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A Note from the Desk of the CEO

"January ushers in momentum as we strengthen industry bonds, elevate learning outcomes, and advance operational excellence. As we lay the groundwork for apprenticeship expansion and digital capabilities, I remain inspired by our community's dedication and the path ahead for logistics skilling."

Strategic Engagements That Inspire



A Path-Breaking Centre of Excellence launched in Udumalpettai

January 2026 marked a significant milestone with the launch of the Udumalapettai Centre of Excellence for Skill Development, hosted at Sri Kannika Parameswari. Established with a capital investment of ₹1 Crore by the Mahalakshmi & Muthuramalingam Trust, supported by ₹25 Lakhs towards annual operations and an additional ₹25 Lakhs per annum from Redington, the Centre represents a powerful model of collaborative investment in workforce development.

Designed to produce 360 industry-ready candidates annually, the CoE will serve as a regional hub for logistics training, strengthening access to structured skilling opportunities in Tamil Nadu's emerging industrial belt.



Strategic Engagements That Inspire

Expanding Academic Alliances Across Regions

LSC continued to deepen its academic footprint through strategic partnerships with leading institutions across India. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with SVV Career & Skill Institute, Madurai, recognising the institute as a Channel Partner for the Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programme (AEDP), Online Certification Programmes, Nursing Skills, and international admissions pathways.

Further strengthening its outreach, LSC formalised collaborations with EdNexus, Chennai, to support school-level programmes, and with Sri Sankara College of Arts & Science, Kanchipuram, where Online Certificate Programmes have been introduced as value-added components within the humanities curriculum.

These partnerships reflect a structured effort to embed logistics skilling across multiple educational tiers, creating seamless pathways from classroom learning to employability.



Strategic Engagements That Inspire



Pioneering AEDP Expansion in the North-East

A landmark collaboration was established with Assam Skill University, Guwahati, to introduce the Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programme in Logistics and a Logistics Specialisation stream within its MBA curriculum from the Academic Year 2026–27. Notably, this marks the first implementation of AEDP in Logistics in the North-East region.

In parallel, SRM University, Trichy, partnered with LSC to introduce AEDP in Logistics from the forthcoming academic year, with discussions underway to operationalise the university as an affiliated training centre for regional youth skilling initiatives. These developments signal a decisive geographic expansion of structured logistics education, aligning higher education with industry-integrated learning models.

Strategic Engagements That Inspire



Engaging Industry at NEXTGEN SCM Summit 2026

LSC actively participated in the NEXTGEN SCM Summit 2026 held in Mumbai on 16 January, where the team showcased its initiatives through a dedicated exhibition stall. The platform provided an opportunity to engage with industry leaders, corporates, and supply chain professionals, creating awareness about structured skilling frameworks and emerging career pathways in logistics. The summit reinforced LSC's role as a visible thought partner within the national supply chain ecosystem.

Strategic Engagements That Inspire

Strengthening Knowledge Partnerships Through National Seminars

As Knowledge Partner, LSC collaborated with BK Birla College, Kalyan, for a National Level Seminar on “Challenges and Opportunities for India in Global Logistics Management.” The event brought together academicians, industry experts, and students to deliberate on India’s positioning within the global supply chain landscape. Such forums continue to elevate discourse around logistics competitiveness while reinforcing LSC’s academic engagement strategy.

Deepening Industry–Academia Connect Through Regional Outreach

Strategic visits across industrial and academic clusters further strengthened engagement networks during the month. A visit to the Sriperumbudur Industrial Area led to corporate training discussions with Snowman Logistics and manpower engagement prospects with Bullet Logistics. In Bengaluru, interactions with the National Institute of Management Studies (NIMS), Sri Raja Rajeswari Group of Institutions, HKBK Group of Institutions, and Sequel Logistics opened avenues for structured training programmes, internship facilitation, and corporate skilling initiatives. Additionally, discussions with Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan Engineering College, Mamilapuram, explored short-term training integration for engineering and MBA students. These outreach initiatives reinforce LSC’s proactive strategy of aligning institutional training supply with evolving industry demand.



Skilling Excellence in Action

Driving Placement Momentum at COLTE, Chennai

The placement drive conducted at COLTE, Chennai on 21 January 2026 delivered strong outcomes for students of the EXIM Executive (Batch 26) and Supply Chain Associate (Batch 27) programmes. Of the 55 participating candidates, approximately 85% were successfully selected or shortlisted for subsequent interview rounds.

Nine reputed organisations—including Sankyu Logistics, Stockarea, KPS – Transport & Logistics, Transystem Logistics International Pvt. Ltd., Zepto, Delhivery, Buzzworks, Gaerish Logistics Pvt. Ltd., and Alpha Exim Management Pvt. Ltd.—engaged actively during the drive, reflecting sustained employer confidence in LSC-trained talent. Additionally, students from COLTE's Paid Programme were shortlisted by Delhivery, reinforcing the industry readiness embedded within the curriculum.



Skilling Excellence in Action

Expanding Short-Term Training Impact in Academia

An offline Short-Term Training (STT) programme on Certified Data Analyst in Supply Chain (CDASC) was successfully delivered to 65 MBA students of Kalasalingam University, Virudhunagar. Conducted over weekends from 19 December 2025 to 25 January 2026, the programme blended conceptual foundations with applied analytics exposure.

