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Live the Grand Experience



11th October 2022 would remain a **Red Letter Day** in the history of the **Anglo-Eastern Group**. One would imagine a wedding ceremony about to start. **The floral decorations in the lobby and throughout the Anglo-Eastern Maritime Training Centre (AEMTC), spread over 32,000 sq. ft. of prime office space was indeed a feast to the eyes.**

(COO of Anglo-Eastern) **Capt. Vinay Singh (MD Marine HR Anglo-Eastern)** and **Capt. Pradeep Chawla (MD Training & Quality Anglo-Eastern)**, Other esteemed guests included **Capt. A.K. Azad (Principal Officer Govt. of India)**, and other dignitaries from DG Shipping. Also present were, MAN representatives, Senior managers of Anglo-Eastern, Representatives



Capt Deboo addressing the audience

Bouquets to Mr. Kumar Bariar, Capt. Muduli, Capt. Azad, Mr. Philip Elberling and Mr. Carsten Ostenfeldt.

He then carried on with a very comprehensive presentation, describing the various courses and activities being conducted at the centre, which have been highlighted below. Capt. Deboo also highlighted the number of IMO Model courses written at AEMTC and the number of Awards received by AEMTC. This was followed by a speech from the **Chief Guest, Mr. Kumar Bariar** who described the strength of the Indian Maritime Industry and complemented Anglo Eastern on the hard work in creating this new training institute and verbalised that

he was extremely happy with the training being conducted at AMETC and that, we as a company, make the nation proud. **Mr Bariar declared Anglo-Eastern as one of the best training institutes among the 150 training institutes present in India.** He then mentioned

the Prime Minister's goal of making India the Next Leader. He further spoke of the new fuels and new modern engines expected in the shipping industry in the future.

The **CEO of Anglo-Eastern, Capt. Bjorn Hojgaard** sent in a recorded video to be played to the audience. He expressed his regret for not being able to attend and further went on to praise and thank the Anglo-Eastern Team for the hard work and for the successful completion of this Herculean Task. He wished every success to the team and invoked the team to continue doing what it does best, namely **"Shaping a better Maritime future."**

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The ceremony began with the cutting of the Ribbon, by the **Chief Guest Mr Kumar Sanjay Bariar (ADG of Shipping, Govt. of India)**. This was followed by the **lighting of the Lamp of Knowledge** by the **Chief Guest Mr Kumar Bariar, Capt. R.K. Muduli (Dy. Nautical Advisor to Govt. of India), Mr Carsten Ostenfeldt**

from External Ownership Companies, and AEMTC Faculty & Staff.

On completion of The Lighting of the Lamp, the guests were assembled in our auditorium where, after a safety brief, **Capt. Kersi Deboo (Director & Principal of AEMTC)** took the lead and introduced the dignitaries and announced the presentation of Floral



CEO of Anglo-Eastern, Capt. Bjorn Hojgaard- Video Message

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Mr Carsten Ostenfeldt (COO of Anglo-Eastern) followed with his speech in which he said that this new training centre was proof of the commitment that Anglo-Eastern has to the concept of Life Long Learning. He expressed that many months, even years of planning and project had gone into the final completion of this awesome training centre. **He said that this training centre is our small contribution to the success of the nation. He expressed that the 18000 plus seafarers, employed by Anglo-Eastern would at some point or the other, benefit from this facility.** Mr Carsten ended by thanking the team for their dedication and marvelling at the sparkle and commitment in the eyes of all at AEMTC.

Finally the **Managing**



Capt. Pradeep Chawla, addressing the gathering, Capt Deboo and Mr Francis by the side

Director of Training and Quality, Capt. Pradeep Chawla, "The Man For All Seasons", the man with the vision, took the dais and went on to thank the audience and the entire Anglo-Eastern team for bringing this Inauguration to fruition. **He spoke about the faith that senior management in HKG has always had in the officers**

and crew of the company and how they were always willing to fund training because they believed that a team of well-trained officers, delivers a safe voyage. Capt. Chawla was all praise for the faculty at AEMTC and expressed his gratitude by calling on each faculty member to stand and take a bow.

One of the highlights



Mr. Philip Erlan, Mr. Carsten, Principal Francis Akkara, Capt. Pradeep Chawla, Capt. R. K Muduli Shri Kumar Sanjay Bariar, Capt Deboo and at MANPRIME Training Facilities

of the day was the **Inauguration of the New MAN ME Model** which has been added to the MAN PrimeServ classroom at AEMTC. The inauguration was performed by **Mr Phillip Elberling from MAN PrimServ Copenhagen.**

Highlights of the New Training Centre:

The New Training Centre boasts of being **built in synchronism with our corporate theme in terms of colour, looks and interior design.** The similar looks of any AESM office Globally are well appreciated and are evident onwards, from the reception itself.

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Inauguration of "Anglo Eastern Maritime Training Centre" - New Location

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Every effort has been taken to use recycled material for wall work, high energy-saving lights and air conditioners fitted with occupancy sensors to save energy. The server room and network connections are made according to HKG directives considering adequate redundancy, and ready to meet any challenges and eventuality in the IT domain. To have a feeling of openness, double-glazed glass, wherever possible to get natural light has been used.

The New Centre has Five Full Mission Navigation Simulators



(1 x 360 degree and 4 x 180 degree), **one New Engine Room Ship Simulator** having the option to choose from **7 different Engine Models**, one WinGD Simulator, One RT Flex Engine Simulator, one LCH Simulator with 7 Ship Models, **one (IGF) Inert Gas Fuel Bunkering Simulator**, one ECDIS Simulator with 12 stations, **one Man Prim-Serv Training Room**, one GMDSS Simulator, 2 Automation Classrooms, 2 Instrumentation Classrooms and one Jibe / ECDIS training Classroom. Besides the above, there are also various

other classrooms including a Soft Skill Classroom, 4 Webinar Rooms, **a 72-seater Auditorium**, a Conference room, 2 Library Rooms and a **Cafeteria spacious enough to seat 80 persons at one time.**

Full-fledged courses have commenced at the new Training centre since 3rd May 2022 with a few courses continued via Webinar. Let's say **"AEMTC is running at Full Ahead"**

The Training centre has successfully completed an Internal Audit and an External DNV Audit

and has already cleared the DG audit for the DG courses being conducted at AEMTC and all the requirements for the corresponding infrastructure.

