

AI-Drones transform Indian logistics

Kunal Maheshwari, Chief Growth Officer & Director, Softlink Global, discusses the transformative impact of AI and drones on Indian logistics, from predictive analytics optimising operations to drones revolutionising last-mile deliveries, heralding a smarter, quicker, and more sustainable future.

In his insights, **Kunal Maheshwari** emphasises the transformative impact of artificial intelligence (AI) and drone technology on Indian logistics. The integration signifies a notable shift in operational approaches, promising heightened efficiency and a more sustainable future for the industry.

AI integration

In the landscape of logistics, artificial intelligence (AI) takes centre stage, reshaping operations. Predictive analytics revolutionises demand forecasting by optimising inventory levels and reducing costs. Machine learning algorithms advance route optimisation, not only saving time but also decreasing fuel consumption and environmental impact. Warehouse automation through AI-driven systems marks a significant stride, enhancing operational speed and accuracy. From streamlined inventory management to efficient order fulfilment, logistics operations have redefined efficiency benchmarks. AI-driven tools elevate real-time shipment tracking, fostering informed decision-making, operational transparency, and heightened customer satisfaction and trust. This comprehensive integration showcases AI's pivotal role in transforming the logistics sector for enhanced efficiency and sustainability.

AI's influence

The integration of AI necessitates a recalibration of workforce dynamics. It creates a demand for new skill sets, highlighting the need for extensive upskilling and reskilling initiatives. Softlink Global has launched the first-of-its-kind Logi-Sys Certification Program, designed to upskill



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participants in the use of advanced ERP systems, thereby creating industry-ready professionals. Our partnership with educational institutions aims to expand the reach and accessibility of this program, ensuring a seamless integration of the workforce into this new AI-driven logistics paradigm.

Regulatory compliance is another critical aspect. Navigating the intricacies of data privacy laws, ethical AI use, and cybersecurity standards is paramount.

Drones revolution

The introduction of drones is setting new frontiers in logistics, especially in

addressing last-mile delivery challenges. Drones offer an innovative solution to deliver goods in remote and hard-to-reach areas, bypassing traditional transportation bottlenecks and traffic congestion. This technology paves the way for faster deliveries, reduced operational costs, and an overall enhancement in service delivery efficiency.

Emerging trends

As AI and drones seamlessly intertwine with Indian logistics, a new era unfolds. Beyond efficiency and sustainability, these technologies herald an era of unprecedented innovation and adaptability. The logistics landscape is witnessing a paradigm shift, embracing advanced AI-driven solutions and drone technologies to tackle evolving challenges. This transformative journey ensures operational excellence, and positions the industry at the forefront of technological advancement, promising sustained growth and resilience in the dynamic market.

Conclusion

The incorporation of AI and drones in the Indian logistics sector underscores the dedication to industry transformation. Beyond technological advancement, it aims to reshape logistics, enhancing efficiency, responsiveness, and sustainability. By embracing these changes, one can anticipate positive impacts on customers, the workforce, and the overall logistics ecosystem.

The future of Indian logistics, driven by AI and drones, holds promising prospects for unprecedented growth and innovation, reflecting a forward-looking commitment to evolving industry standards.



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