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(DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce, Government of India. India's First Logistics Excellence Awards were presented on this day in a glittering evening function followed by a networking dinner. The Awards were presented by the Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution and Textiles, Mr. Piyush Goyal along with the Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Mr. Som Parkash Sharma.

The event was also attended by Mr. Anurag Jain, Secretary of the DPIIT; Mr. Amrit Lal Meena,

Special Secretary Logistics; Mr. Surendra Ahirwal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce; Mr. Shankar Shinde, Chairman Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI); Mr. AV Vijayakumar, Immediate Past Chairman, FFFAI; Mr. Shantanu

Bhadkamkar, Past Chairman FFFAI and several other dignitaries along with the recipients of the Awards.

Addressing the gathering Mr. Goyal appreciated the role played by the logistics sector during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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June 23, 2022, will be considered a historic day for the Customs Brokers, Freight Forwarders, and the entire logistics industry in India for receiving the recognition with awards from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade



FFFAI Chairman Mr Shankar Shinde with the Union State Minister of Commerce & Industry Mr Som Parkash Sharma along with Mr Shantanu Bhadkamkar and Mr AV Vijayakumar

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He said the resilient and efficient supply chains developed by the operators in the logistics sector helped India overcome the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, played a key role in accelerating the economic growth of the country post-Covid period, and supported the growth in trade seen over the last 2 years.

**Mr. Goyal** acknowledged the contributions of the Private Sector driving change and innovation in Logistics. He further added that the focus of the Logistics Excellence Awards has been promoting innovative ideas, technology adaptation, and skill development, instead of volume of business. Mr. Goyal observed that going forward, a separate category of awards should be created for MSMEs in the logistics sector given the role played by them. In addition, the contribution of field workers of Customs House Agents and Customs officials will also be honored to encourage more ethical practices and trade facilitation.



**Commerce & Industry Minister addressing the gathering at the Logistics Excellence Awards**

The Commerce and Industry Minister urged the industry to work with the government to bring down the logistics cost from 12-14% to 7-8% as prevailing in the developed countries. He stated that the Ministry of Commerce is working for finding out the prevailing item-wise logistics cost with an objective to bring it down.

**Mr. Goyal** emphasized the expansion of infra spending from Rs. 2.5 lakh crore to Rs. 7.5 lakh crore and PM Gati Shakti

will benefit the logistics sector most with investment across roads, highways, ports, airports, multi-modal terminals, etc. Mr. Goyal said that GatiShakti will help in efficient planning and implementation, thereby ensuring that last-mile connectivity-related issues are not there.

With 169 entries and 12 categories for awards in its first edition, the Ministry of Commerce and Industries undertook a year-long process of identifying, categorizing, and selecting qualified applications. An Expert Screening Committee of 18 diverse experts and a National Jury of 9 senior dignitaries were formed to make the final deliberations.

The jury members included Government officials, industry representatives, and experts to select the Award Winners through a rigorous process consisting of both Govt and Private players and experts. **Mr. Shankar Shinde, Mr. AV Vijayakumar, and Mr. Shantanu Bhadkamkar**

were also members of the above-mentioned Expert Screening Committee from the private sector.

**The Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Mr. Som Parkash Sharma** said that the availability of cost-effective logistics is critical for the growth of the Industries and the Indian Economy and that adoption of technologies and up-gradation of skill levels of human resources engaged in the sector is a must.

**Shri Anurag Jain, Secretary of the DPIIT**, acknowledging the excellence portrayed by the logistics sector, shared that GatiShakti, Atmanirbhar Bharat, driven by many MSME and Startups of the country, make the logistics sector very crucial to India's economic ambitions.

In addition to the Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) report that measures the appreciation of the endeavors of the State Governments, the Logistics Excellence Awards will continue to be an annual exercise recognizing excellence in logistics within the private sector in India.

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Speaking on the Occasion **Mr. Shinde** highlighted the significant role being played by FFFAI members (more than 6500) include Customs Brokers/ Freight Forwarders and other/ allied logistics service providers from across the country. He appreciated the initiatives taken by the DPIIT to recognize in a different way. According to him, this much-needed recognition would tremendously boost the logistics sector stakeholders who are working 24x7 to move cargo even in difficult times like Covid Pandemic or any other disaster as frontline warriors. They are also working together with the government of India to bring down the logistics cost as compared to the international

level. He congratulated all the winners and participants of the Logistics Excellence Awards and expected more participation in the nomination process for these prestigious awards to be given every year.