Additionally, the Construction of a new Workshop Facility at AEMA (Karjat) has begun, with a target to complete the workshop prior to our Annual Seminar planned in Feb 2023.

Background to New Training Centre:

Anglo Eastern Maritime Training Centre (AEMTC) started in a small classroom along

with the Crew Personnel Office in Sannox Centre, Mumbai in the year 1994. In the year 1998, the training centre shifted to St. Xavier Technical Institute, Mahim, where two training rooms and office space were made available for carrying out key training courses. As Anglo-Eastern Ship Management (AESM) started getting more ships under their management, a decision was taken to establish an independent Training Centre to train AESM crew. In the millennium year, 2000, AEMTC moved to Parsi Panchayat Road, a two-storied training Centre with GMDSS, Automation courses, Engine and Navigation simulator courses, and safety and soft-skills-related courses. Slowly, AESM grew to more than 100 ships and then the crew strength and training need also proportionately grew. AEMTC grew from around 10,000 sq. feet area to 32,000 sq. feet over a period of 18 years. During this Journey, AEMTC became well-recognized nationally and internationally and received many awards from well-reputed

organizations including Seatrade, Lloyd's list, IHS Markit, DG Shipping and many more. The number of ships increased and the need for training kept growing and once again the need to improve and upgrade was felt.

The staff and faculty of Anglo-Eastern Training Centre (AEMTC) were rather apprehensive when in 2020, we were told about the move from the old training centre at Parsi Panchayat to the new location at Leela Business Park (LBP). No doubt we had full confidence that the change was for the better and thus we plunged into the task of relocating with full strength and energy. **The proof of the pudding was witnessed on the 11th of October 2022 at the official inauguration ceremony held at AEMTC, 4th Floor, LBP Andheri (East) which is right above our Manning Office located on the 3rd Floor of the same building. The proximity to the Airport and to various hotels in the vicinity makes the location very premium.**

MARINE NEWS

Container-ship logjams off US ports finally easing as imports fall

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The good news is that there were fewer than 100 container ships stuck waiting off North American ports as on last week. The bad news is that there were still 99 container

ships offshore and the pre-COVID norm was in the single digits.

There's still a long way to go to clear the backlog. But the current tally is now back to June levels and 35% off recent highs.

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India takes up Maritime Security issues with Mauritius



India and Mauritius discuss collective maritime security

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India discussed Maritime security issues with the Indian Ocean

island of Mauritius a day prior to the opening of the Defense expo at Gujarat's capital Gandhi Nagar.

The issue figured during the one to one meeting the Union defense secretary Dr Ajay Kumar had with Mauritius Permanent secretary Devendra Gopaul as part of the series of meeting he had with representatives of various countries attending the defense expo

Defense Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar conducted a series of bilateral meetings with visiting dignitaries from friendly foreign countries prior to Def Expo 2022

in Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat. He held a bilateral meeting with Mr Premitha Bandara Tennakoon, State Minister for Defense, Sri Lanka. They discussed a host of ongoing and future defense cooperation issues.

Another bilateral meeting with the United Arab Emirates delegation led by Mr Matar Salem Ali Marran Aldhaheeri, Defense Secretary, UAE was held. They reviewed the existing defense cooperation mechanisms and explored the possibilities of furthering defense industrial cooperation between India and UAE.

Dr Ajay Kumar later met a Brazilian delegation led by Rear Admiral Vagner Belarmino De Oliveira, Director, Department of Defense Products. They discussed areas of potential defense industrial cooperation between the two countries.

The delegations are in Gandhi Nagar to participate in Def Expo 2022 which is being held between October 18-22. India has two officially designated defense corridors in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu and defense expos used to be held in these states. By holding the high profile defense expo in Gandhi Nagar, the centre is taking steps to attract defense industries to Gujarat.

MoS Shipping inspects Dry Port in Jammu

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Union Minister Shantanu Thakur recently inspected the under-construction dry port in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district and said its completion will facilitate industrial growth and also generate numerous job opportunities for the youth.

Thakur, Minister of State for Ports, Shipping

and Waterways, visited Samba as part of the Centre's outreach programme and assessed the pace of development works across various sectors in the border district.

While inspecting the Inland Container Depot (dry port) being set up by Associated Container Terminal Ltd (ACTL) for felicitation of domestic and international trade, the

Minister said it will pace up the Industrial growth in J&K besides generating numerous job opportunities for the youth.

Earlier, interacting with the public representatives, the **Minister said the government is committed to develop Jammu and Kashmir on all fronts** and every sector will be given due importance for the welfare of the people.

"The Government is ensuring that the benefits of



Union Minister Shantanu Thakur

all the centrally sponsored schemes must reach the last man in the last queue in Jammu & Kashmir," he said.

The Minister virtually inaugurated various

development works including construction of deep drain at Municipal Committee Bari Brahmana under drainage sector having project cost of Rs 2.71 crore, construction of four link roads, two RCC bridge spans, one vented causeway total amounting to Rs 22.68 crore.

The minister also distributed sanction letters among beneficiaries of Mumkin Scheme, LadliBeti Scheme, PMEGP scheme, Handicrafts, Handloom, Landpass Books under Digital India Initiative and three e-rickshaws.

Container-ship logjams off US..... From page : 3

The number of ships waiting off North American ports peaked at around 150 in January, with waiting vessels almost entirely off the West Coast.

The queue fell through the spring as Los Angeles and Long Beach, California, improved their cargo flows. It rebounded back to over 150 in late July, propelled by traffic jams off East and Gulf Coast ports.

It has gradually declined since then.

According to an American Shipper survey of Marine Traffic ship-position data, together with the latest queue lists from California ports, **there were 27 container vessels off the West Coast and 72 off the East and Gulf coasts**

as of mid-day Friday, last week.

