The cold chain industry is seen as an emerging and fast growing business sector in India. Considering the current issue of food shortage and food security in India, cold chain facilities will play an important role in the country. According to Food and Agriculture organization (FAO) of the UN, approximately one third of the food produced for the human consumption, which amounts to 1.3 billion tones, gets lost or wasted. However, this sector has witnessed a considerable growth in the last decade and is expected to have further improvement in growth rate in the years to come.

Latest technology used world over in cold chain sector, is making inroads in India. And with the government sanctioning new cold chain projects in the recent past, the demand for more efficient cold storages is going to increase in the future. Hence, with further support from government, new players are going to enter India and a platform is required where these latest know how, equipments and infra facilities gets noticed and new players are made aware of.

To address this subject matter of national importance, ASSOCHAM organized “NATIONAL CONFERENCE & AWARDS ON COLD CHAIN – Technology, Convergence and Capacity Building” on October 11th, 2019, Hotel Taj Lands End Mumbai. The conference focused on the areas like latest technology in the sector, creation of the cold chain infrastructure, statutory clearances required from the state government, role of clean energy, and linking all these activities with market.

The program was inaugurated by Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Hon’ble Governor of Maharashtra, Other dignitaries present on dais were: Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani, Senior Vice President, ASSOCHAM, Shri Amitabh Mukherjee, Vice President, Transport Corporation of India Cold Chain Solutions, Dr. SK Goel, Former ACS, Agriculture and Marketing, Govt. of Maharashtra and Member, Expert Committee, Agriculture and Food Processing, Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Shri Lalit Gandhi, Sr. Vice President, Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture, Shri Eknath Dawale, IAS, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra, Shri Deepak Sood, Secretary General, ASSOCHAM

There was participation of more than 120 various stakeholders from technology providers, farmers producers organizations, self-help groups, retails companies, food processing units etc.

The event was supported by Ministry of Food Processing Industries, GoI and NABARD.

The Event was well covered by print, electronic and online media.