





Transforming Logistics & Warehousing in Eastern India: Bridging gaps and building the future

# 12 – 13 August 2025 | BBCC, Expo Hall – B, Newtown, Kolkata, West Bengal

# **Agenda Outline**

12 August 2025 (Tuesday)		
0900 – 1000 Hrs.	Registration	
1030 – 1200 Hrs.	Inaugural Session	
Technical Plenary Sessions		
1200 – 1300 Hrs.	Session 1: Advancing multimodal integration in eastern India	
1300 – 1400 Hrs.	Session 2: Scaling Storage and Logistics Networks through Advanced Warehousing, Cold Chain, CFS, ICDs & Land Ports	
1400 – 1415 Hrs.	Empowering MSMEs in Logistics with Smart Financial Solutions	
1415 Hrs. onwards	Networking Lunch, B2B meetings & exhibition visit	

13 August 2025 (Wednesday)			
1000 – 1100 Hrs.	Registration		
Technical Plenary Sessions			
1100 – 1200 Hrs.	Session 3: Accelerating Sagarmala's impact in the East. The Port-led economy		
1200 – 1300 Hrs.	Session 4: Building the Future of Logistics: Technology and Talent Transformation		
1300 – 1400 Hrs.	Session 5: The Voice of Customers: Focus State West Bengal Addressing Logistical challenges and unleashing opportunities in Supply chains		
1400 onwards	Networking Lunch, B2B meetings & exhibition visit		





# **Detailed Agenda**

# <u>Day 1 – 12 August 2025 (Tuesday)</u>

Inaugural Session (1030 - 1200 Hrs)				
1030 – 1035 Hrs	Welcome Address	Mr Debashis Dutta Chairman CII West Bengal State Council and		
1035 – 1045 Hrs	Theme Address by Session Chairman	Director, BGS Group  Mr Ashutosh Jaiswal Chairman CII ER Logistics Subcommittee and Director & CEO Century Infra Limited & Century Ports Limited		
1045 – 1055 Hrs	Special Address	Mr Shantanu Verma Chief – Procurement & Logistics TATA Steel Limited		
1055 – 1105 Hrs	Special Address	Mr Shoumik Bose Director Ripley Group		
1105 – 1115 Hrs	Keynote Address	Mr Rathendra Raman, IRTS Chairman Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata		
1115 – 1125 Hrs	Keynote Address	Dr. H.K. Dwivedi, IAS (Retd.) Former Chief Secretary Government of West Bengal and Vice Chairman WBHIDCO Limited		
1125 – 1140 Hrs	Chief Guest	Mr Snehasis Chakraborty Hon'ble Minister Department of Transport Government of West Bengal		
1140 – 1145 Hrs	Closing Remarks	Mr Sushil Dugar Co-Chairman CII ER Logistics Subcommittee and COO (Logistics Services) Balmer Lawrie Co Limited		
1145 – 1200 Hrs	- 1200 Hrs Inauguration of the CII Logis EAST 2025 Exhibition & Visit			





# Day I - 12 August 2025 (Tuesday)

1200 - 1300 Hrs.

Session 1: Advancing multimodal integration in eastern India

This session will bring together key stakeholders from ports, railways, road transport, air cargo, inland waterways, and dedicated freight corridors to explore strategies for seamless multimodal integration in Eastern India. With infrastructure upgrades, policy reforms, and technology innovations shaping the logistics landscape, the discussion will focus on unlocking synergies across transport modes, reducing transit times, and enhancing regional and global connectivity.

# **Focus Points:**

- Strengthening first- and last-mile connectivity across modes
- Leveraging policy reforms and infrastructure investments
- Role of Eastern Freight Corridors and the Ganga Waterway
- Development of multimodal logistics parks as efficiency hubs
- Policy and private sector collaboration for encouraging modal shift
- Integrating digital solutions for real-time cargo tracking and coordination
- Expanding inland waterways for sustainable freight movement
- Enhancing port-hinterland connectivity for faster turnaround
- Optimizing multimodal hubs for efficiency and cost reduction

#### **Session Moderator**

#### Mr Ashutosh Jaiswal

Chairman - CII ER Logistics Subcommittee and Director & CEO - Century Ports Limited & Century Infra Limited

#### **Panelists**

#### Mr Samrat Rahi, IRS

Deputy Chairperson Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata

#### Mr Vishal Patil

Cluster Head Container Corporation of India Limited

#### Mr Anil Syal

President Safexpress.