Assuming U.S. imports continue to fall month on month, ports should continue to bring down ship backlogs through the remainder of the year.

Data from Descartes and Panjiva showed that U.S. imports fell 12% in September versus August. Data from PIERS showed an 8.2% month-on-month decline.

As port queues wind down, vessel capacity that had been tied up waiting is released into the market.

This increases effective vessel capacity and the number of slots available for cargo. To the extent this is not offset by carriers "blanking" (canceling)

sailings or suspending services, declining port congestion creates downward pressure on spot rates.

Over the past week, Drewry's index for Shanghai-Los Angeles spot rates fell another 13% to \$2,619 per forty-foot equivalent unit. Its Shanghai-New York index declined 8% to \$6,321 per FEU.

Rates have held up better on the East Coast trans-Pacific route, where port congestion has supported pricing to a greater extent than on the West Coast route. Drewry's Shanghai-Los Angeles index is down 76% year on year, while its Shanghai-New York index is down 55%.



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Mumbai Customs & BCBA conduct outreach program on CBLMS



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Mumbai Customs Zone I conducted

a Seminar jointly with Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association (BCBA) on 12.10.2022 for implementation of CBLMS, a step towards Digitization of CB records at Dayashankar Auditorium. More than 200 Custom Brokers attended the Seminar.

Shri Pramod Kumar Agrawal, Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone I gave an insightful address to the entire CB fraternity

regarding the Dream of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for Digital India.

Dr. Deepak Sharma, Additional Commissioner of Customs, Dy Commissioners, Mr. Ashok Chakravarthy. Dr. Meva Ram Ola as well as Mr. Aditya Mahato & Mr. Rodrigues from Mumbai Customs Zone I gave a detailed Presentation to members which was very fruitful. The session was

followed by a Q & A wherein members interacted with Customs Officials with their doubts regarding CBLMS. Mumbai Customs Zone 1 is the first Commissionerate in India directed by CBIC to implement the CBLMS project.

BCBA has pledged to Mumbai Customs in providing full support and a dedicated team to complete the registration of all Custom Brokers at Mumbai Custom Zone on priority. This step towards digitization shall reap multifold benefits for Custom Brokers.

Cyclone alert for Ports in Odisha and West Bengal in next 3 days

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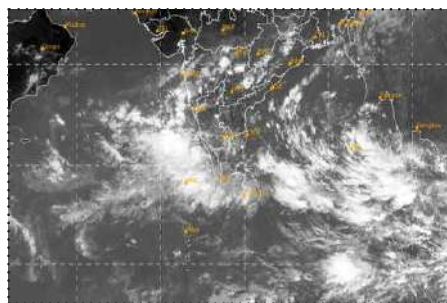
Gangavaram, Dharma, Paradip and Kolkata

A possibility of a cyclonic storm in the next three days is forecast by the Met department affecting North Andhra Pradesh Odisha and West Bengal following the detection of a low pressure area in south east and east central Bay of Bengal.

The ports which need to intensify the vigil include Visakhapatnam,

The low pressure area is likely to move west-northwestward and concentrate into a depression by October 22 morning over central Bay of Bengal. It is very likely to intensify further into a cyclonic storm over west-central Bay of Bengal subsequently," a press release by India Meteorological Department said.

The depression is quite likely



Cyclone Sitrang

to be well-marked and turn into a storm but no forecast is being made on the intensity

of the system and its path. IMD's regional department for monitoring tropical cyclones over the north Indian Ocean said that the cyclone's peak intensity could vary from cyclonic storm to very severe cyclonic storm but a clearer view will only come forward in the next 2-3 days.

The Odisha government, in view of the possible storm, has asked its district collectors to monitor the situation very closely and has put the coastal districts on alert. It has also cancelled the leaves of its employees from October 23-25 in view of the forecast.

World's Largest Wooden Sailing Ship Moors in Malta En Route to Shanghai

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The world's largest ocean-going wooden sailing ship sailed into Malta's Grand Harbour this past weekend before sailing on to Barcelona, Spain, on Tuesday 18 Oct.

The Gotheborg of Sweden will be moored at the Spanish port for the

winter before continuing its voyage to Shanghai, reports Xinhua news agency.

The vessel is on a two-year Asia Expedition, which aims to promote Swedish-Asian trade and create new business opportunities.

It is a replica of an 18th century Swedish East India Company ship that capsized outside Gothenburg, Sweden, in 1745.

The expedition aims to enable people to join the 20-odd crew of professional sailors as deckhands and experience sailing an 18th-century ship, and also to welcome visitors during its stopovers along the route.

The Gotheborg left Sweden on June 8 and has since docked at Helsingborg, Helsinki,



Stockholm, Copenhagen, Oslo, London, Bremerhaven, Lisbon, Malaga, Nice and Monaco.

Barcelona will be its last stop during this year's expedition.

In March 2023, the Gotheborg will set sail for Asia.

It is scheduled to reach Shanghai in September 2023.





Ukraine Grain Backlog Eases with Faster Ship Inspections



Ellie M, a Marshall Islands-flagged cargo ship carrying Ukrainian corn, waits for the inspection at the anchorage area of the Bosphorus southern entrance in Istanbul, Turkey October 10, 2022. REUTERS/Mehmet EminCaliskan

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Alogjam of vessels shipping Ukrainian crops eased at the weekend as inspections sped up, but the backlog remains high with just over a month of the grain-export deal left.

Outbound ships need to be inspected in Istanbul under the deal, and at least 12 were checked

each day from Friday through Sunday. That's up from seven to nine a day earlier in the week. The number of inspection teams edged up to five on Friday, said Amir Abdulla, United Nations coordinator for the Black Sea Grain Initiative.

Shippers are rushing to export as much as possible through the Black Sea corridor before the

current deal expires, with negotiations on extending it continuing.

The backlog of inbound and outbound vessels awaiting checks stood at 131 as of Tuesday, down from 156 on Friday, a spokesperson for the Joint Coordination Centre said.

