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MESSAGE

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I am pleased to learn that Messe Frankfurt India is organizing the 5th edition of Rail India Conference and Expo from 11th to 12th March 2021 at New Delhi. The theme of the Conference "Gearing up & Relooking Strategy in the New Normal" is very much apt and relevant in the present times when we are dealing with the challenges of Covid-19 pandemic.

Indian Railways plays a key role in development of the country. It acts as an Engine of Economic Growth by providing safe, financially viable and environmentally sustainable mode of transport for freight as well as passengers. Indian Railways is focusing on infrastructure augmentation & capacity creation and rapid technology driven modernization with an overall objective to increase modal share of rail in freight traffic and provide efficient and improved service to freight customer and passengers.

Indian Railways has geared up its entire machinery in a big way to fight the Covid-19 pandemic. Recently several new initiatives have been launched including rolling out of series of freight incentive schemes and non-tariff liberalisation measures to improve customer experience, setting up of Business Development Units & launch of Freight Based Development Portal to attract new businesses, Kisan Rails, doubling the speed of freight trains and commissioning of 657 Km of Dedicated Freight Corridor.

I hope that this Conference and Expo would provide an excellent platform for industry players, experts, policy makers and other stakeholders in the rail sector to exchange knowledge and expertise and share innovations and best practices for making rail transport more efficient. This would also provide an opportunity for participants to share experiences and exchange ideas on how to deal with the challenges posed by Covid-19 pandemic more effectively.

I convey my best wishes for the success of this event.


(Suneet Sharma)