Apprenticeship facilitation for participating students is currently underway, ensuring that classroom learning transitions seamlessly into structured industry engagement.



Skilling Excellence in Action



Advancing Corporate Skilling Engagements

Corporate training momentum continued to build with multiple engagements across sectors. An in-house programme on Outbound Logistics has been scheduled for employees of Transystem Logistics International Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru. Expeditors International Pvt. Ltd. has expressed interest in experiential soft skills training for its workforce, while the Indian Navy has sought structured training in Forklift Operations for its personnel.

These engagements underscore growing industry recognition of structured, domain-specific upskilling as a strategic imperative.

Skilling Excellence in Action

Scaling Outreach through CSR and Inclusive Skilling

LSC initiated discussions with AU Small Finance Bank, Jaipur, for a CSR-supported skilling initiative targeting vulnerable youth (SC/ST communities) across Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Barmer, and Bikaner districts of Rajasthan.

Additionally, a Warehouse Associate training programme has been planned in Pune for candidates mobilised by Head Held High, further extending access to structured skill development among underserved communities.

These initiatives reinforce LSC's commitment to inclusive growth through industry-aligned skilling.



Skilling Excellence in Action



Strengthening National Targets under PMKVY 4.0

Under PMKVY 4.0, the logistics sector has received an updated assessment target of 12,289 candidates for the current financial year. Supplementing this, school-level assessment targets have been allocated by the Punjab School Board (396 candidates) and the Gujarat School Board (112 candidates).

These mandates represent a significant expansion in assessment responsibility and signal the sector's growing footprint within the national skilling framework.

Elevating Standards through Global Curriculum Development

International engagements progressed with Saudi Arabia Logistics (SAL), where customised learning material is being developed for the second course of the Warehouse Executive programme. Proposals were also submitted for a bundled suite of logistics courses and for the development of an Applied Supply Chain Analytics (ASCA) programme.

The ASCA initiative envisions integrating predictive modelling and real-time data visualisation into logistics workflows—transforming traditional supply chains into data-driven, resilient systems. These curriculum advancements reflect a strategic pivot toward analytics-led logistics capability building.

Skilling Excellence in Action



Accelerating Digital Innovation in Learning Ecosystems

A comprehensive online assessment platform for partners and training providers enhancing digital governance of assessments was developed.

Furthermore, an indigenous Forklift and Truck Simulator—integrated with immersive Virtual Reality—is currently underway, designed to replicate warehouse floor operations and deliver experiential training environments.

Further digital enhancements include the rollout of a production-grade EXIM software platform for Chennai and Hyderabad COLTE centres, a bilingual promotional campaign for Hyderabad COLTE, and the deployment of a Social Media Leads Tracking Dashboard integrating Meta Ads automation.

Collectively, these initiatives position technology as a core enabler of scalable, future-ready logistics skilling.

Celebrating the Spirit of Togetherness

On the auspicious occasion of Pongal, the LSC team came together to celebrate shared values of gratitude, unity, and collective progress.

The festivities fostered a strong sense of corporate camaraderie, reinforcing collaboration and togetherness across the organisation.



Industry Insights That Shape Tomorrow

The global and Indian logistics landscape in early 2026 is defined by strategic infrastructure expansion, evolving policy frameworks, and resilience in the face of geopolitical and capacity challenges

Mappedu Emerges as a Strategic Multimodal Logistics Hub

The upcoming Multi-Modal Logistics Park at Mappedu near Chennai is set to become one of India's most significant integrated freight ecosystems. Spanning over 184 acres with a projected investment exceeding ₹1,400 crore, the park is designed to enhance multimodal connectivity and reduce logistics costs across southern corridors. With a planned cargo handling capacity of over 7 million metric tonnes annually, the project is expected to significantly strengthen regional distribution efficiency.



Rail-Led Parcel Logistics Gains Momentum

Indian Railways has launched the Rail Parcel pilot initiative across key southern cities including Hyderabad, Bengaluru, and Chennai. The initiative integrates cloud-based workflow systems and electric mobility for first- and last-mile delivery, positioning rail as a viable and environmentally conscious solution for time-sensitive parcel logistics.

Industry Insights That Shape Tomorrow

Policy & Regulatory Developments India and EU Conclude Landmark Free Trade Agreement

On 27 January 2026, the Government of India and the European Union concluded negotiations on a landmark Free Trade Agreement, marking a significant milestone in bilateral economic cooperation.

The agreement is expected to rationalise tariffs across multiple product categories and strengthen customs facilitation mechanisms – setting the stage for smoother cross-border cargo flows and enhanced trade corridor efficiency between India and European markets.

Technology & Innovation Watch AI-Powered Transport Management Platform Launched

Delhivery announced the rollout of its AI-enabled Transport Management System under the TransportOne platform – introducing autonomous decision-support capabilities into freight planning and execution workflows.

The platform integrates predictive routing, real-time load optimisation, and intelligent carrier allocation, marking a significant step toward algorithm-driven logistics orchestration. The development signals the accelerating integration of artificial intelligence into mainstream transport operations across India.