Ukraine and Russia are both seeking changes to the deal as part of

talks to extend it beyond the current deadline of Nov. 19. While Russian attacks on its neighbor have escalated, the UN on Monday said negotiations in Moscow to renew the accord were constructive.

Some 7.7 million tons of grain and other food products have been exported under the deal as of Oct. 16, according to the Joint Coordination Centre for the Black Sea grain initiative.

Wheat laden vessel reaches Chittagong from Russia after 8.5 months

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Awheat-laden vessel reached Chittagong port from Russia on 13 October for the first time after Moscow began a war with Kyiv in late February.

Since the war broke out, imports from Russia to Bangladesh remained halted due to sanctions imposed by western nations and war-related risks.

After sailing on 17 September from the port

of Novorossiysk in Russia the vessel namely Sealuck II, a flag carrier of Malta, reached the outer anchorage of Chittagong port on 13 October carrying 53,000 tonnes of wheat.

Russian state-owned enterprise OZK Trading LLC is a supplier of wheat to Bangladesh's Food Department.

Unloading of a portion of wheat has started at the outer bar of Chittagong port on the same day by lightening vessels while



Wheat laden vessel

the rest will be unloaded at Mongla port.

The latest import is under the government-to-government arrangement while imports by the private sector still remained

suspended. The last time wheat came from Russia to Bangladesh was on 27 January this year.

The next lot of 450,000 tonnes of wheat from Russia is scheduled to reach Chittagong by December.

Bangladesh mainly imports wheat, the second staple food of the country, from Russia, Ukraine, and India. In the fiscal year 2021-22, Bangladesh sourced 27% of its wheat needs from Russia which

came down to only 6.5% flowing ship rent hikes and war-linked disruptions.

After the war began, trade with Russia was suspended as vessels had been avoiding Russian seaports. Bangladesh's government was also hesitant to import from Russia considering the problems of making payments as Russian banks were blocked from SWIFT messaging system.

However, on 1 September, the Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase gave approval for buying 500,000 tonnes of wheat from Russia.

Container freight rates moving to 'manageable levels': DHL

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The latest DHL Ocean Freight Market Update noted a muted peak season with a downward shift in freight rate levels and demand in key import destinations was starting to slow.

"This year, we did not see the normal rush for space ahead of Golden Week when factories close in China," said Kelvin Leung, CEO, DHL Global Forwarding Asia Pacific.

DHL noted an easing of port congestion on the US West Coast and in Asia although congestion was rising in other areas.

"We've seen an easing of port congestion, although labour strikes at ports in the UK are causing some



Container freight rates show a downward shift

disruption and we're still seeing vessel queues on the US east coast which has offset improvements at US west coast ports," said Leung.

Looking at specific trade lanes for October DHL said the Asia - Europe trade said that the general outlook remained due to China's Golden Week holidays and the

weak demand in Europe. "Port congestion in Europe continues to be a major concern as it results in longer turnaround time for vessels to return to Asia."

Typhoons were expected to impact schedule reliability and more blank sailings and port omissions were expected.

Looking at Asia - North America it commented: "There is no pre-Golden Week rush before the holidays and we expect demand to be flat in October. Shippers are concerned over a potential rail and security guard strike which may have impact on the operation." A tentative agreement to avoid a US freight rail strike was reached on 15 September.

"Global supply chains still face a lot of disruption, but we're seeing service levels from carriers improve as congestion eases and more capacity is freed up, and we expect this trend to continue. However, the balance between supply and demand will be the key to rates stability in the months to come and we are monitoring this development very carefully," said Dominique von Orelli, Global Head, Ocean Freight, DHL Global Forwarding.

CONTAINER TERMINAL NEWS



"Worrying will never change the outcome"

Transworld Group & Messina Line achieve Historic loading performance at Adani Terminal, Mundra

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Transworld Shipping and Logistics Ltd and their Principal Ignazio Messina & C, Spa, Genoa, achieved another milestone in project cargo shipping solution, with historic loading performance on vessel Jolly Quarzo at Mundra Port.

Transworld Shipping and Logistics Ltd., and

Ignazio Messina Line, loaded 16 Steel Pressure Tanks weighing upto 50 M.T. on state of art RORO-Container ships that are world largest RORO - Container ship every deployed. The RORO-Container vessel

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India approves new \$720 million terminals at Kandla Port



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The government of India has approved the development of two new container terminals at Tuna-Tekra in Deendayal Port (Kandla Port) at an estimated cost of Rs 5,963 crore (\$720 million).

The government is planning a container terminal and a multipurpose cargo facility, at an estimated cost of Rs 4,539.84 crore (\$547 million) and Rs 2,250.64 crore (\$271 million) respectively.

The project will be built in public private partnership (PPP) model.

The port authority will invest Rs 296.20 crore (\$35.6 million) and Rs 531.42 crore (\$64 million) towards dredging works and road infrastructure.

"On commissioning of the project, it shall cater to the future

growth in container cargo traffic," the Cabinet said in a statement.

"From 2025, a net gap of 1.88 million TEU shall be available which can be catered by a state-of-the-art container terminal at Tuna-Tekra, which will give it a strategic advantage as it will be the closest container terminal serving the vast hinterland of northern part of India.

"Besides increasing the business potential of Kandla, the project will boost the economy and generate employment." According to the Cabinet's statement, both terminals are greenfield initiatives featuring the most modern and sustainable

operation leading to optimum operational efficiency.

The proposed container terminal will be able to accommodate deeper draught vessels with capacities ranging from 6,000 TEU to 21,000 with a draught of 14 metres to 18 metres.

Overall annual capacity is estimated at 2.19 million TEU.

The proposed multipurpose cargo berth aims to accommodate vessels of 100,000 DWT to 210,000 with a draught of 15 metres to 18 metres.

The facility will be utilised to handle multipurpose cargo, including food grains, fertilisers, coal, ores and minerals, and steel cargo, among others.

