

CII Virtual Conference on
Building Warehousing Competitiveness
Sustainable Infrastructure, Partnerships and altering Operating Models
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Standing firm and committed to serve - warehousing industry in India has consistently demonstrated its resilience in before and during pandemic situation. Winning the investors trusts, warehousing as a sunrise services sector continues to attract more capital.

The Government's EoDB reforms and growing attractiveness of logistics would be two key drivers for change in warehousing sector. The entry of real estate investment trusts (REIT) into the market is a positive sign of potential rapid growth. Increased awareness about growth and employment opportunities, there will be likely entry of new generation warehouse service providers and consolidation.

Recognition of Logistics as an industry in Uttar Pradesh has set the much-needed momentum for this industry. Given the infrastructure status and its contribution to the logistics sector, a focused warehousing policy will lead to professionalization of services.

Logistics outsourcing growth necessitates warehousing service providers and its user sector to calibrate operating models. Demand for flexibility and quick operationalization of operational facilities influence critical success factors.

Mechanization, automation and digitalization are key themes that should be additionally focused. Incentives for transformation of conventional warehouses to leverage such material handling equipment and digital frameworks will be key to derive productivity benefits and asset utilization.

This conference attempts to derive insights into growing outsourcing market with deliberations among stakeholders. The sessions would provide insights into emerging models of engagement, building world-class infrastructure and nurturing partnerships to achieve higher productivity levels.

Lifting the Outsourcing weights - Altering Operating Models

Successful user sector and logistics service providers partnership is key for sustainable outsourcing growth. Changing market structure, renewed focus on policies and adjusted operating models will transform the outsourcing partnerships.

- Is warehousing sector fast approaching consolidation stage?
- Which areas to focus for strengthening warehousing user sector and logistics services providers partnerships?
- What are the innovative practices introduced by logistics service providers, especially from warehousing viewpoint in past 2 years?

Towards World-class and Sustainable Warehouse Infrastructure

Conventional warehouse infrastructure limitations cannot be overcome without structural changes. Reforms and development focused regulations call for investments in new warehousing infrastructure. Green building and eco-friendly operating equipment would improve working conditions, safety and image of the warehousing industry.

- What are the key limitations of conventional warehouse buildings?
- How new generation warehouse buildings are safer and better than conventional warehouses?
- Are there any sustainability guidelines and incentives for green practice establishment?
- Is there any roadmap for transition to new generation warehouse infrastructure?

Partnerships to achieve higher Productivity Levels

Innovative practices in warehousing are key for achieving higher productivity levels. Increasing volume of operations necessitate investments in material handling equipment, handling automation system, integrated information systems and certifications. The first step will be introducing industry standards.

- Are there any common standards established in logistics or warehousing?
- What is the role of original equipment manufacturers and technology service providers in establishing common standards?
- How can logistics service providers co-operate to establish common industry standards?
- Are there any good practices for greater degree of collaboration among stakeholders for higher productivity levels?