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CTL-BHP 2026 opens to packed halls, significant perspectives and learning from the experts

An equally compelling Day 2 beckons



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MUMBAI, March 17

THE first day of *Exim India's* CTL-BHP 2026, the 16th edition, on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at Jio World Convention Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai, lived up to the event's reputation as South Asia's premier cargo, transport and logistics exhibition and conference. A distinguished gathering graced the inauguration, while soaring footfalls at the exhibition seamlessly transitioned into a power-packed conference, seminars and Masterclasses featuring some of the industry's finest minds from India and abroad.

It was a day of magnificent displays and pertinent insights—learning from experts while spotlighting safety, sustainability and inclusivity. A **Turn to page 10**



CTL-BHP 2026 was inaugurated on Day 1 by (from left) Mr Ashish Sheth, Mr Rajen Shah, Mr Naresh Parekh, Capt. Deepak Tewari, Mr Rajiv Jalota, Mr Marek Eron, Dr Sharmila Amin, Mr Gopal Krishna, Mr Mukesh Oza, Mr Amit Kamat and Dr Sudhir S. Kohakade

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broad consensus emerged: this is India's moment. With accelerating growth, infrastructure and logistics development, maritime expansion, and manufacturing impetus, the nation is poised to reach greater heights on the global stage.

The event, themed **"Growing Trade & Logistics Infrastructure – India Taking Rapid Strides,"** was inaugurated by:

★ Mr Gopal Krishna, IAS, Former Shipping Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India & Chairman, CSC (Conciliation and Settlement Committee) & Event Convener

★ Mr Rajen Shah, Chairman & Managing Director, S J Logistics India Limited

★ Mr Ashish Sheth, Chairman & MD, Sarjak Container Lines Pvt. Ltd

★ Mr Marek Eron, Co-founder, CEO and Chairman, Erontrans Group

★ Mr Mukesh Oza, Group President & CEO, Samsara Group

★ Mr Amit Kamat, Chairman, Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI) & Partner, Kamat & Company

★ Dr Sudhir S. Kohakade, IRS, Deputy Director General of Shipping, Directorate General of Shipping

★ Mr Rajiv Jalota, (Retd. IAS), Advisor, Indian Ports Association

★ Capt. Deepak Tewari, MD, MSC Agency (India) Private Limited & Chairman, Container Shipping Lines Association (India)

★ Mr Naresh Parekh, MD, Parekh Group

★ Dr Sharmila Amin, Chairperson & Member Board, Globe Forwarding Agencies Pvt. Ltd

Some other highlights of Day 1

The conference sessions and seminars saw participation from some of the titans and leading lights of the industry from the across the spectrum. The themes covered were:

★ Plenary Session: Container Shipping & Logistics in India

★ First Technical Session: Transformation in Heavy Lift Logistics: Technology, Efficiency and Global Collaboration

★ Second Technical Session: The Next Horizon in Break Bulk and Project Cargo: Strategic, Sustainable and Smart Logistics

★ Third Technical Session: Adapting to Change: Geopolitical, Environmental, Market Forces, and Renewable Energy Trends in Project Cargo

★ Heavy Lift Workshop : Project Cargo and Heavy Lift Shipping: Managing Complex Logistics from Start to Finish

★ Masterclass - The Impact of INCOTERMS on International Trade & Logistics Operations and New changes in Bill of lading & synopsis of other new amendments

★ Masterclass - Impact of AI in Logistics & Supply chain : A playbook for scaling growth

★ Masterclass - Advanced Hazardous Materials Handling: From Safety Protocols to Global Regulatory Compliance

★ Seminar - HAZCHEM Transportation: Ensuring Compliance and Safety in a Changing Landscape

★ Seminar - Empowering Women: Career Growth and



Leadership in the Shipping & Logistics Industry

Day 2 set to deliver more insights and impact

An equally compelling second day awaits on **Wednesday, March 18, 2026**, as CTL-BHP 2026 continues at Jio World Convention Centre. Building on the illustrious participation and dynamic exchanges of Day 1, the agenda promises thought provoking perspectives, robust knowledge sharing and deeper engagement with industry leaders.

The expo inauguration/Inaugural Session (CTL 2026) will be graced by:

★ Mr Gaurav Dayal, IAS, Chairperson, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority

★ Mr Dushyant Mulani, Director, Khimji Poonja Freight Forwarders Pvt Ltd & Immediate Past Chairman, Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI)

★ Mr Atit Mahajan, MD, CMA CGM Agencies (India) Pvt. Ltd

★ Mr Aslam Hassan, IRS, Commissioner Export Customs Zone-I, Mumbai

★ Mr Lenny Abrao, Managing Director, Abrao Group

★ Mr Godwin Xerri, Chairman, Focal Maritime Services Co. Ltd & Chairman, Worldwide Ship Agencies Association (WWSA)

★ Mr Vishal P. Mehta, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Djibouti in Maharashtra, Advisor to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of the Republic of Djibouti & CEO, Rushabh Sealink And Logistic Pvt Ltd

★ Mr Parthasarathy Gopalan, Managing Director, PIL (India) Pvt. Ltd

★ Mr Sanjeev Harale, President, Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association (BCBA) & Founder, Interport Clearing Services

★ Mr Gopal Krishna, IAS, Former Shipping Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India & Chairman, CSC (Conciliation and Settlement Committee) & Event Convener

★ Mr Rajen Shah, Chairman & Managing Director, S J Logistics India Limited

★ Mr Shantanu Bhadkamkar, MD, ATC Global Logistics Pvt. Ltd. & President, Association of Multimodal Transport Operators of India (AMTOI)

★ Mr Shankar Shinde, Immediate Past Chairman, Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India & Chairman, IFCBA and Managing Director – Global Express Multilogistics Pvt. Ltd

★ Dr Sharmila Amin, Chairperson & Member Board, Globe Forwarding Agencies Pvt. Ltd

★ Ms Rukhsana Vohra Mithani, Director, SAI MARITIME & MANAGEMENT (P.) LTD. & Representative, JSL Alliance

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