APM Terminals, Bahrain join forces for maritime sector development

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During his recent visit to Bahrain, **Keith Svendsen, CEO of APM Terminals**, discussed with Mohammed bin Thamer Al Kaabi, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, the joint efforts the company and Bahraini government are undertaking.

"The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications is committed to developing the ports and maritime

sector as it plays a pivotal role in stimulating economic growth and development and in linking Bahrain with the rest of the world," said the Minister.

"Alongside our partners APMT, the operators of Khalifa Bin Salman Port, we strive in setting plans and initiatives that aim in enhancing port services to achieve excellence, which is positively reflected in the advancements that the port has undergone and its contribution to the Kingdom's economy."

APMT Bahrain plays

a key role in facilitating external trade and marine services via container terminal activities, General Cargo, RoRo, Cruise, and related port services – significantly contributing to Bahrain's economic growth.

"As APMT, we are privileged to enjoy a great partnership with the Government of Bahrain and all our Bahraini stakeholders," added Svendsen.

"As one of the leading employers in the maritime logistics sector

in the country, we take our responsibility very seriously and are proud to be contributing to making our industry more attractive for Bahrainis, not least through our talent programmes.

"We look forward to working further with our Bahraini partners and to contributing further to the ambitious Bahrain 2030 vision." On 24 September, APMT welcomed the largest containership ever to call at Vietnam. With an average crane productivity of nearly 32 containers/hour/crane and



APM Terminals (APMT) and the Bahraini Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications are closely collaborating to further develop the Kingdom's maritime sector.

23-row outreach, **Cai Mep International Terminal (CMIT)** successfully handled almost 16,000 TEU of import, export, transshipment and empty containers.

PORTS (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)

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Puducherry Port to become operational in November



The Puducherry satellite port

PUDUCHERRY
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The Puducherry satellite port is expected to become operational by end of November 2022 after it gets registered with ICEGATE portal

of Customs which is underway. With this registration, Puducherry port will have a single window clearance system for the EXIM cargo.

A dedicated container ship will be in service by the middle of December 2022 which will be operated by a reputed Indian Logistics company. This container ship will be able to carry up to hundred TEUs per voyage each way and will be of great use and help to the EXIM trade in terms of savings in time and cost.

This container ship will connect Puducherry port with the two container terminals of Chennai port, DP world and PSA besides connecting Adani container terminal in Kamarajar port.

The containers cleared by the Customs at Puducherry port will move directly into Chennai and Kamarajar Ports after 12 hours of sailing from Puducherry..

Once the shuttle service is commissioned it would decongest the Grand Southern trunk road linking

Chennai port with various parts of southern and western Tamil Nadu.

A MOU was signed between the Puducherry government and the Union Shipping Ministry to start this service four years ago.

When the trial service was made in February 2018, it was found that the draft was not adequate for the ship to go alongside Puducherry port. Hence the Puducherry government arranged for dredging of the channel in the port which was not successful. It was found that Capital dredging was needed which was decided to be done under the Sagar Mala Project.

This Capital dredging of Puducherry port channel has been completed and it is reported that there is a draft of four meters in the Mouth and six meters in the inner channel of Puducherry port. This draft, shipping sources said would be sufficient for a ship having a full draft of about 3.8 meters.

It is learnt from shipping sources that the ship expected to be in service from December 2022 is about the size that is within this draft level.

It will be a shuttle service between Puducherry and Chennai and Kamarajar ports with EXIM cargo both ways.

Unions fractured as Transnet, UNTU reach long-awaited wage deal

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The agreement was reached on 17 October and will be applicable for the period 1 April 2022 until 31 March 2025, in a process mediated by the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA).

Last week, the South African Transport and Allied Workers Union (SATAWU) joined the UNTU in a walkout over a pay dispute that has rolled on for months.

Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) formally declared Force Majeure on 10 October, with operations impacted beyond the control of TPT and the customer.

"This ends the current industrial action by UNTU members with immediate effect," reads Transnet's latest statement.

"The company's priority in the immediate is clearing any backlogs across the port and rail system – prioritising urgent and time-sensitive cargo, and implementing recovery plans, working with industry and customers."

The agreement applies to all bargaining unit employees, including those who are not members of UNTU and comprises the following:

- Year 1: a 6,0 per cent increase in the basic wage for levels H to L, and 6,0 per cent on the

annual cost-to-company package for level G.

- Year 2: a 5,5 per cent increase in the basic wage for levels H to L, and 5,5 per cent on the annual cost-to-company package for level G.

- Year 3: a 6,0 per cent increase in the basic wage for levels H to L, and 6,0 per cent on the annual cost-to-company package for level G.

- An increase in the medical aid subsidy, in line with the increases in the basic wage, over the duration of the agreement. The increase on the medical subsidy for the 2022/23 financial year will be implemented from 1 October 2022.



Transnet SOC Limited (Transnet) and South African United National Transport Union (UNTU) have reached a three-year wage agreement after weeks of disruptions caused by workers' strike action.

- An increase in the housing allowance commencing from year 2023/24 and 2024/25.

- The back-pay for the period 1 April to 30 September 2022 will be paid in two tranches – three months' back-pay on 15 November 2022, and three months' back-pay on 16 January 2023.

New drone to fly over the Port of Rotterdam

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News Service

For the next few months on certain days, the newest model of Dutch drone manufacturer Avy, AvyAera 3, will fly over Maasvlakte and Europoort in the Port of Rotterdam in the Netherlands.

The drone is intended to take off automatically from a docking station installed at the

Rotterdam-Rheijndijk pilot service at Pistoelhaven, Rotterdam.

The Port of Rotterdam Authority said it wants to find out if the Avy Area is suitable for supporting inspectors and shipping masters in their work.

The trials are focused on sea-going and inland shipping inspections by the Harbour Master's Division on bunkering, water pollution, ship-to-ship transfer, zoning for hazardous substances, shore-to-ship transfer,



New drone over the port of Rotterdam

air pollution (smoke or soot), and repairs on board vessels, according to a statement.

If the white-orange drone detects an open tank filler cap, this

might be an indication of illegal degassing by the vessel and call for taking a closer look.

