

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (SHIFT II) LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600034.

#### Webinar Report on

### LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT-AN IMPORTANT NERVE POINT FOR COVID '19 VACCINATION DRIVE IN INDIA

Date: 02.02.2021

Venue: LS Hall

Department of Commerce (Shift – II) organised a webinar on the above titled theme exclusively for all the final year B. Com. Students. The webinar was organised in a combined manner accommodating student participants online and faculty members being present in LS Hall for organising and viewing the webinar. The webinar witnessed 225 participants from the department in ZOOM platform, 14 staff members and 11 students being physically present in LS Hall.

After the inaugural address by Dr K. T Manivannan the Coordinator of the department, the first technical session was handled by Dr. Anita Kumar, Director of CII School of Logistics at AMITY University, Noida and presented her views on COVID '19 - Vaccine Logistics. She emphasised that, during the Pandemic a number of sectors were knocked down but other sectors faced an elevation. She also raised the crucial question that the national leaders have to address "Do we have the logistics required for the vaccination?"

According to her the manufacturing process involves three important aspects, viz.:

- · Research and Development
- · Clinical Trials
- · Large Scale Production

Furthermore, adding to this, Warehousing and Transportation are more serious problems faced during the vaccination. This is because the temperature has to be as low as minus 80 degrees Celsius from the bottled state till it is injected into the person. She concluded with the statement that; the biological law is more important than economic laws.



The second technical session was handled by Dr. K. Bhanumathi, Chief Operating Officer, CII Institute of Logistics. She gave much importance on "IT enablement – CO WIN app". She also made an important point on the recent trend in supply chain management in brief, as given below:

- New Technologies in Supply Chain Management are:
- Blockchain
- 3D Printing
- Big Data Analytics
- Al and Machine Learning
- IOT (Internet of Things)
- Drones for deliveries and driverless vehicles.

Additionally, we have the traceability barrier since there won't be any possibility for recalls as this will heavily burden the over-taxed supply chain. The theme of the webinar was linked to Logistics and Supply Chain Management which has been offered as a specialisation to B. Com., and the students felt that the webinar was informative, engaging and spot on. Students were given opportunity to take part in the Q & A moderated by the Coordinator, Dr K.T. Manivannan who also delivered his thanking note to the CII - Institute of Logistics team. The webinar was organised by Dr M. Sivakumar, President – Commerce Forum, Office Bearers of the Commerce Forum and department faculty members.

No. of Participants: 225 (students) & 14 Staff Members.

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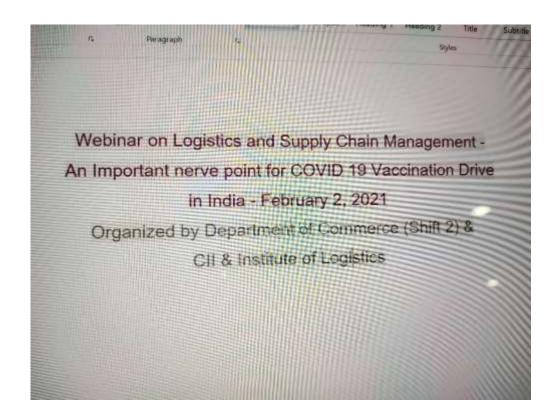
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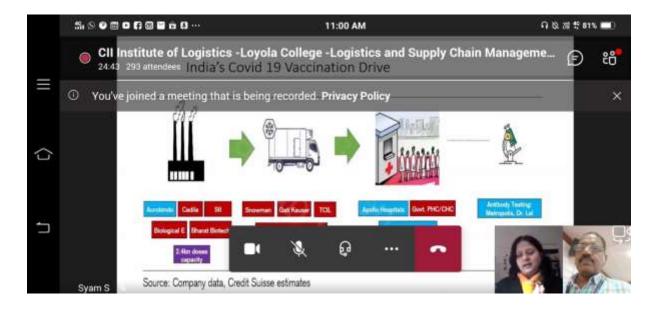
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