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AMTOI: Multimodal Transport: Beyond Door to Door

## AMTOI Chooses IMW to Host its Forum

Association of Multimodal Transporters of India (AMTOI) chose India Maritime Week to launch its annual event AMTOI Business Forum. AMTOI plays the pivotal role in furthering the cause of multimodalism in India. The association interacts with Ministry of Shipping on a regular basis to develop multimodal transportation in the country.

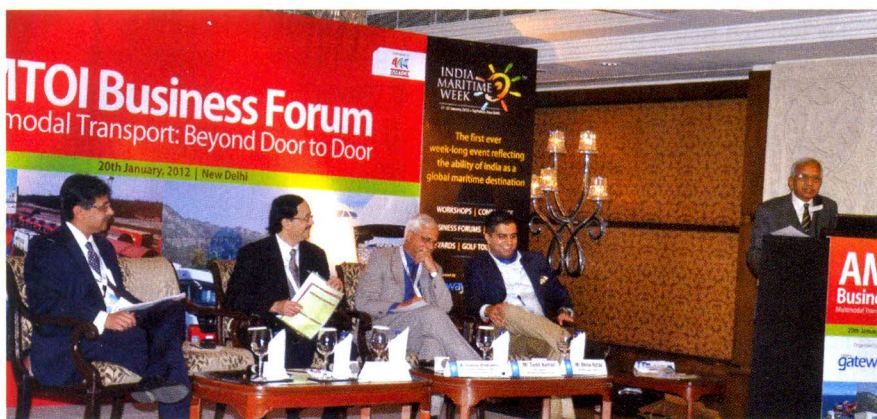
AMTOI Business Forum was devised to highlight the importance for multimodal transportation. The Forum touched upon the need to improve infrastructure in rail and inland waterways to realise multimodalism in its true sense. It also underlined the need to innovate, adopt best practices and align business in tune with customer requirements. Accordingly, these pointers were packed into three powerful sessions that formed AMTOI Business Forum.

### Multimodal Potential: Yet to be tapped

Multimodal transport is a combined effort of the different logistics sectors put together which in India, is still a tedious process. Raghu Dayal, former MD, CONCOR said that the whole world has been telling us that we have the potential to move forward and be at the top, but it seems to be difficult looking for a solution for that.

China, he explained, has been moving at its projected growth rates and is even achieving its target. Dayal also highlighted the changing phase of the multimodal industry leading to outsourcing, better security, improved safety and eco-friendly transportation. Transportation, warehousing and custom clearance are the ones most often outsourced, he added.

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(L to R) Mr Anand Sheth, President, AMTOI, Mr Shantanu Bhadkamkar, Vice President, AMTOI, Mr Sunil Kumar, Vice Chairman, IWAI, Mr Dhruv Kotak, MD, BOXCO Logistics India Pvt. Ltd. and Mr Raghu Dayal, Former MD, CONCOR.



(L to R) Mr Sajal Mitra, CEO, Arshiya Rail Infrastructure Ltd, Mr Jasjit Sethi, CEO TCI SCS and Mr Tushar Jani, Chairman, SCA Group.

delved into how the Multimodal Transportation of Goods (MMTG) Act still remains to be addressed. "The trend of logistics outsourcing is steadily picking up among the manufacturing fraternity and newer strategies in outsourcing and goods transportation are expected to evolve in the near future augmenting the need for multimodal transportation," he concurred.

Shantanu Bhadkamkar, vice-president, AMTOI, gave an insight into the logistics industry on value addition, innovation and better use

of technology as the industry reaches maturity.

Various aspects about the inland waterways and how they can combine with the logistics sectors in India for economical and timely delivery of goods to the consumers were presented by Sunil Kumar, vice-chairman of IWAI. Some of the potential projects which are in the pipeline were also discussed.

Kumar spoke on how the IWAI looks forward to teaming up with private players and developing infrastructure. He urged private

