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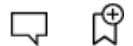
SLCM deploys GPS-enabled digital locking solutions across 1,500-plus storage facilities



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Sohan Lal Commodity Management (SLCM) Group has announced the deployment of GPS-enabled digital locking solutions across more than 1,500 high-value storage facilities - including warehouses, cold storages, silos, and oil tanks - spanning 240 districts across 19 states in India.

A media statement said that the move comes at a critical time when India suffers significant annual post-harvest losses exceeding ₹1.5 lakh crore. Additionally, nearly 28 million tonnes of food grains intended for the poor under the public distribution system are either stolen, diverted, or wasted due to leakages in the system.

The findings, based on national consumption data, underscore the urgent need to plug gaps in a supply chain spread across the country. These issues not only contribute to food insecurity but also lead to a trust deficit among farmers, lenders, and supply chain stakeholders.

Agri Suraksha by SLCM is a real-time digital surveillance solution that combines solar-powered CCTV, GPS-enabled digital locks, and live dashboards to deliver complete traceability, security, and actionable insights for agricultural commodities. With end-to-end monitoring and data-backed oversight, it offers unparalleled control and transparency throughout the agricultural value chain, it said.

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Extensive network

SLCM Group has a network of more than 20,000 warehouses across India, 100-plus cold storages, and a throughput of over 6000 million tonnes. As of March 31, the company managed daily assets under management (AUM) worth ₹11,186 crore. Nearly 60 per cent of this AUM, amounting to more than ₹6,000 crore, is now secured on a daily basis through SLCM's digital locking solution.

The statement said the innovation addresses long-standing concerns of thefts, intrusion attempts, and commodity spoilage, which have traditionally led to financial losses, food insecurity, and a trust deficit among farmers and stakeholders.

Quoting Sandeep Sabharwal, Group CEO of SLCM, the statement said: "Security has long been a silent crisis in India's post-harvest landscape, resulting in not just economic losses, but a loss of trust across the agri-value chain. At SLCM, we believe the future of agriculture lies at the intersection of technology, trust, and transparency. With the deployment of our GPS-enabled digital vaults, we are not just securing commodities—we are securing livelihoods, ensuring food security, and building the phygital backbone of India's agri-economy. This milestone is a testament to our unwavering commitment to innovation-led impact that transforms every link of the agricultural value chain."

Mitigating risks

Prashant Sharma, Chief Technology Officer of SLCM, said, "We have integrated advanced surveillance, alert systems, and GPS-enabled digital locking mechanisms to ensure real-time protection and accessibility of agri-assets. Our commitment to capability building through a strong R&D framework has been instrumental in achieving this benchmark, making SLCM a pioneer in phygital agri-infrastructure."

Salman Ullah Khan, Chief Business Officer of SLCM, said the deployment of digital vaults in more than 1,500 storage significantly mitigates operational and financial risks across SLCM's storage network. "It not only ensures the physical security of agri-assets but also reinforces the confidence of our clients — including banks, corporates, NBFCs, and agri-enterprises — by offering a transparent, tamper-proof environment. Trust, built on technology and process integrity, is at the core of our operational excellence," Khan said.

Vipul Sahai, Head - Audit Control and Loss Prevention, said: "Our digital locking solution embeds compliance at its core. With real-time access logs and automated reports, we operate with greater transparency and precision, which enhances risk control and regulatory confidence. It provides us with airtight documentation, ensuring accountability at every level while significantly reducing compliance risks."