The drone has a wing span of 2.40 metres, a cruise speed of 90kilometres per hour, and a 95-kilometre range at low energy consumption. That means that two or three drones would suffice to cover the entire port area and have a drone over the spot quickly when an incident occurs.

Additionally, this drone can carry small cargoes of up to three kilos, such as refrigerated medical supplies, vessel parts, or cargo samples.

Dockworkers strike fears at Port of Mobile amid record container volumes



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A potential dockworker strike might launch at the **Port of Mobile in Alabama, US** as the **International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) Local 1410** and **CSA Equipment Company**, a

stevedoring provider at the port, do not come to an agreement on workers' payments.

The union members seem to have turned down a third company offer last month, while the workers at the port of Mobile have been without a contract since October 2018.

The potential strike actions, if an agreement has not been reached until 20 October, do not seem to affect the Port of Mobile operations for now. The Alabama Port Authority announced another container record, handling more than 56,500 TEUs in September, surpassing the previous box record in July and marking September as the largest throughput month since APM Terminals' container operations began in 2008.

With more than 420,000 TEUs moved from January to September at the port, 2022 volumes are now 14% higher than 2021 volumes. In addition to record-breaking container numbers, intermodal rail moves in September were up 141% over 2021, and refrigerated cargo was up 16% over the same period, according to Alabama Port Authority's data.

"In addition to serving all 67 counties in the state, we are strategically positioned to offer service directly into the middle of the country, providing an uncongested and fluid gateway into key North American markets in less time and at less expense than other coastal ports," said Port

Authority Director and CEO, **John C. Driscoll**.

As the deepening and widening of the federal channel to a 15-metre depth continue to progress on time and on budget, the Port of Mobile expects even more growth in the future.

Furthermore, the Port Authority's partner and terminal operator, APM Terminals, will expand its capabilities to one million TEUs upon completion of the Phase IV expansion. In addition to the terminal expansion and the harbor deepening and widening project, the Alabama Port Authority will open a new inland intermodal facility served by CSX in Montgomery, Ala. These projects are set to come online in 2025.

MINISTRY NEWS



Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh

NEW DELHI
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Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh invited investment from domestic industry and Foreign Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) in the Indian defence sector and take advantage of the opportunity to integrate global supply chains, during the 'Invest for Defence' investor outreach event organised as part of 12th DefExpo in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on October 20, 2022.

Raksha Mantri invites investors & foreign OEMs to be part of Indian defence sector to integrate global supply chains

Commenting on the enthusiastic participation of domestic industry and businesses, the Raksha Mantri said the trust of the industry stakeholders is encouraging and reflects their faith in the Indian defence sector. He added that this is a golden period for Indian Defence Industry, which will be a sunrise sector in the years to come. Sharing the government's future plans for the defence sector, he asserted that **the target is to increase defence production in India from USD 12 billion to USD 22 billion by 2025**. This provides unparalleled opportunities for growth to industry in the coming years, he added.

Shri Rajnath Singh questioned the earlier view that there is a dichotomy between economic development and security, saying that they are complementary. He mentioned that this approach has

changed in the past few years and now these two concepts are integrated, and they strengthen each other. "Today, the nation is integrating and moving forward with these two capabilities, which complement each other, and making unparalleled improvements in both," said Shri Rajnath Singh. He added that economic and strategic capabilities are essential for development of science and technology, health, agriculture, trade and commerce.

Speaking on the achievements of the Indian Defence industry, the Raksha Mantri said the domestic industry has demonstrated its capabilities by building Fighter Aircraft, Aircraft Carrier, Main Battle Tanks and Attack Helicopters and gained experience to build an ecosystem through these projects

'Invest for Defence', the first

ever marquee event of Ministry of Defence, was targeted to promote investment in the defence sector in the country both by the Indian industry as well Foreign OEMs... It provided the industry with the opportunities and the advantages of investing in the sector and thus contributing to maximising the indigenous production.

The event featured a panel discussion between the industry stalwarts and the MoD and Armed Forces leadership. A B2B interaction among the OEMs, including both DPSUs and foreign OEMs, was also held. It was enthusiastically received by domestic businesses, MSMEs and industry representatives in attendance. Officials from Ministry of Defence, central and state government were also in attendance.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals: Railways commissions 15 so far



Global financial crisis not to hit India's logistics sector: TVS SCS



MARINE NEWS



"Failure is a lesson learned; success is a lesson applied."

Save the Kerala coastline from Vizhinjam Port project says the Church



Protest continues for months.

TIRUVANANTHAPURAM
Sagar Sandesh News Service

The protest is to protect our sea, forest and hills. The future generation will suffer if they fail to protect them," said the

vicar, who is also the general convener of the protests. "The cyclones will occur due to man-made activities that affect the nature of the sea the protestors against the Vizhinjam port project proclaimed..

If we destroy the

ecosystem of the sea, it will affect the availability of fish," he added. He spoke about the environmental and financial losses due to the project.

The protests against the Adani's port project promoted by the CPIM

led Kerala government entered the third month. Tiruvananthapuram Latin Archdiocese Vicar General Eugene H Pereira said **the protest was not just for coastal people, but for the future generation.**

Pereira said time has come for various artists, scientists and the general public to join forces against the wrong policies in the name of development.

The protesters led by the Latin Church organised art and cultural meet on October 19th to seek support for their ongoing agitation against the Vizhinjam port project. Scientists, environmental activists, social workers and artists attended the meeting. Similar meets

were held in all district headquarters in the state. "

The protesters have formed a seven-member parallel committee to study the impact of the port around the coast. The team will be chaired by K V Thomas, former scientist and group head at National Centre for Earth Science Studies.

The team will study the coastal erosion in the area, the impact of port construction on the life and livelihood of people on the coast and arrive at a suitable compensation.

The government appointed a four-member team led by M D Kudale, former additional director of Central Water and Power Research Station on October 6. The fisheries department is yet to announce the terms and reference for the committee.

