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Goa Positions Itself as Emerging Logistics Gateway to South-Western India

World Trade Center Goa (WTC Goa) successfully Hosted a high-impact event titled “Global Logistics, Advantage Goa” at its center in the business district of Patta, Panaji on the 2nd of June 2025. The event aimed to spotlight Goa’s rapidly growing potential as a key logistics hub, leveraging its robust infrastructure and strategic geographic location.

The event brought together key players from the logistics and cargo sectors to explore how Goa could serve as the Gateway to South-Western India, offering seamless access to industrial clusters in neighbouring states such as Maharashtra and Karnataka. With two international airports in North and South Goa, a modern multimodal logistics park, a well-developed rail and road network, and the strategic Mormugao Port, Goa presents a comprehensive multimodal logistics ecosystem.

One of the major highlights of the event was the proposal to launch a feeder vessel service connecting Mormugao Port to Mundra Port. This initiative is expected to significantly reduce logistics costs, especially for MSMEs, who currently rely on JNPT in Mumbai for exports. The alternate route via Mundra promises not only cost-efficiency but also an increase in domestic cargo movement, generation of employment, and enhanced revenue for the state.

Other key points discussed included:

- Establishment of bonded warehouses

- Less-than-container load (LCL) services tailored for MSMEs

- Expansion of reefer (refrigerated) facilities

- Strengthening rail connectivity

Enhancing air cargo facilities for high-value and perishable exports Participants noted that these developments would reduce planning time for MSMEs by offering export infrastructure closer to their base of operations. Hinterland exporters from neighboring states would also benefit from Goa’s superior road connectivity and convenient access to its airports.

The event was attended by prominent representatives from Delta Ports Mormugao Terminal Pvt Ltd, Air India Limited, Sharaf Cargo Pvt Ltd (representing Gulf Air and Oman Air), Athena Global Logistics Pvt Ltd, and Krystal Holidays and Courier Services, among others.

Stakeholders unanimously acknowledged the need for a follow-up meeting involving formalized MoUs and collaborative frameworks that could drive transformative growth in Goa’s logistics landscape. WTC Goa reiterated its commitment to act as a facilitator in bringing stakeholders together and unlocking new economic opportunities that align with the state’s potential to become a regional logistics powerhouse.

The event was held at World Trade Center Goa on the June 2, 2025