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Messe Muenchen India Acquires India International Cargo Show, Creating South Asia's Largest Logistics Trade-Fair Ecosystem

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Mumbai: Messe Muenchen India, one of the country's leading organisers of B2B trade fairs and part of the Messe München Group, has acquired the **India International Cargo Show (IICS)** from Upstream Business Solutions LLP. **As part of this next phase, Messe Muenchen India will work closely with Upstream Business Solutions to shape its future editions together.** The IICS 2025 edition welcomed more than 25,000 trade visitors from over 80 countries and featured more than 200 exhibiting brands across over 15,000SQM of exhibition space.

Over the past four years, IICS has developed into a focused business platform for freight forwarders, airlines, shipping lines, ports, terminals, warehousing and cold-chain operators, express logistics providers, cargo-handling companies and logistics technology businesses.

This brings IICS within Messe Muenchen India's established logistics trade-fair portfolio, creating a broader and more connected platform for the industry. Together, India International Cargo Show, transport logistic India, air cargo India and the forthcoming project cargo India will connect businesses across the movement, handling, storage and management of cargo by air, sea, rail and road. This creates India and South Asia's largest and most comprehensive logistics trade-fair ecosystem.

Bhupinder Singh, President IMEA, Messe München and CEO, Messe Muenchen India, said, “**India International Cargo Show** has built strong relationships across India’s cargo and freight-forwarding industry. Bringing it into our portfolio allows us to serve the market through a series of focused yet complementary platforms. Exhibitors, visitors, associations and industry partners will be able to engage with a much wider part of the logistics value chain through one coordinated portfolio. At the same time, every event will continue to address the specific business priorities and communities it was created to serve.”

This next phase for IICS comes at a time when the scale of India’s international trade is placing greater demands on the country’s freight, cargo and supply-chain infrastructure. Data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in April 2026 shows that India’s merchandise exports reached US\$441.78 billion, while imports stood at US\$774.98 billion in FY 2025–26, resulting in combined merchandise trade of approximately US\$1.22 trillion.

The expanded Indian portfolio will become part of Messe München’s international transport logistic network. In addition to its flagship trade fair in Munich, the network includes events in China, India, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Türkiye and the United States.

Stefan Rummel, CEO, Messe München, said, “India is central to the future of global trade and logistics, and this acquisition underscores our long-term commitment to the market. By combining IICS’s strong local reach in freight forwarding and multimodal cargo with the international transport logistic network, we are building a connected platform that delivers lasting value for customers, partners and the industry.”

transport logistic India and air cargo India were held in Mumbai in February 2026, while project cargo India is scheduled to make its debut in 2027. Each event will retain a distinct sector focus while operating within a coordinated portfolio designed to serve a broader cross-section of the logistics industry. IICS will continue to retain the industry character and relationships that have shaped its growth, while Messe Muenchen India and Upstream Business Solutions will be collaborating on developing the platform for its next phase.

Mohit Mewani, Founder and CEO, Upstream Business Solutions LLP, said, “The India International Cargo Show has been built on the trust and long-term support of its exhibitors, sponsors, associations, speakers and visitors. As IICS enters its next phase with Messe Muenchen India, protecting that trust and building on what the industry has helped create will remain the foremost priority. The focused character of IICS and existing exhibitor commitments will continue. Participants will also gain access to the international reach, sector expertise and resources of the Messe München network. This creates a strong path forward for IICS exhibitors, with greater visibility, broader market connections and more opportunities to participate across a growing logistics portfolio in India and internationally.”

The Mumbai edition of the **India International Cargo Show 2026** will proceed as scheduled from **2–4 December 2026** at the **Jio World Convention Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai**.

Dates and further details for the 2027 edition will be announced separately.

Messe München is one of the world's leading trade fair organisers and operates four event venues in Munich: the **Trade Fair Center Messe München**, the **ICM – International Congress Center Messe München** and the **CCN – Conference Center North Messe München in Munich Riem**, as well as the **MOC – Event Center Messe München in the north of Munich**. Through its subsidiaries, affiliated companies and foreign representatives across Europe, Asia, the United States and South America, Messe München serves customers in more than 130 countries. Its trade fairs, congresses and events provide international platforms for business development, knowledge exchange and engagement across industries.

About Messe Muenchen India

Founded in 2007 as a wholly owned subsidiary of **Messe München GmbH**, Messe Muenchen India is one of India's leading organisers of B2B trade fairs. The company manages a growing portfolio of more than **25 large-scale trade fairs** in India, covering sectors such as electronics and electronic production, construction machinery, environmental technologies, laboratory and analytical technology, pharmaceutical processing and packaging, beverage, dairy & liquid-food processing, transport & logistics, renewable energy, and more. Its portfolio includes trade fairs like **electronica India**, **productronica India**, **bauma CONEXPO India**, **IFAT India**, **analytica Lab India**, **drinktec India**, and **The smarter E India**, among other industry platforms, fostering innovation, business growth, and strategic networking.
