

# SMART LOGISTICS SUMMIT & AWARDS

KOLKATA 2019

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## THEME > CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF EAST COAST LOGISTICS

### KOLKATA

**THURSDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY, 2019 | THE LALIT GREAT EASTERN KOLKATA**

Kolkata Port Trust has aggressively conditioned itself to work around challenges typical to a riverine port system, while taking advantage of its location. The state is a front runner in not only using inland waterways for moving cargo, but also for transshipment of Bangladesh cargo to global markets. Kolkata has emerged as the biggest trade hub of eastern India.

The eastern region of India urgently needs an infrastructure makeover due to the herculean logistics challenges these states share to move cargo even within the mainland. The upcoming power projects, refineries and industries in this region will boost cargo movement which cannot be handled by rail or road alone. The difficult land terrain and presence of national waterway-2 point at the immense potential for developing multimodal logistics in this region. These waterways also connect the north-eastern states to Kolkata. These states perform well in production of horticulture, but due to lack of storage, warehousing, and transport facilities movement of goods to the outer world is restricted. Further, as these north-eastern states due to their geographic location also hold the key to open up greater trade opportunities with neighbouring ASEAN countries, a multi-modal cargo transport approach can immensely help in improving India's trade with Southeast Asia. After several challenges, delays, regulatory bottlenecks, lukewarm response from trade, finally coastal shipping is picking up and allowing foreign vessels to carry transshipment cargo on Indian coast has become the game changer. Bangladesh along with other landlocked countries like Nepal and Bhutan have immense potential to access and tranship their cargo via Indian transshipment hubs.

The second edition of Smart Logistics Summit Kolkata will deliberate on the logistics needs and opportunities of the eastern region, while putting forward potential solutions.

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## > PROGRAMME

10:30 hrs onwards	:	Registrations
11:30 – 13:30hrs	:	Business Session - One <b>Resurgent Kolkata: EXIM Growth</b>
13:30 – 14:30hrs	:	Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:00hrs	:	Business Session - Two <b>Coastal Cargo Movement &amp; Transhipment</b>
16:00 – 16:30hrs	:	Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00hrs	:	Business Session - Three <b>Emerging Logistics Scenarios in Eastern and North-East Region</b>
18:00 – 19:00hrs	:	Networking Session
19:00 – 20:30hrs	:	<b>Smart Logistics Awards</b>
20:30 hrs onwards	:	Cocktails & Dinner

## ABOUT MARITIME GATEWAY

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## > DISCUSSION POINTS

- Are we equipped with sufficient infrastructure? (port capacity, dedicated coastal berths, non-custom bonded yard area..etc.)
- What are the potential commodities that can be transported through coastal route?
- How the last mile connectivity has been developed over the years and what needs to be improved?
- How Cabotage relaxation allowing foreign vessels to handle transshipment cargo helps coastal shipping?
- Do we have enough vessel capacity or enough cargo on east coast?
- Transshipment of Bangladesh exports through Kolkata Port – time and cost efficiency
- Growing container traffic to Nepal and North-East India
- Infrastructure issues such as shortage of barges and ship cranes for transloading
- Initiatives taken to decongest container terminal at the port
- Impact of the government's look-east policy on the Kolkata Port's business
- Kolkata emerging as the biggest trade hub for eastern India
- Significant role of waterways in connecting northeastern states to Kolkata Port
- Need to improve bulk cargo handling with power projects, refineries, cement plants coming up in north-east
- Multimodal logistics can help cargo movement to the seven sister states and also trade with Bangladesh
- Multimodal logistics hub being developed at outskirts of Guwahati at Pandu can transform logistics in the region
- Lack of facilities for storage, warehousing, and transportation in the seven sister states affects movement of goods to the outer world.
- Immediate need to improve road and rail infrastructure

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