IMO NEWS

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News Service

The Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) deals with all matters relating to pollution prevention and

response which falls within IMO's remit.

This ranges from all annexes of the MARPOL Convention through to the control and management of harmful aquatic organisms



in ships' ballast water and sediments; biofouling; anti-fouling system; pollution preparedness, response and cooperation for oil and hazardous and noxious substances; and the safe

and environmentally sound recycling of ships.

The Working Group on the Evaluation of Safety and Pollution Hazards of Chemicals works under the auspices of the PPR Sub-Committee.

TRADE BODY NEWS

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News Service

The "Report on the European List of Ship Recycling Facilities" is the 3rd edition by Marprof Environmental Ltd and was first commissioned by BIMCO in 2019, followed by the 2nd edition in 2020. The 3rd edition confirms that so far, the inclusion of non-European ship

recycling facilities on the EU list has provided limited potential for large scale recycling.

EU member state facilities, in general, provide either bespoke local solutions to a niche recycling market or are focussed on offshore decommissioning. This means they are not dedicated to the recycling of large ocean-going ships and therefore do not have sufficient capacity. This leaves Turkey as the only major ship recycling nation contributing significant capacity to the EU List, the

BIMCO ship recycling report confirms need for Non-EU yards on EU list

report shows.

"Today, there are still no facilities from the main recycling states such as India, Bangladesh or Pakistan included on the EU list to meet the demand for recycling of larger ships. **Many yards have made significant efforts toward upgrading their facilities.** We believe focus on getting some of these facilities added to the list should be increased if they meet the standards of the Hong Kong Convention, which we believe should be

ratified as soon as possible," says **BIMCO's Secretary General and CEO, David Loosley.**

The report also highlights that the strategic importance of ship recycling within the overall strategy of the EC is becoming increasingly clear and important. According to the EC, the "European New Green Deal" and the supporting circular economy are core elements of its attention and spending for the foreseeable future.

"BIMCO agrees there

is significant potential for the ship recycling industry to contribute to the circular economy, as it supplies large quantities of scrap metal to the steel and iron industries, thereby reducing the need to produce primary metals. A study commissioned by the World Bank in 2009 found that Bangladesh satisfied 50% of its steel needs from national ship recycling, to take an example," says Loosley.

BIMCO is pleased to note that the EU audit system is working as intended in identifying failings in the auditable systems and react with punitive actions if needed.

LOGISTICS (ROAD/RAIL/AVIATION)



A Smooth Sea Never Made a Skilled Sailor. - John George Hermanson

Mumbai Bengaluru by road in 5 hours soon



Green expressway

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News Bureau

Union minister Nitin Gadkari said the central government is planning to build an expressway between Bengaluru and Mumbai that will reduce travel time

between the two cities to five hours. Currently it takes 15 hours by road to cover the distance of about one thousand kilometers. The proposed Bengaluru Mumbai expressway will be connected to the Mumbai-Pune expressway. "We are planning a

green express highway between Mumbai and Bengaluru. It will be a five-hour journey between the tech capital and the financial capital. The travel time between Bengaluru and Pune will also reduce to 3.5 to 4 hours, once this expressway comes to the use." Mr Gadkari said while addressing a function. An expressway between

Bengaluru and Chennai has been in the pipeline for nearly two decades. India will have 26 new green expressways in the next three years and this will reduce the travel time for people choosing roadways. Bengaluru-Chennai expressway will bring down the travel time between the two cities to just two hours.

Railway Board withdraws special discount on freight corridor for RoRo traffic

New Delhi
Sagar Sandesh News Service

Indian Railway Ministry has withdrawn a special dispensation given to the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation to offer discounts for roll on-roll off traffic on its network, surprisingly. However, officials said the Ministry is likely to issue a more comprehensive circular outlining the discounts across traffic segments soon.

"...the Board's letter...dated August 24, 2022 empowering DFCCIL to grant concession/ quote special rates for its intra DFCCIL traffic stands withdrawn with immediate effect," said a recent circular by the Railway Ministry. Other terms and conditions notified earlier with respect to powers of DFCCIL as Railway



The objective was to help DFCCIL enhance the modal share

administration shall remain the same, it further said.

The Ministry had just recently in August empowered DFCCIL to grant concessions and quote special rates for its intra DFCCIL traffic.

The objective was to help DFCCIL enhance the modal share and give attention to unconventional new traffic following industry representations. Roll on- roll off (RORO) traffic refers to a service

where companies can transport their trucks on the railway rakes and then they are eventually driven off to the final destination.

"The Railway Ministry

will come out with a revised clarification based on discussions with the DFCCIL. The Corporation had sought certain dispensations and the Ministry has agreed to it," said an official with DFCCIL.

VESSEL SCHEDULES

- For the benefits of our Readers the Schedules will be available in the form of a comprehensive map with a hyperlink to the web portals of Respective Ports and their Terminals.
- To know the details for any Port or Terminal, You are just required to log on to www.porttoport.in and click the tool vessel position / Ports and terminal.



WEST COAST	
AMCT	- Adani Mundra Container Terminal
AICTPL	- Adani International Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd.
MICT	- Mundra International Container Terminal
ACMTPL	- Adani CMA Mundra Terminal Pvt. Ltd.
KICT	- Kandla International Container Terminal
NSICT	- Nhasvasheva International Container Terminal
NSIGT	- Nhasvasheva International Gateway Terminal
JNPCT	- Jawaharlal Nehru Port Container Terminal
GTI	- Gateway Terminals India
BMCT	- Bharat Mumbai Container Terminals
ICTT	- International Container Transshipment Terminal

EAST COAST	
VCTPL	- Visakha Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd.
KPCT	- Krishnapatnam Port Container Terminal
CCT	- Chennai Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd
CITPL	- PSA's Chennai International Terminals Pvt Ltd
KICT	- Kattupalli International Container Terminal
DBGT	- Dakshin Bharat Gateway Terminal Pvt. Ltd.
PSA SICAL	- PSA SICAL Terminals Limited

Railway land at Kannur to be leased out

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News Service

The Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), under the Railways Ministry, has invited bids for leasing 4.93 acres of railway land at Kerala's Kannur for commercial development.

