suresh Prabhu**, Hon’ble Minister, Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Govt. of India
 - (b) **Shri Avinash K. Srivastava**, Secretary, Deptt. of Consumer Affairs under Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Govt. of India
 - (c) **Shri Ashwani Lohani**, Chairman, Railway Board – Ministry of Railways, Govt. of India
 - (d) **Mr. M. A. Kadir**, Managing Director, Interport Maritime Ltd., Bangladesh & Secretary General, CILT – Bangladesh
 - (e) **Shri Shanti Narain**, National Chairman, CILT – India
3. Due to some unavoidable reasons, **Sh. Dato Ts Abd Radzak Abd Malek**, National President, CILT Malaysia and President (Elect) of CILT International, joined the event on 23rd November 2018 and addressed the gathering.
4. **Shri Suresh Prabhu**, Hon’ble Minister, Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Govt. of India was the chief guest at the inaugural session and announced that the Govt. of India is preparing an integrated logistics plan to fast-track movement of goods and cut the overall transportation cost of businesses. The plan also visualized multi-modalism to be the main plank to integrate the different modes of transport based on optimization of energy costs. An integrated logistics portal was expected to secure efficient and cost-effective logistics services in the country.
5. **Shri Ashwani Lohani**, Chairman Railway Board, stated that the focus of Ministry of Railways was to enhance transport capacity through fast tracking of the capacity works including doubling & electrification of tracks and segregating movement of freight and passenger trains through the completion of Dedicated Freight Corridors. To improve service delivery, the Ministry was looking at simplifying processes and making procedures customer friendly.

6. **Shri Avinash K. Srivastava**, Secretary, Deptt. of Consumer Affairs under Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Govt. of India, referred to the important digital initiatives of the Government, including embedding of RFID chips in vehicles and eliminating the waiting at toll plazas, following the introduction of GST. He further emphasized that the blockchain technology has the potential to replace paper proof of ownership.
7. **Mr. M. A. Kadir**, Secretary General, CILT – Bangladesh visualized the prospect of revival of natural traffic flows between India and Bangladesh as heretofore before partition through enlightened political dialogue.
8. **Mr. Dato Ts Abd Radzak Abd Malek**, National President, CILT Malaysia and President (Elect) of CILT International hoped that CILT (India) could play a leadership role in integrating the logistics and transport networks of South and South-East Asia for synergetic growth and development of the region.
9. **Shri Shanti Narain**, National Chairman, CILT – India explained the context and rationale for organizing this conference, because when the Indian economy is poised for exponential growth, logistics & transport segments have a critical contribution to make. Broadly speaking, according to him, the main economic growth drivers in the logistics space included transport, warehousing, freight forwarding and value-added logistics. All the aspects would be covered in the plenary sessions of this conference by the distinguished speakers who have consented to participate in the deliberations.
10. There were two ceremonial launches. The first was the release of the Knowledge Paper (Leading towards Logistics 4.0) prepared by Mazars, a global audit, accounting and consultancy group, which critically evaluates the current logistical backdrop and the future scenario based on recent developments such as GST, E-waybill, IoT, robotics etc.
11. The second highlight was the launch of two training modules developed by CILT (India) for the Logistics Skill Council under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, for training of Railway Loco Drivers and Railway Siding Maintenance operators in the presence of Capt. T. S. Ramanujam, CEO of Logistics Sector Skill Council.
12. Participation of private as well as public sector executives was impressive, possibly because of the non-financial sponsorship of the conference by four Ministries of Government namely: Railways, Shipping & Transport, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Commerce & Industry.

13. In addition to the Inaugural Ceremony and Valedictory, there were six plenary sessions in the 2-day Conference on the themes of:

- (a) Inaugural Ceremony (https://youtu.be/3WXJ8iKZ_c8)
- (b) Transport Infrastructure Development (<https://youtu.be/11xfqZRMNoA>)
- (c) Warehousing & Packaging (<https://youtu.be/hFlgjy4lwbM>)
- (d) Skill Development in the Logistics Sector (<https://youtu.be/x3VBwRxBwfs>)
- (e) Integrated Logistics (<https://youtu.be/eE6gviQ4Lvs>)
- (f) Big Data Logistics & IoT (<https://youtu.be/jNHjIAhJdaY>)
- (g) Multimodal Transportation (<https://youtu.be/jNHjIAhJdaY>)
- (h) Valedictory (<https://youtu.be/43BFoIiTzEc>)

Videos of each of the session are already uploaded at “YOUTUBE”, which can be viewed by connecting to the respective YouTube links as specified against each session.

14. Some of the significant presentations made by the distinguished speakers can also be accessed by visiting the web link: <https://www.ciltindiaexpo.com/conference-programme.aspx>

15. Some interesting statistical projections relating to the growth and development of the Logistics & Transport Sector, brought out by the learned speakers included:

- Freight traffic movement across India is 2800 BTKM, and expected to increase to 13000 BTKM by 2030
- The logistics sector currently employs 22 million people, interestingly, more than the total number of employees in the public sector
- Currently, US\$1.5 billion investments in India are in technology focused logistics startups
- The Comprehensive Logistics Action plan 2022 focuses on lowering the cost of logistics from 14 percent to 10 percent of GDP, thereby, saving US\$150 billion
- Agri production loss to come down by improving the efficiency of movement (amongst other factors) of produce from farm to fork to below 5 percent, saving US\$10 billion for farmers
- Warehousing industry to grow at 10 percent
- Cold Chain industry to grow at 15 percent, etc.

