

## 2nd Annual Smart Logistics Summit 2018-Bhubaneswar

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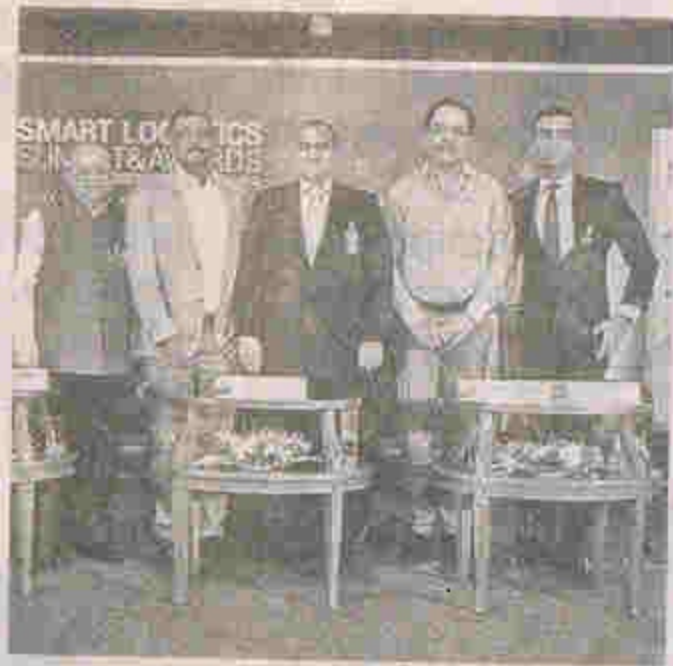
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eswar, June 19: JSW Infrastructure Ltd, a subsidiary of the Jindal-led JSW Group, plans to boost its cargo-handling capacity to 200 million tonnes in the next two years as against the current annual capacity of 75 mt. To develop cargo-handling capacity to 200 mt across our facilities, we have sanctioned an investment of ₹88 crore. At Paradip alone, we are increasing capacity to 50mt — 32 mt for iron ore — expected to be operational next," BVJK Sharma,

joint managing director and chief executive officer of JSW Infrastructure Ltd said at second edition of the Smart Logistics Summit, here Tuesday.

"We will be sourcing thermal coal from MCL (Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd) and transporting it to meet the requirement of thermal power plants," Sharma said and added that several investors were "interested in the Wagon Investment Scheme". "We are ready to invest in the scheme and we have requested the Railways to expedite it," Sharma said.

At the summit, stakeholders



(From L) Mukesh Oza, Santosh K Mohapatra, BVJK Sharma, Arun Misra and Dhruv K Kotak at the second edition of Smart Logistics Summit.

discussed the possibility of logistics playing a decisive role in a dynamic trade environment. "With digitisation, and advancements in supply chain management, logistics is now part of the core business strategies of companies that know how to gain advantage over competitors through efficient, modern and reliable supply chain," a participant said.

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Smart Logistic Summit had three business sessions that discussed the topics 'Industrial Growth and Infrastructure Ecosystem', 'Diversified Cargo' and 'Shipping on the East Coast'.

Dhruv Kotak, joint managing director, JM Baxi Group told the gathering: "We believe more logistics players will come to the Paradip International Cargo Terminal. We are also creating a separate harbour or basin for handling clean cargo."



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of all available modes of transport, companies are gaining competitive advantage over peers in the manufacturing process by optimisation of cargo movement from mines to factory, and factory to the port and onwards. SLS is an effort in the direction of reaching out to the industries, exporters and importers to highlight the logistics bottlenecks in the region and explore how service providers could offer better solutions to facilitate business growth. The "Smart Logistics Summit & Awards" provides an insight on how Odisha moves cargo between hinterland and ports, and also showcase the new-age supply chain revolution to improve business efficiency.

In the evening, a glittering night of 'AWARDS' recognizes outstanding achievements and exceptional accomplishments of individuals and organizations in manufacturing, EXIM