

COLD CHAIN providers such as Blue Star, Voltas, Snowman Logistics— key to the storage and transport of Covid-19 vaccines – may also be among the big gainers

Blue Dart, Allcargo and SpiceJet Seen Among Top Vaccine Plays

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Mumbai: Cold chains and integrated logistics: The frontline warriors in, theoretically, the planet's second-biggest vaccination exercise are drawing as much investor attention as that from the state and its medical fraternity as the countdown starts on mass immunisation in India. Analysts are now busy recommending the winners from this space.

Blue Star, Voltas, Snowman, Blue Dart, Allcargo, and SpiceJet are among the companies that will be as crucial to public health in the immediate future as will be the vaccine makers and care centres.

Blue Star on Thursday said that the company has received a ₹200 crore order for Covid-19 vaccine storage and more such orders are expected in the next few months. Voltas is the other company which has been taking proactive measures in providing cold storage units.

Low-cost carrier SpiceJet on Wed-

Moving Vials

Stocks likely to benefit from vaccine storage and distribution

Company	LTP (₹)	1-M Return (%)	YTD Return (%)	PE	RoE (%)
Aegis Logistics	251.5	20.77	30.01	88.62	6.54
Allcargo Logistics	127.2	5.91	30.48	14.01	10.76
Blue Dart Express	3,937.1	1.00	80.27	-	-7.83
Blue Star	812.0	28.70	-3.44	54.58	17.31
Gati	89.8	48.59	55.14	-	-9.97
Mahindra Logistics	394.4	8.47	-1.94	51.15	10.57
Snowman Logistics	58.7	68.53	37.68	-	-3.51
SpiceJet	81.1	65.01	-28.01	-	-
Voltas	808.0	13.80	22.55	51.70	12.33
VRL Logistics	184.2	22.27	-33.01	18.48	14.27

nesday said it will be giving logistical support for delivery of Covid-19 vaccine through its cargo arm, SpiceXpress. Snowman Logistics said that it already manages vaccine distribution of influenza/swine flu and that experience will come in handy for the Covid-19 vaccine.

“Companies such as Voltas, Blue Star, Snowman, Blue Dart Express, Allcargo Logistics among others that are gearing up to take on the task of storing and transporting vaccines across the country would likely gain, but it's too early to say how much these companies would

benefit in terms of revenues,” said Abhimanyu Sofat, head of research, IIFL Securities. “Their stocks may react positively in the short-term but investors should remember that most of their vaccine-related business are highly controlled and regulated by the government.”

Shares of SpiceJet and Snowman rallied 66% each in the last one month while Blue Star, VRL Logistics, and Aegis Logistics have gained between 20% and 30%. Voltas and Mahindra Logistics rallied 13% and 9%, respectively.

“Voltas and Blue Star are likely to benefit from the opportunities in the cold storage of vaccines. As they are manufacturers of commercial refrigeration, they will cater to this demand aggressively,” said Arafat Saiyed, analyst, Reliance Securities.

Some of these companies have initiated talks with the government and pharmaceutical companies to ensure seamless delivery and distribution under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP).