

3rd Supply Chain Competitiveness Summit & Awards 2024

Navigating Digitalization, Sustainability, and Dynamic Supply Chain Trends in India

April, Delhi, 2024

Agenda
<p>Time: 9:30 am - 10:00 am</p> <p>Registrations & Networking Tea</p>
<p>Time: 10:00 am - 10:30 am</p> <p>Opening Address: <i>Dr. Annurag Batra, Chairman & Editor-in-Chief, BW Businessworld & Founder, Exchange4Media</i></p>
<p>Time: 10:30 am - 10:55 am</p> <p><i>Partner Backed Session</i></p>
<p>Time: 11:00 am - 11:40 am</p> <p>Panel Discussion 1: <i>Unleashing Supplier-Enabled Innovation through Unified Platforms and Strategic Process Dynamics in Supply Chain Management</i></p> <p><u>Discussion Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fostering innovation within the supplier network to enhance product quality, reduce costs, and drive optimal supply chain efficiency.• The imperative of creating a unified platform that facilitates seamless collaboration and communication among all service providers, promoting transparency, and streamlining operations.• Showcasing successful & experimental models of collaborative innovation between suppliers and businesses, emphasizing how such partnerships can lead to continuous improvement and competitive advantages.• Exploring scenarios where centralizing certain aspects of the supply chain process enhances control, cost-effectiveness, and agility, while considering the potential trade-offs.• Examining situations where a decentralized approach fosters responsiveness to local market demands, illustrating how this can contribute to overall competitiveness.• Strategies for mitigating risks associated with supplier-enabled innovation, unilateral platforms, and process centralization or decentralization, ensuring a resilient and adaptable supply chain.

Time: 11:45 am - 12:25 pm

Panel Discussion 2:

Empowering Supply Chains: Unraveling the Dynamics of Supply Chain Finance in India

Discussion Points:

- Financial implications of the National Logistics Policy, comparing initial plans with the actual implementation.
- Challenges, successes, and areas for improvement.
- Analyzing the year-on-year cost benchmarks between FY 21-22, FY 22-23, and projections for FY 23-24. Explore how organizations manage costs, optimize financial resources, and ensure sustainability amidst market fluctuations.
- How supply chains are evolving financially to address the ever-changing demands of the customer. Strategies employed to enhance financial resilience, improve operational efficiency, and adapt to emerging trends.
- Financial implications of ensuring compliance with evolving regulations in the supply chain. Explore how organizations are integrating regulatory compliance into their financial planning processes.
- How organizations are using scenario planning to build financial resilience in the face of uncertainties, geopolitical changes, and other external factors.

Time: 12:30 pm - 01:10 pm

Panel Discussion 3:

Charting a Sustainable Course: ESG-Compliant Supply Chain Strategies for a Greener Tomorrow

Discussion Points:

- Strategies for integrating sustainable practices into procurement processes, emphasizing responsible sourcing, fair labor practices, and ethical supplier relationships.
- Role of circular economy principles in supply chain development, emphasizing the importance of reducing waste, recycling, and promoting a closed-loop system.
- Initiatives and technologies aimed at minimizing the carbon footprint of supply chain activities, including transportation, manufacturing, and packaging.
- Delve into the measurement and reporting of ESG metrics within the supply chain, considering transparency and accountability as key drivers for sustainable practices.
- Evolving regulatory landscape concerning sustainability and ESG compliance in India, and how businesses can stay ahead of regulatory requirements.
- Innovative technologies and practices that contribute to sustainable supply chain development, from green logistics to eco-friendly packaging solutions.
- Employee engagement and awareness in fostering a culture of sustainability within the supply chain, ensuring that all stakeholders contribute to ESG objectives.

Time: 01:15 pm - 01:55 pm

Panel Discussion 4:

A Deep Dive into AI, Digitalization, and Next-Gen Technologies Transforming Supply Chains

Discussion Points:

- Automation, Augmented Intelligence, and Innovative Tech Solutions for Enhanced Competitiveness.
- Harnessing the power of artificial intelligence to optimize decision-making, predictive analytics, and operational efficiency.
- Mapping the journey towards a fully digitalized supply chain, from end to end.
- Exploring emerging technologies such as blockchain, IoT, and machine learning for a future-ready supply chain ecosystem.
- Addressing the critical importance of securing digital supply chain infrastructure and data against evolving cyber threats.
- Evaluating the return on investment for technology implementations in supply chain processes.

Time: 02:00 pm - 03:00 pm
Networking Lunch

Time: 03:00 pm - 03:40 pm

Panel Discussion 5

Steering Modern Trade Dynamics in India's Digital-First Era

Discussion Points:

- Rise of D2C models and how they are disrupting traditional distribution channels, the challenges and opportunities for supply chain optimization.
- The impact of digitalization on modern trade, examining how new age tech is reshaping traditional supply chain models.
- Integration of e-commerce platforms with traditional supply chain networks, enhancing efficiency, reducing lead times, and meeting customer expectations.
- Innovative last-mile delivery solutions and their role in addressing the challenges of delivering goods directly to consumers in urban and rural areas.
- The importance of real-time visibility in modern trade, considering how technologies like RFID, GPS, and advanced analytics contribute to better tracking and monitoring of goods in transit.
- Role of data analytics in modern trade supply chains, emphasizing how insights derived from data can optimize inventory management, demand forecasting, and overall supply chain performance.

Time: 03:45 pm - 04:25 pm

Panel Discussion 6

Navigating Change Through Stress Testing, Scenario Modeling, and Connected Planning

Discussion Points:

- Importance of stress testing supply chain systems to identify vulnerabilities and enhance resilience in the face of unexpected disruptions.

- Role of scenario modeling in anticipating and preparing for various supply chain disruptions, such as natural disasters, geopolitical events, and market fluctuations.
- How supply chains are evolving to align with changing customer demands, emphasizing the need for agile planning processes that prioritize customer satisfaction and adaptability.
- Significance of connected planning, leveraging real-time data to enable agile decision-making and optimize the entire supply chain ecosystem.
- Common challenges in implementing stress testing, scenario modeling, and connected planning, and share best practices for overcoming these hurdles.

Time: 04:30 pm - 05:10 pm

Panel Discussion 7

Embracing the Future: Key Trends in Shaping the Future of Supply Chains in India

Discussion Points:

- Adoption of New Age tech and Automation in reshaping supply chain operations, enhancing efficiency, reducing costs, and fostering innovation.
- Impact and challenges of digitization within domestic supply chain networks
- Adopting SCaaS models, exploring how businesses can leverage external expertise and technology to enhance agility, scalability, and cost-effectiveness in their supply chains.
- Innovative approaches to introducing new products into the supply chain, focusing on speed to market, adaptability, and collaboration with suppliers for seamless integration.
- Circular economy principles in supply chains, how businesses can reduce waste, improve sustainability, and create closed-loop systems for a more environmentally friendly approach.
- Importance of building resilient supply chains in the face of global uncertainties, examining strategies to mitigate risks, enhance visibility, and ensure business continuity.
- The increasing focus on regulatory compliance and ethical sourcing in supply chain management, exploring how businesses can align with national standards and meet consumer expectations.
- How changing customer demands are influencing supply chain trends, focusing on customization, personalization, and the role of technology in meeting heightened expectations.

Time: 05:15 pm - 05:40 pm

Networking Break & High Tea

Time: 05:45 pm - 06:00 pm

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Opening Address by Dr. Annurag Batra, Chairman & Editor-in-Chief, BW Businessworld & Founder, Exchange4Media

Time: 06:00 pm Onwards

Awards Felicitation Ceremony

