



Proceedings of Webinar 1
Organised by The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT),
Hyderabad Chapter

Organisers: The Hyderabad Chapter of CILT

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Inaugural address :

The webinar was inaugurated by Sri Sanjiv Garg, IRTS (Retd), Vice Chairman CILT India and MD, Pipavav Railway Corporation Limited. He spoke about various activities of CILT India highlighting its professional character and international reach. Requested all participants to join CILT and encourage other professionals to join CILT.

Topics, speakers and their views

1. Restructuring Supply Chains in a Digital Ecosystem by
Sri N. Sivasailam IAS (Retd) – Member Administration (KSAT)

2. Challenges of Road Freight Transport by
Sri Ramesh Kumar Supply chain specialist and author

Restructuring Supply Chains in a Digital Ecosystem:

Sri Sivasailam focussed on the need for building a common document in logistics – to make logistics truly multimodal, overarching all the transport modes and other payers. He also dwelt on immediate need for common platform to facilitate the common document and how CILT can play positive role in achieving it.

The points raised by Sri Sivasailam are summarised below:

- CILT along with its multifarious activities should focus on the business end of logistics to influence the business processes
- Gains of logistics can largely come from multimodality
- Multimodal transport becomes reality only when common document across all the participants including all the transporters is made operational. It is also desirable as it would reduce costs and hassles.
- The document when digitised should be accessible and verifiable digitally. The digitised document is also negotiable.
- For all this to happen we need a platform across all the players in the supply chain – overarching both transport and non-transport related players.
- Railways or CRIS can take lead and CILT should facilitate preparation of such a common document. IPA has done it across the port sector.
- Such a common document also eases regulation as it is available to the regulators readily

- Currently SEZs are not functioning as SEZs as customs bonding is required on an SEZ. SEZs can become truly 'SEZs' if no customs bonding would be required inside the SEZ – it will be possible if the common document is accessible digitally across a common platform.
- Expertise to meet challenges of integration is available and it should be open source based integrating all platforms.

Challenges of Road Freight Transport: Pre, during and post Covid-19

Sri Ramesh Kumar brought out the ubiquitous-ness of trucking eloquently but at the same time highlighted the pathetic state of truck drivers. He highlighted the areas of immediate concern and how the conditions can be improved in each of these areas.

Points raised by Sri Ramesh Kumar are summarised below:

- 48,000 logistics cost can come down by few notches
- Logistics is getting visibility but is it
- Trucking is essential both independently but also to support other modes
- 30 years ago roads were pathetic but drivers enjoyed
- Infra improved but drivers condition deteriorated
- Wayside amenities: Not much progress
- Oil companies – road sarais – no dedicated set up to take care of it
- Truck drivers insurance during corona
- Corporates – the service users ignored the drivers
- CILT should take up right kind of facilities for drivers
- No employee-employer relationship and thus drivers get salaries
- Welfare measures for drivers are required
- Unless issues related to drivers welfare is addressed 'make in India' cannot really take off.

The webinar was also addressed by Prof. Raghuram, Former Director, IIM Bangalore and he highlighted the need for professionalism and his hope on the next generation in solving logistics related issues. He also discussed about his association with National Rail and Transport Institute and the role it can play in grooming logistics professionals, and sought help from CILT and its members in developing the institute – both in academic issues and assistance in placement.

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YouTube links for the webinar

Main URL: <https://youtu.be/I5Gr1kOOwSA>

URL for each topic and speaker

[0:02:30](#) Inaugural address and introduction to The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport by Shri Sanjiv Garg, IRTS (Retd), MD, Pipavav Railway Corporation Limited

[0:11:52](#) "Restructuring Supply Chains: Digital Ecosystem" by Shri N. Sivasailam IAS (Retd), Ex-Special Secretary (Logistics) in the Ministry of Commerce

[0:45:30](#) Q&A

[1:02:35](#) "Challenges of Road Freight Transport: Pre, during and post Covid-19" by Shri Ramesh Kumar, a Supply Chain specialist, Author and Co-Promoter of Transport Mitra Services

[1:28:15](#) Q&A

[1:50:10](#) Inputs on logistics and development of professionals in logistics by Prof. G Raghuram, Ex-Director, IIM Bangalore

[1:55:55](#) Open house discussion