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The Economic Survey 2023–24 reports a nearly three-fold increase in the Government's capital expenditure since FY20, primarily benefiting roads and railways. Improved highway networks helped India advance from 54 (2014) to 38 (2023) on the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index. The Survey highlights six awarded Multi-Modal Logistics Parks (MMLPs) and an allocation of ₹2,505 crore in FY24, with seven more MMLPs planned for FY25. Investments also target freight corridors, high-speed rail, modern passenger services, and last-mile rail links. Three major corridor projects—high-traffic density, energy/mineral/cement, and port connectivity—are designed to reduce logistics costs and carbon footprints.

The Indian government is pursuing multiple measures to reduce logistics costs and enhance efficiency. The 2022 National Logistics Policy targets lowering costs from 8.35% to 5% of GDP, while PM Gati Shakti integrates infrastructure development. A \$350 million collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (SMILE program) further strengthens logistics reforms.



Under Sagarmala, port modernization cuts average turnaround times to 0.9 days, and dedicated freight corridors reduce rail freight transit from 72 to 24 hours. Overall, these initiatives aim to bring logistics costs down to 9% of GDP by 2025, boosting competitiveness and economic growth.



For India to become a five trillion-dollar economy, the role of logistics in achievement of this major milestone cannot be under-estimated. Hence, reduction in logistics costs will work to further speed up and consolidate the achievement of the goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047

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All three consultancies—McKinsey, BCG, and Deloitte—converge on the view that a well-developed logistics ecosystem can:

-  **Reduce Costs & Increase Efficiency:** Streamlined networks lower transportation and inventory costs, directly boosting profitability.
-  **Enhance Global Competitiveness:** Quicker turnaround times and reliable supply chains help Indian exporters meet global standards.

-  **Promote Inclusive Growth:** Investments in highways, rail corridors, and warehouses create jobs and support small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in tier-2 and tier-3 cities.
-  **Foster Innovation:** Adoption of digital tools, automation, and advanced analytics in logistics drives productivity gains across multiple sectors (manufacturing, retail, e-commerce, etc.).

These studies collectively affirm that India's logistics sector, backed by policy initiatives (such as PM Gati Shakti, the National Logistics Policy) and infrastructural developments (such as Dedicated Freight Corridors), will be a pivotal catalyst for the country's economic momentum in the years ahead.

Logistics is a substantial cost driver in the cement and steel industries, significantly impacting profitability and competitiveness.



Cement Industry

Logistics Cost Contribution:

- Logistics accounts for **30% of total production costs** in the cement industry, making it a critical area for cost optimization.
- Road transport dominates the supply chain with a **70-80% share**, which is costlier compared to rail and waterways.

Impact on Production Costs:

- With an average cement production cost of ₹5,000-6,000 per ton, logistics contributes approximately **₹1,500-1,800 per ton** to the total cost.

Challenges:

- **Bulk Movement:** Transportation of large volumes over long distances leads to higher costs.
- **Storage and Handling:** Inefficient systems cause wastage and delays, further driving up costs.



Steel Industry

Logistics Cost Contribution

- The logistics cost for steel in India is one of the highest globally, accounting for 16-18% of total revenue of steel producers.
- Steel logistics costs represent approximately 28% of the factory cost, which is ₹8,000 per ton.

Cost Breakdown:

- With steel production in India reaching 125 million tons in FY2023, logistics costs per ton are estimated at ₹1,280-1,440.

Global Comparisons:

- In developed countries, logistics costs for steel account for 8-10% of total revenue, highlighting the inefficiency in India's logistics systems.





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Emerging Trends in Logistics

India's logistics sector is evolving rapidly, driven by government initiatives and technological advancements. Key trends such as inland waterways, dedicated freight corridors, railways, and expressway expansion are transforming the logistics landscape.



Multi-Modal Logistics Hubs

The Government of India is actively developing Multi-Modal Logistics Parks (MMLPs) to enhance the seamless distribution of bulk materials and goods across various transportation modes, including ports, rail, and road. This initiative aims to improve efficiency, reduce logistics costs, and support economic growth.



Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya is unique as it exclusively focuses on the transportation and logistics sector. While India has over 1,100 universities, none specifically cater to transportation and logistics, covering railways, aviation, ports, shipping, and roads under one roof. The transportation sector—comprising railways, aviation, highways, and logistics—employs 20.2 million people, and we expect to add 10 million more by 2027, according to a TeamLease report.

Prof Manoj Choudhary, Vice Chancellor, Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya

Technologies in Logistics and the Role of Advanced Equipment

The integration of advanced technologies and equipment is revolutionizing logistics, enhancing efficiency, reducing costs, and improving the reliability of supply chains. In a rapidly evolving landscape, these advancements are essential for staying competitive and meeting increasing consumer demands.

E-Commerce Companies Driving Growth in Logistics and Warehousing

The e-commerce sector has emerged as a major driver of growth in India's logistics and warehousing industry. With increasing digital adoption, changing consumer behavior, and a focus on faster deliveries, e-commerce companies are significantly transforming the logistics landscape.

Key Highlights:

Number of MMLPs Planned:

A total of 35 MMLPs are planned under the Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase 1, with locations carefully selected to optimize logistics efficiency across the country.

Investment:

The estimated total capital cost for these MMLPs is around ₹50,000 crore, reflecting the government's commitment to strengthening logistics infrastructure.



Logistics Cost (% of GDP)



Transportation Cost (₹ per tonne per km)



Share in India's Logistics Market (%)



Exhibitor Profile:

LOGISTICS SERVICES PAVILION

- Transportation / Fleet Operators
- Freight Forwarders
- Warehousing & Storage
- Shipping Lines
- Ports & Terminals
- LSP's
- Express Services – Courier
- Air Freight / Sea Freight
- Consultancy
- Labelling & Packaging Solutions
- Project Cargo / Bulk Cargo / Multimodal Logistics
- Commercial Vehicle

Logistics Hardware Pavilion – Material Handling Equipment

- Forklifts / Stackers / Cranes
- Hydraulic Jacks
- Hoists
- Conveyors
- Weighing Instrument and Metering Device
- Scissor Lifts / Platforms
- Dock Levellers
- Pallets
- Robot and Handling System
- Carousels
- Bins & Containers

Logistics Technology Pavilion

- Enterprise IT Solutions – SCM, ERP, CRM
- Inventory Management Systems
- ADC & Bar Code
- Commerce
- Tracking Systems
- E-Procurement & Fulfillment E-Markets
- Logistics Information & Telematics
- Automation Systems
- Software & IT Solutions for Logistics & SCM
- Telecommunications
- Security Solution & Equipments
- Communication Technology & Equipment
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)



Logistics Hardware Pavilion – Material Handling Equipment

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Storage Equipment & Sys

- Racking Systems / Shelving Systems
- Automated Storage & Retrieval Systems (ASRS)
- Cargo Shelves

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Warehouse Equipment & Systems

- Automated Guiding Vehicles (AGV)
- Commercial Vehicles / Tank & Trailers

Visitor Profile:

Logistics and Supply Chain Professionals from the following sectors:

- Automotive • FMCG • Chemicals • Retail
- Petrochemicals • Apparels • Dairy and Processed Foods • Cement • IT Hardware
- Electronics • Contracting • Machine Tools etc.
- Government Officials • Trading Companies
- Logistics Services Providers • 3PL/4PL Operators • Shipping Companies • Warehouse Operators • Terminal Operators
- Container Freight Stations • Transport Companies



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