**Mr. Bhadkamkar** highlighted the Prime Minister of India's emphasis on resilient logistics and supply chain supported by multimodal connectivity to keep the country's economy growing at a faster pace. "We have now realized that if the country's economy has to grow, physical exports have to grow substantially apart from service exports or IT exports. And, for that logistics sector has to be strengthened with due importance and recognition," he said. In his opinion, the pioneering initiative

of recognizing the logistics practitioners with conferring Awards has already created excitement among the logistics industry people across the world.

## National Logistics Excellence Awards 2021 - List of Winners

- Best Cargo Airline & Terminal Operator – **FedEx Express Transportation and Supply Chain Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.**
- Best Road Freight Service Provider – **DHL Supply Chain India Pvt. Ltd.**
- Best Rail Freight Service Provider – **Adani Logistics Ltd.**
- Best Shipping & NVOCC service Provider – **Maersk India Pvt. Ltd.**

- Best Port Service Provider – **DP World**
- Best Warehouse service provider – **Transport Corporation of India Ltd.** (Through TCI Supply Chain Solutions)
- Best Cold Chain/Refrigerated service provider - **Transport Corporation of India Ltd.** (Through TCI Supply Chain Solutions)
- Best Express Logistics Service Provider – **Safexpress Pvt. Ltd.**
- Best Logistics infrastructure and service provider – **Adani Logistics Ltd.**
- Best Freight Forwarders – **Kuehne + Nagel Pvt. Ltd.**
- Best Customs House Agent/ Customs broker – **International Clearing & Shipping Agency (India) Pvt. Ltd.**
- Industry Excellence Award – **Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.**

## MARINE NEWS

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The CIL, which had floated the tender on 8 June, opened the bids on 1 July and received a total of four bids for the tender. The tender was for supplying 2.416 million metric tons of coal, which Coal India would supply to

## Adani Enterprises lowest bidder in CIL import tender

seven state-owned power generation companies and 19 private power plants.

The four firms participating in the bidding included Adani Enterprises, Chettinad Logistics Pvt Ltd, Mohit Minerals Ltd and Bara Daya Energi. However, Bara Daya Energi was rejected



Adani Enterprises emerged as the lowest bidder in Coal India's maiden tender for coal imports.

due to the submission of invalid power of attorney and non-submission of the consortium agreement.

Among the remaining three valid bids, Adani

Enterprises quoted the lowest amount of Rs 4,033 crore. Mohit Minerals was the second-lowest bidder with the quoted amount of Rs 4,182 crore, and Chettinad Logistics Pvt Ltd quoted Rs 4,222 crore.

### States to receive imported coal

The states that will receive imported coal for their generating stations are Punjab, Gujarat, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu,

Jharkhand, and Madhya Pradesh.

Earlier on 21 June, Coal India, in a regulatory filing, had informed that eleven coal importers had shown interest in the maiden tender in its pre-bid meeting. A couple of coal exporting agencies from abroad had also shown interest.

NTPC also awarded Adani Enterprises multiple contracts to import 6.25 million tonnes of coal worth Rs 8,308 crore in June.



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## Vikas Narwal, IAS assumes charge as Dy Chairman of Cochin Port Authority

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Vikas Narwal, a Madhya Pradesh cadre Indian Administrative Service officer, has taken charge as deputy chairman of the Cochin Port Authority.

He will have a five-year term.

Mr. Narwal, who was serving as managing director of the Madhya Pradesh State Agricultural Marketing Board, is

a graduate in nautical science. He had worked in the shipping sector from 2002 to 2008 as a nautical officer before joining civil service. He had been Collector in three districts in Madhya Pradesh. He also served as managing director of MP State Civil Supplies Corporation.

During his tenure as managing director, MP West Zone Electricity Distribution Company, he was instrumental in launching the Smart



Vikas Narwal, IAS, deputy chairman of the Cochin Port Authority

Metering Project on a major scale in Indore city, said a communication from the port authority on Saturday. He also led the Madhya Pradesh Agri Export Cell.