The reserve price for the land parcel is Rs 22.6 crore for a 45 years lease.

The developers shall get rights to develop commercial infrastructure as per their plan and will also be entrusted with redevelopment of the existing railway colony at a separate land parcel made available by the railways.

An online pre-bid meeting was held on September 26 where many local and national

level developers participated and expressed keen interest. The deadline for submitting e-bids is November 7.

RLDA Vice President VedParkashDudeja said that the proposed land parcel is ideal for commercial development because of its proximity to the railway station.

"Its strategic location will provide ample opportunity for commercial development of this land parcel," he said. RLDA, as part of its development strategy, has four key mandates – commercial leasing, colony redevelopment, station redevelopment, and multi-functional complexes. During the present fiscal, it has handed over 15 sites as various locations in the country for a lease premium of Rs 1,633 crore.



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EXIM TREND

Brazil offers huge market for Indian engineering industry



Within the overall auto exports to Brazil, auto components form the largest share - an average 90 per cent

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News Bureau

Exports of automobiles to Brazil registered a 43.6 per cent increase on a year-on-year

basis during the first five months of the current fiscal 2022-23 and offers a huge opportunity for the engineering sector considering the Latin American country is one of the most prominent automotive markets in the world, EEPC India Chairman Arun Kumar Garodia said.

Speaking at the Second edition of Virtual Business Meet with Buyers from Brazil, Mr Garodia said that **India's engineering exports to Brazil reached its record high at 1.8 billion US dollars in 2021-22** witnessing a compounded annual growth of as high as 20 per cent in the last four completed fiscals. The event is supported by Economic

Diplomacy Division with a focus on economic development and strengthening foreign trade of India.

"Commercial relation between India and Brazil is already deep-rooted with India being the 5th largest trade partner of Brazil and one of the top 15 suppliers of auto components to Brazil with a share of 2.7 per cent in Brazil's global import," said EEPC India Chairman at the virtual meet.

Mr. Suresh K. Reddy, Ambassador of India to Brazil took special initiative to organize the key meet aimed at bolstering India's exports to Brazil by connecting buyers and sellers from the two countries.

Ms Manisha Swami, Consul General of India to Brazil noted that **within the overall auto exports to Brazil, auto components form the largest share - an average 90 per cent.**

"In terms of Brazil's market, India is among the top 15 suppliers of auto components to Brazil with a share of around 2.7 per cent. China remains the largest supplier with a share of 12.8 per cent. Other major suppliers include Japan and South Korea in Asia, Mexico and USA in the NAFTA region and Germany, Italy and Sweden from EU," Ms Swami said.

Auto components are among the key items imported by Brazil from India but their share in Brazil's basket is still not very significant and hence there is still untapped potential.

Yet another project for Gujarat now an airbase

AHMEDABAD
Sagar Sandesh News Bureau

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for a new air base in Gujarat bordering Pakistan saying his home state will play a key role in the country's security

Mr Modi inaugurated the Defense Expo 2022 in Gandhinagar, while the country's two defense corridors are situated in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. By conducting the Defense Expo in

Gandhinagar, Gujarat has positioned itself to become the third defense corridor in the country

He also laid the foundation stone of a new airbase at Deesa and said the new airbase will emerge as an effective centre for the country's security.

Gujarat will become a centre of defense in India and will play a crucial role in India's security. "I was seeing on the screen that the people of Deesa were excited over the

construction of the new airfield. This airfield will play a major role. Deesa is only 130km away from the International Border. If our forces, especially our air force, remain in Deesa, then we will be able to give better response to any threat coming from the Western side," PM Modi said.

"When I was the chief minister, I worked towards the construction of the airfield. The land was allotted in 2000. I repeatedly urged the then



PM Modi's Gujarat visit

Central government to start the construction as it is at a vantage point. But 14 years went on and nothing happened," PM Modi said.

"And the files were created in such a way that even after I reached the centre, it took time to finally push the project.

"Eight years ago, India was identified as the world's largest arms importer. But Make-in-India changed this. **Our defense export increased eight times in the last eight years.**"

"This export is not limited to only a few companies. Indian companies are now part of the global supply chain. Many countries are now showing interest in Tejas and our companies are supplying defense equipment parts to countries like the US, Italy and Israel," PM Modi said.

No Diwali deadline for the Indo UK Free Trade Agreement

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News Bureau

The Free Trade Agreement (FTA) talks between India and the UK are "progressing well" and a deal that works for both sides is more important than the date when it is signed, Britain's Trade Policy Minister Greg Hands said with reference to the now abandoned Diwali deadline for a draft India-UK FTA.

The minister, who was joined at a Diwali Reception in London by the UK's Chief Negotiator of the FTA Harjinder Kang, said the Department for International Trade

(DIT) was committed to build on the Enhanced Trade Partnership between India and the UK.

He said **Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch, is continuing regular dialogue with Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal** to build an "even warmer and more productive relationship" with a focus on quality over speed.

"Talks are progressing well. We have completed five rounds of formal [FTA] negotiations and we are seeing a way forward for a deal that works for both sides," he said.

"As the Trade Secretary says, it's the deal that's more important than the date when it comes to



delivering for businesses and consumers in both our countries," Hands said.

"Given the importance of the free trade agreement to both our nations, our focus must be on quality, not speed. And by concentrating on the deal and not the date, we'll build an agreement that truly serves all of our citizens," he said.

However, Badenoch – who took charge at DIT under the new Liz Truss government last month – recently confirmed that the negotiators were no longer working towards that timeline "to focus on the quality of the deal rather than the speed of the deal".

"The contribution of the Indian diaspora to British life is enormous. Our villages, towns and cities have been profoundly enriched by immigration from India," she said.

The event, organized by UK-based India Global Forum (IGF) also brought together other UK government ministers including Foreign Office Minister Lord Tariq Ahmad, shadow cabinet members from the Opposition Labor Party, parliamentarians, business leaders and diplomats.