#### Mr K Selvakumar

General Manager, Cargo and Regional Manager, East & North-East AAI Cargo Logistics and Allied Services Company Ltd. (AAICLAS)

# Mr Ajay Kumar, IRES

Chief General Manager Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL)

# Mr Shantanu Bhadkamkar

Past President, AMTOI and Managing Director, ATC Global Logistics

#### Mr Atanu Basu

Chief, Inland Waterways &
Multimodal Logistics and
Sustainability
TM International Logistics Limited

#### Ms Anju Madeka

President & Chief Financial Officer Bengal Aerotropolis Projects Limited





# Day I - 12 August 2025 (Tuesday)

1300 – 1400 Hrs.

**Session 2:** Scaling Storage and Logistics Networks through Advanced Warehousing, Cold Chain, CFS, ICDs & Land Ports

As regional trade and consumption patterns evolve, the demand for efficient and future-ready storage and logistics networks is surging. This session will focus on scaling infrastructure across Grade A warehouses, cold chain systems, Container Freight Stations (CFS), Inland Container Depots (ICDs), and Land Ports to support domestic and cross-border trade. The discussion will highlight automation, integration of digital technologies for smart inventory and cargo management, and development of multimodal logistics hubs. It will also explore how border infrastructure can reduce turnaround times and enhance regional trade competitiveness

#### **Focus Points:**

- Expansion of Grade A warehousing and integrated logistics parks
- Cold chain infrastructure development for perishable and temperature-sensitive goods
- Automation and adoption of smart warehousing technologies
- Strengthening the role of CFS and ICDs in enabling multimodal connectivity
- Enhancing land port infrastructure to facilitate cross-border and regional trade

#### **Session Moderator**

# Mr Sushil Dugar

Co-Chairman - CII ER Logistics Subcommittee and COO (Logistics Services) – Balmer Lawrie Co Ltd

#### **Panelists**

Mr Shouvik Mandal

Chief Executive Officer Apeejay Logistics Pvt. Ltd. & Apeejay Infralogistics Pvt. Ltd.

Mr Partha Chowdhury

Head – Eastern Region Pristine Logistics and Infraprojects Ltd.

Mr Arnab Raha

Head – Business Development TVS Industrial & Logistics Parks

Mr Subhro Chatterjee

Partner (Real Estate) Khaitan & Co. Mr Shubho Routh

Senior Director & East Head (Industrial, Land & Logistics) CBRE

Mr Avishkar Srivastava

Chief Innovation Officer
The PDP Group

• Mr Sarfaraz Khan

Vice President (Operations) Snowman Logistics Ltd.

1400 – 1415 Hrs.

**Empowering MSMEs in Logistics with Smart Financial Solutions** 





# Day II - 13 August 2025 (Wednesday)

1100 – 1200 Hrs.

Session 3: Accelerating Sagarmala's impact in the East. The Port-led economy

Ports in Eastern India are evolving into engines of economic growth. This session highlights the progress and potential of Sagarmala projects in enhancing port connectivity and industrial development.

