

# Logistics has become centerpiece of India's policy: Piyush Goyal

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Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal today said that logistics has become the centerpiece of India's policy-making in its journey towards becoming a developed nation and a leader in international trade.

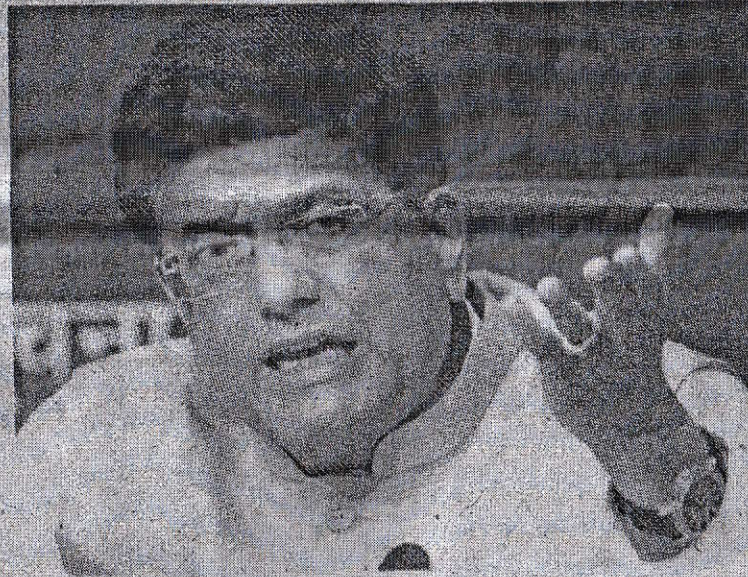
He also stated that the express delivery of services has transformed through innovative ideas under the present government.

During his address at the ICRIER Release of the Report on Express Delivery Services in New Delhi, Goyal praised the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) for a report which aims to improve the overall logistics system by partnering with industry and

government.

He said that ICRIER acts as a bridge between government and industry. He added that it must work with industry experts on the roadmap for fruitful realisation and implementation of the recommendations of the report.

The minister noted that the growth in overall exports over the last two years despite challenges like inventory pile-up, high raw material costs, freight issues, and the Covid-19 pandemic's impact is commendable. He said the government is making a conscious effort to change the mindset of looking at things from the old perspective and living in hesitations of history. It is the result of these efforts that the overall exports from India in 2022-23 are expected to be about \$765 bil-



lion, he said.

Goyal said the government is focused on taking digital connectivity across the length and breadth of the country, with 4G and broadband inter-

net reaching almost every corner of the country. He observed that the seamless digital connectivity enabled India to deliver services on time during the COVID period by facil-

itating work from home. He said that this express delivery of services through an expansive digital network created over the last 8 years must be duplicated in the logistics sector for timely delivery of goods.

He said that Express Delivery Services is yet to come to terms with the huge potential India holds. The minister noted that scale, efficiency, and building blocks through technology must be utilised to bring down the cost of logistics.

He said the government is taking steps in this direction through massive infrastructure development through PM GatiShakti for smarter and faster planning and implementation of projects, Unified Logistics Interface Platform and dedicated freight corridors.