16. Distinguished speakers under the various topics covered during the conference is enclosed at **Annexure – I**.

ANNEXURE – I

Distinguished speakers under the various topics covered during the conference

Day 1: 22 November 2018 (Thursday)	
Time	Sessions
09:30-11:00	<p>Inaugural: Logistics -a game changer for the global economy Welcome Address: Shri Shanti Narain, National Chairman, CILT India Industry Address: Shri Ashwani Lohani, Chairman, Railway Board International Address: Mr M. A. Kadir, Managing Director, Interport Maritime Ltd, Bangladesh & General Secretary, CILT - Bangladesh Special Address: Shri Avinash K. Srivastava, Secretary, Dept. of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Govt. of India Address by Chief Guest: Shri Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation - Govt. of India Vote of Thanks: Shri Prem Behl, Chairman, Exhibitions India Group Launch of Knowledge Paper on Leading toward Logistics 4.0 by Mazars</p>
11:00-11:30	Networking Break
11:30-13:00	<p>Transport - Infrastructure Development Chair: Mr M. A. Kadir, Managing Director, Interport Maritime Ltd, Bangladesh & General Secretary – CILT, Bangladesh Keynote: Mr Tanmoy Chakrabarty, Group Govt. Affairs Officers, Tata Sons Ltd Lead: Shri Rajesh Agrawal, Member Rolling Stock, Indian Railway Board Speakers: Shri Anurag Kumar Sachan, Managing Director, DFCCIL Shri Shashi Bhushan Shukla, Member (Traffic), IWAI Shri Xerrxes Master, VP, AMTOI Shri Saurabh Sood, President & MD, GATX Shri Sanjay Sinha, Head Location Analytic Expert (India), BCG</p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break

14:00-15:30	<p>Warehousing & Packaging Chair: Shri Vinod Asthana, Ex- MD, CRWC Ltd. Keynote: Shri Arun Kumar Shrivastava, Managing Director, Central Warehousing Corporation Speakers: Dr Satyaprasad Bhattacharya, General Manager – R&D, UFlex Industries Dr Hanish Sinha, Head - R & D, National Bulk Handling Corporation Pvt. Ltd. Shri Sukanta Dey, MD - Sdela Telecom, Ex-CXO, Unilever, Pepsico and AT&T Shri Vipin Jain, COO, CSC India</p>
15:30-16:00	Networking Break
16:00 - 17:30	<p>Skill Development in Logistics Sector Chair: Capt. T. S. Ramanujam CEO - Logistics Sector Skill Council Speakers: Dr Surendra Ahirwar, Director (Logistics), Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India Mr Julian Michael Bevis, Sr. Director-Group Relations, A.P. Moller-Maersk Group Mr Raghuram Talluri, Co-founder & CEO, LoadShare Network Mr Tamil Rajan, Founder, Cloudhandz.com</p>
Day 2: 23 November 2018 (Friday)	
Time	Sessions
09:30-11:00	<p>Integrated Logistics Chair: Shri Anil Gupta, Former CMD, CONCOR Keynote: Mr. Joseph Lim, Sales Director, Blujay Solutions Special Address: Shri Anant Swarup, Joint Secretary (Logistics), Dept of Commerce & Industry Speakers: Shri Sanjay Swarup, Director International Marketing, CONCOR (Container Corporation of India Ltd.) Shri Ashish Gupta, Regional Logistics Head, Shell India Markets Pvt. Ltd. Special Remarks: Mr Dato' Ts Abd Radzak Abd Malek, President, CILT (Malaysia) and President (Elect.) CILT International</p>
11:00-11:30	Networking Break

11:30-13:00	<p>Big Data Analytics and IoT in Logistics Chair: Shri Mukesh Nigam, Managing Director, CRIS (Centre for Railway Information Systems) Keynote: Mr Urmik Shah, Software Manager, System Level Solutions Pvt Ltd Lead: Mr Chandan Verma, Data Analytics & Machine Learning Consultant, Gratia Technology Special Address: Smt Anjali Goyal, Principal Executive Director (Accounts) Indian Railways Speakers: Mr Sandeep Kumar, Managing Partner, Konnected Mindz Mr Murali Rajagopalan, MD-India, Mobilogix Inc</p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:30	<p>Multimodal Transportation Chair: Shri Sharat Misra, Advisor, Deloitte Keynote: Arunendra Kumar, Former Chairman, Railway Board, Indian Railways Speakers: Shri Sachin Bhanushali, CEO, GRFL Shri Ranbir Saran Das, Chairman & CEO, Ultra PRT UK Shri Dinesh Kumar, MD, Asia Aviation Associates Dr Sanjay Gupta, Professor of Transport Planning & Head, School of Planning & Architecture</p>
15:30-16:00	Networking Break
16:00-17:00	<p>Valedictory Shri V. N. Mathur, Former Member (Traffic), Indian Railway Mr Dato' Ts Abd Radzak Abd Malek, President, CILT (Malaysia) & President (Elect.) CILT International Shri Shanti Narain, National Chairman, CILT India Shri Sanjiv Garg, Additional Member, Railway Board</p>