- Port modernization and capacity expansion
- Hinterland connectivity and logistics zones
- · Port-led industrial clusters and job creation

#### **Session Moderator**

#### Mr Ashutosh Jaiswal

Chairman, CII ER Logistics Subcommittee and Director & CEO, Century Infra Limited & Century Ports Limited

#### **Speakers**

# **Keynote Address**

# Mr Ramavath Srinivasa Naik Chief Commissioner Customs – Kolkata Zone

#### • Mr S Sittarasu

Advisor - Marketing Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (formerly Kolkata Port)

# • Capt. SB Mazumder

Executive Director Seahorse Group

# Mr Soumya Banerjee

Partner and Practice Head Infrastructure and Real Estate AQUILAW

#### **Special Address**

Mr Subrat Tripathy

President (BD)
Adani Ports & SEZ

#### Mr Sudip Dey

Director
Haridass Chunder (Clearing Agents)
Pvt.Ltd

#### Mr A K Mehera

Former Deputy Chairman
Haldia Dock Complex and
Chief Executive Officer
Ganges Bulk Terminal Private Limited





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1200 - 1300 Hrs

**Session 4: Building the Future of Logistics: Technology and Talent Transformation** 

As logistics rapidly evolves through cutting-edge technologies like AI, IoT, and blockchain, the sector must simultaneously invest in developing a digitally skilled workforce to harness these innovations effectively. This integrated session explores how technological disruption and workforce transformation go hand-in-hand in shaping the logistics of tomorrow.

# **Focus Points:**

- Leveraging AI, IoT, blockchain, and digital twins to drive logistics innovation
- Ensuring cybersecurity and seamless data interoperability in digital supply chains
- Bridging the skills gap through vocational training and certification programs
- Fostering industry-academia partnerships for workforce readiness
- Strategies for upskilling and reskilling talent for tech-driven logistics roles

#### **Session Moderator**

#### Ms Shveta Mahajan

Director & Head - Industrial & Logistics, Data Centers (APAC), Strategic Consulting Cushman & Wakefield India

#### **Panelists**

- Mr Debapriya Nandan
   Senior Director Cloud Business
   Oracle India
- Mr Kunal Maheshwari
   Chief Growth Officer
   Softlink Global

- Mr Ravikanth Yamarthy
   Chief Executive Office
   Logistics Sector Skill Council
- Mr Dhruv Kapila
   Regional Head
   Netradyne Technology

#### **Keynote Address (virtual)**

Professor (Dr.) Manoj Choudhary
 Vice Chancellor
 GatiShakti Vishwavidyalaya





# Day II - 13 August 2025 (Wednesday)

1300 – 1400 Hrs.

Session 5: "The User View": Addressing Logistical challenges and unleashing opportunities in Supply chains – Focus State West Bengal

This session brings together industry leaders and supply chain experts with deep operational experience across ports, steel, chemicals, heavy engineering, exports, and third-party logistics — all with a significant footprint in West Bengal.

Gain insights into the real-world logistical challenges and strategies employed by top organizations in the state. From international logistics and port operations to export facilitation and multi-sectoral supply chain integration, this session will explore how industries in West Bengal are navigating infrastructure constraints, regulatory environments, and workforce dynamics, while embracing innovation and sustainability.

#### Key highlights include:

- Ground realities and future potential of logistics infrastructure in West Bengal: ports, inland connectivity, and multimodal hubs
- Perspectives on regulatory and policy hurdles faced by user industries
- Role of digitization and technology in driving supply chain visibility and efficiency
- Building sustainable logistics ecosystems: balancing growth with environmental priorities
- Case studies of supply chain resilience and strategic alignment in West Bengal's steel, chemical, logistics, and manufacturing sectors
- Workforce readiness: skilling, upskilling, and managing talent for the logistics and supply chain sector

#### **Session Moderator**

#### **Dr Pramod Sant**

Former Vice President (Head of Import, Export, Customs) - Siemens Limited, and Director General - Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI)

# **Panelists**

- Mr Suresh Kr. Rekhawat
   Head International Logistics
   PCBL Chemical Limited
- Mr Saikat Bagchi
   Head Supply Chain, Commercial,
   Logistics & Inventory Management
   TIL India Limited
- Mr Mahesh Keyal Director Mortex Group

- Mr Surya Narayan Lenka
   Head Ports Operation & Logistics
   Services, Group Strategic
   Procurement
   Tata Steel Limited
- Mr Yogesh Gupta
   Regional Chairman ER FIEO and Managing Director
   Megaa Moda Pvt Ltd
- Mr Surendra Tiwari CFO Jayesh Logistics