India Infrastructure Research has recently released the latest edition of the Logistics in India 2020 report. The report covers:

- Emerging trends, key developments, recent government initiatives and investment needs across segments
- Impact of Covid-19 on logistics demand, businesses, investments, and warehousing
- Technology initiatives and automation requirements post Covid-19
- Outlook and upcoming opportunities for various stakeholders and other emerging requirements
The Indian logistics sector is on the cusp of revolution. There is a lot of emphasis on reducing the logistics cost from the current 14% to 9-10% of the GDP. The soon-to-be-unveiled National Logistics Policy also aims at enabling seamless transport of goods across the country.

The highly skewed modal transportation mix (road transport occupies 60% share in freight movement) is expected to change with the development of freight corridors and inland waterways being tapped.

The $190-billion logistics market had been witnessing high growth in the past 3-4 years but the momentum somewhat slowed down due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

However, the logistics industry has shown resilience vis-à-vis other sectors such as aviation, tourism, etc. Recovery of road and rail freight traffic to close to pre-Covid levels between July and August 2020 is a positive.

The logistics industry has risen to the occasion to service customer needs, despite COVID-19 uncertainties, indicating that the industry is resilient enough to make a relatively faster recovery and emerge stronger.

The logistics industry is poised to strengthen on the back of gradually improving domestic demand and a revival in the manufacturing sector post the COVID-19 crisis.

The government is currently working on the National Logistics Policy in order to promote seamless movement of goods across the country, the implementation of which is expected to augment investment in the sector significantly.

The industry today is at the cusp of technology-led solutions, which, in the forthcoming period, will usher in greater efficiency in operations, thereby ensuring better quality of services and customer management.

The government too has highlighted priority areas for the sector and aims to develop an Integrated Logistics Action Plan as part of the upcoming National Logistics Policy. The DFCs and the DMIC are being touted as the biggest drivers of change. Additionally, initiatives such as Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat will continue to push the creation of a robust logistics framework in the country.

Further, growth in the cold chain and container segments is also expected to boost the logistics industry. Meanwhile, with more players joining the e-commerce bandwagon, the sector is set to witness a new phase of growth.
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