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## Logistics Industry News

### Oxygen help: Like a breath of fresh air

In one of the biggest ever logistic exercises, oxygen is being transported from plants in remote areas to end users in hospitals

The maxim “Every second counts” may well be a cliché, but its relevance cannot be overstated during a medical emergency such as the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

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### Oxygen curbs hit container availability



Exports affected as ‘thousands of damaged containers unusable’; gas key to welding process in repairs.

The curbs placed on industrial use of oxygen by the Centre to augment availability of medical grade oxygen for hospitals to save

save lives of critically ill COVID-19 patients, is impacting exporters by exacerbating a shortage of containers.

To read more, [click here](#)

## India's COVID-19 surge to unleash drastic disruptions in maritime industry: sources



The ongoing second wave of the deadly coronavirus pandemic in India is expected to snowball into a major disruptor for the shipping and logistics industry as several ports globally are shunning ships which have called at any location along the South Asian coastline.

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## Govt exempts toll fee on tankers carrying liquid medical oxygen



The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) announced exempting tankers and containers carrying liquid medical oxygen (LMO) from user fee at toll plazas across national highways.

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## Maharashtra's new lockdown norms pose supply chain challenge

Getting fresh RTPCR negative result for truck drivers traversing through state can derail supply chain: AIMTC

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## India shipping operations run into disarray as cyclone makes landfall



Shipping operations for commodities ranging from oil and coal to consumer goods and textiles will be delayed in the week ending May 22, as the cyclone Tauktae raged past India's western coastline, trading executives, port officials and refiners told.

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## Asia-to-Europe container rates hit fresh all-time highs on delays

Container rates from Asia to Europe have hit fresh all-time highs as logistical issues continue to constrain the market and demand remains firm through to July, limiting availability on ships.

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### **Mr. Hector Patel’s Byline Article Published in Leading Publications**

Our Executive Director and Board Member Mr. Hector Patel’s authored article has recently been published in the following media:

1. <https://www.maritimegateway.com/technology-helps-build-an-efficient-medical-supply-chain-in-india/>
2. <https://www.epcworld.in/p/post/tech-adoption-can-help-build-an-efficient-vaccine-and-medical-supply-chain-in-india>
3. <https://www.cxooutlook.com/how-tech-adoption-can-help-build-an-efficient-vaccine-and-medical-supply-chain-in-india/>

### **Mr. Cyrus Katgara Joins the “Choosing Optimism” Campaign Conceived by Logistics Insider**

With an objective of spreading positivity during this pandemic, our partner Mr. Cyrus Katgara joined hands with Logistics Insider for the “Choosing Optimism” campaign.

Here are his insights:

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6799214560575315968>

# Mr. Meheriar Patel's Expert Comments on the Cover Story of Logistics Insider

## COVERSTORY HYPERLOCAL DELIVERY MODEL



Partnership of resellers, Manufacturers and Agents, if any, play a clear role in forming this consortium to be in a market place. Effectively, who is the right partner with benchmarks and trusted partners will play a major role in the Hyperlocal Delivery Space."

**MEHERIAR PATEL**  
Group Chief Information Officer, Digital Solutions  
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Manish Gupta shares more about it.

"A new incumbent can excel and demonstrate it, in a city first and then can raise more investments to scale-up to other cities. Therefore, even after having entry barriers, a new start-up with efficient operations, quality product catalogue, and simple user-friendly technology can enter the hyperlocal market and can be the leader. There are multiple city level start-ups who are doing really good in hyperlocal e-commerce in different industries ranging from groceries to healthcare are doing good, and we are going to see new market leaders in the time to come", he writes.

### ► Ensuring Quality

Saahil Goel, CEO and Co-Founder, Shiprocket adds a host of chances that startups can take to make a mark in this domain, particularly improving quality and managing the last mile challenges.

"Critical to business challenges being faced in this segment, these are some of the chances to explore for startups -

- Ensuring the last mile connectivity and maintaining the unit economics of logistics
- Running Micro Warehouses Dark stores

with high Inventory fluidity needing ML/AI to ensure real-time forecasting to maximise order fulfilment's reducing stockouts & cancellations.

- Building Temperature-controlled Supply Chain - both in Warehousing & Procurement & Lastmile for Vegetables & other perishables products
- Providing Time Defined/slotted Last-mile deliveries to reduce rejections
- Ensuring a Wow level of Customer Delight for repeat purchases."
- Building a Reliable Workforce

For many reasons, 2020 has indeed marked the beginning of an era where customer expectations and demands have transcended boundaries. At a time when logistics has moved on to become an essential service, the demand for security, speed and efficiency as simultaneously surpassed every limit. Amid such cutthroat competition, it is crucial for businesses to build a reliable workforce, apart from filling the gaps in their operations.

Ratnesh Verma, Founder & Leader - Pidge, shares his two cents on this.

"One way in which logistics companies can step up is by building a reliable and trained workforce.

To read the article, refer to [page 22](#)



## Related News

### **EU & India announce 'Comprehensive Connectivity Partnership'**

The EU is also the leading foreign investor in India and its share in foreign investment inflows has more than doubled in the last decade.

India launched a Connectivity Partnership with the EU (European Union) which aims at deepening the cooperation on transport, energy, digital and people-to-people contacts.

To read more, [click here](#)

### **Concessional import duty rules simplified: CBIC**

Businesses have been given more flexibility in using machines and materials imported at concessional duty for export production, said an official statement from the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).

To read more, [click here](#)

### **Covid-19: The world economy is suddenly running low on everything**

A year ago, as the pandemic ravaged country after country and economies shuddered, consumers were the ones panic-buying. Today, on the rebound, it's firms furiously trying to stock up.

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