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Many times in my career as the Chairman of Nation Shipping Board, I have come across sensitive items being exported or imported under cold transportation where logistics and equipments play a tough role. Every year, India wastes about 18% of fruits and vegetables, due to lack of post-harvest storage facilities. Refrigeration and Cold Chain supply has been an imperative link between the consumer and supplier since ages. The total horticulture and non-horticulture produce is approximately more or less 500 million Metric Tonnes a year. Thus we require a system that works in favor for our country's development. Refrigeration segment and cold chains has to play a key and vital role in making Fisheries as a most successful segment as. The concept of farm to fork also needs to have the strong progress of Indian Refrigeration and Cold Chain Industry.

India is making headway in catching up with other front-runners and the market is expected to double in 5 years. With solid foundations like Indian Society of Heating, Refrigerating & Air Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE), Nurnberg Messe India as a Co-Organizer and Co-Reach Partner Go Bananas organizing a head-turner event 'REFCOLD INDIA', is my ray of hope. REFCOLD INDIA's focus on Refrigeration and Cold Chain platform will ensure more gains in 3 days than throughout the year.

I firmly believe that, the Refrigeration & Cold Chain Industry will play a vital role in making "Sagarmala" Project as a success story for entire world.

I bless this event will all my heart and may it achieve the success that we all can benefit and rely on.

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