

Goa's Multi-Modal Cargo Complex Enhancing the Logistics Sector

World Trade Center (WTC) Goa organized an industry visit to the new Multi-Modal Cargo Complex established at Balli in South Goa to enlighten exporters and the Goan industry about the features and benefits of the facility. The delegation included associate members of WTC Goa, Goan exporters, and representatives from the local industry.

In international trade, logistics is a crucial sector that ensures goods and services reach their destinations in good condition and within the estimated time limits. Roads, railways, airways, and ports are the four main pillars of logistics, ensuring efficient and timely delivery of goods.

Goa is well-positioned with a natural port, two international airports, good rail connectivity, and a mix of national highways and local roads. These factors support seamless cargo transfer to client doorsteps, bolstering Goa's potential to become a key logistics hub on India's western coast. Such a hub can cater to the needs of exporters and importers in Goa as well as those in neighboring states like Maharashtra and Karnataka.

Multi-Modal Cargo Complexes play a crucial role in integrating rail, road, air, and sea transport, making storage and movement of cargo more convenient. In 2018, the Konkan Railway Corporation Limited and the Container Corporation of India Limited jointly set up Goa's first Multi-Modal Cargo Complex at Balli. This complex facilitates the direct transportation of containerized cargo between Goa and Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNPT) in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The new facility reduces the transport time from 36-40 hours to just 16-18 hours, offering a cost-effective and environmentally friendly mode of transport.

Located on National Highway 66, the park includes a railway line of the Konkan Railway running directly into it. It features warehouses for EXIM cargo, domestic cargo, and a bonded warehouse, serving industrial areas such as Canacona, Verna, Mapusa, Thivim, and Vasco. The facility is managed by **Terminal Manager Mr. Alex T John, Mr. Sooraj M V**, and other officials.

The delegation during the visit were impressed by the current services offered by the complex and also gained insights into its future expansion plan. The facility will play a vital role in enhancing logistics efficiency for Goa and its neighboring states.

The visit to the Multi-Modal Cargo Complex at Balli, South Goa was organized on June 15, 2024.



Caption:

Delegates taking atour of the Multi Modal Cargo Complex (left), Delegates being addressed by Mr Alex T John, Terminal Manager (top right), delegates at the Multi Modal Cargo Complex (bottom right)