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Redefining Freight Movement with Sustainable & Integrated Logistics

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This Facilitation Corner, powered by India's premier tech-piloting agency Ease of Doing Business (EoDB), as dedicated support for freight and logistics stakeholders. It aims to accelerate India's journey toward reducing the national GDP expenditure on logistics by enabling strategic policy interventions, innovative pilot programs and technology-led transformation across the sector.

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India's logistics narrative is gradually shifting from expansion to optimisation, where the focus is no longer just on building capacity but on making existing systems work smarter and cleaner. The recent push toward LNG-powered transport, faster railbased cargo solutions, and multimodal corridors reflects a deeper intent to improve efficiency while aligning with sustainability goals. At the same time, geopolitical disruptions and supply chain uncertainties are reinforcing the need for diversified and resilient trade routes such as the India Middle-East Europe Economic Corridor. What is becoming evident is that India is not chasing speed in isolation, but reliability and predictability across the freight ecosystem. The integration of ports, rail, road, and emerging corridors will be critical in reducing logistics costs and improving turnaround times. India is at a critical stage where climate finance and green capital will shape economic outcomes. Decision-making must be timely. Without adequate readiness in ease of doing business systems, there is a risk of financial drawbacks. This requires early preparedness and coordinated execution to fully leverage climate financing. However, execution consistency, policy alignment, and private sector participation will determine how effectively these ambitions translate into outcomes. If sustained, this approach positions India to evolve into a more stable and competitive logistics hub over the coming decade.

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NEWS AND TRENDS

CONCOR Flags Off India's First LNG-Powered Container Trailer

India's logistics sector has taken a significant step toward sustainability as Container Corporation of India introduces its first LNG-powered container trailers. The rollout begins with a fleet of five 40-ft trailers aimed at greener first- and last-mile connectivity. By switching to LNG, the initiative is expected to cut emissions and improve fuel efficiency compared to traditional diesel transport. This move aligns with India's broader push toward decarbonising freight and building a more environmentally responsible logistics ecosystem. It also strengthens CONCOR's multimodal capabilities by integrating cleaner road transport with its rail network.

Kashmir Rail Link Opens, Boosting Regional Freight Connectivity

The completion of the Udhampur–Srinagar–Baramulla rail link marks a transformative moment for freight movement in Jammu & Kashmir. This new rail corridor is expected to significantly reduce dependency on road transport, improving efficiency and lowering logistics costs in the region. It opens up stronger market access for local industries, especially agriculture and handicrafts, by connecting them seamlessly to the national supply chain. The project also reinforces Indian Railways ambition to capture a larger share of freight traffic. Overall, it strengthens regional integration while enhancing logistics resilience in a geographically challenging area.

Indian Railways Eyes High-Speed Express Cargo Model

Indian Railways is exploring the introduction of high-speed, time-sensitive cargo services inspired by global models such as Japan. The focus is on creating a reliable and faster freight system for high-value and urgent shipments, which are currently dominated by air and road transport. By improving turnaround times and service predictability, railways aim to reposition themselves as a viable option for premium cargo. This initiative is part of a broader push toward multimodal logistics efficiency in India. If implemented effectively, it could reshape the competitive dynamics of the freight industry.

Hormuz Disruptions Strengthen Case for IMEC Corridor

Recent geopolitical tensions around the Strait of Hormuz have exposed vulnerabilities in global shipping routes, prompting renewed interest in alternative trade corridors. The India Middle-East Europe Economic Corridor is increasingly being seen as a strategic solution to diversify and secure supply chains. While the corridor promises reduced transit time and cost advantages, experts caution that it remains a long-term project still years from full execution. In the interim, disruptions continue to influence freight pricing and routing decisions worldwide. This situation highlights the growing importance of resilient and diversified logistics networks.

Logistics Firms Gear Up for ₹9,000 Crore IPO Wave

India's logistics sector is witnessing a surge in capital market activity, with several companies preparing to collectively raise around ₹8,000–₹9,000 crore through upcoming IPOs. This momentum reflects growing investor confidence in the sector, driven by rising demand from e-commerce, manufacturing, and organised retail. Logistics players are also stepping deeper into last-mile delivery capabilities, aiming to offer end-to-end solutions and strengthen their market positioning. The influx of capital is expected to support expansion, technology adoption, and infrastructure upgrades across the value chain. At the same time, it signals a broader shift toward formalisation and consolidation within the industry. As competition intensifies, companies with integrated and tech-enabled logistics models are likely to attract the most investor interest.

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