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Important logistical issues including the Indian Army's ware housing needs, safety mechanisms and a supply chain that enables real-time visibility and increases velocity were deliberated upon in three technical sessions that comprised the seminar. The seminar was also a platform for generation of valuable ideas from the industry in meeting the Indian Army's peculiar requirements that could pave a way for indigenisation in this field in due course.

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