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NAUGHTICA 2K22, The Largest Inter College Fest took place in Mumbai at Sheila Gopal Raheja Auditorium in Bandra West, Mumbai on the 7th & 8th of October 2022.

This dazzling fun-filled

event was not only attended and participated in, by **23 Maritime Training Institutes** and over **550 students** but also opened its arms to many eminent personalities in the industry as well as companies!

Hosted by **Capt. Purnendu**

Shorey, Co-founder of Offing Group as well as Capt. Anupam Raizada, Co-founder of Offing Group – this event soared to new heights! NAUGHTICA 2K22 was presented by HSBC and powered by the Maritime Training Trust

Participants battled it out in **14 activities** during the course of 2 days, all for the ultimate prize of **winning the Naughtica Winner of Medals Tally Trophy.**

The award distribution was held in the presence of the **Honourable**

Directorate General of Shipping, **Shri Amitabh Kumar (IRS)** where he felicitated students who bagged accolades in different categories and also handed over the Winner & Runner Up trophy!

Tolani Maritime Institute (TMI) came in with gusto and bagged the Winner of Medal's Tally trophy.

International Maritime Institute (IMI) took home the Runner Up's trophy.

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Capt Purnendu & Capt Anupam honoring Shri Amitabh Kumar



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IMI Runner Up's Medal Tally



Dr Pandurang Raut, Dy DG of Shipping releasing Naughtica 2K22 Year Book

Capt. Rajesh Tandon, Shiv Halbe CEO of CEO FOSMA and Capt. MASSA addressed the

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students at large as both associations supported the event.

Dr Pandurang Raut, Deputy Director General of Shipping who was present on the first day of the event conveyed his best wishes to everyone participating. The Maritime Training Trust (MTT) extended support for the stay, food expenses and travel costs of all contestants.

Capt M. P. Bhasin, MD of MSC India was felicitated for their contribution to "Encouraging Gender Equal Opportunities". Capt. Bhasin spoke about his passion, the importance of plants, a critical resource that supports life on earth. Plants being precious to the environment, he humbly announced the distribution of Neem Tree in Pots one each to MTI who

participated in Naughtica event with the request to support the environment.

Distinguished members of the fraternity, Capt. Girish Phadnis, Director and Country Head of MTM Ship Management India Pvt.Ltd & Founder of Sagar Defence Engineering, Capt. Nikunj Parashar was felicitated at the opening ceremony for their contributions to the industry. Turn to page-3



Capt M. P. Bhasin addressing on plantation



Capt Girish at Indoor Rowing contest sponsored by MTM





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Capt. Rahul Sapra, Loss Prevention Manager, Asia was felicitated for Standard Club as Well-Being Partner.

The fest culminated with an award



Capt Kaushik & Capt. Maulik honoring winner of Wow Factor Contest

ceremony in the afternoon on the second day. **Capt. Kaushik Bhatnagar & Capt. Maulik Hathi** honoured the winners of the **WOW FACTOR** Activity, sponsored by **Eastaway India**. **Dr. (Capt) Sanjay Bhavnani** honoured the winners of the **PERSONALITY CONTEST**, sponsored by **MMSI**.

Since the 1st edition that was held in 2017 – NAUGHTICA has had 4 editions and witnessed the participation of over 2000+ Cadets and Trainees from the Maritime Training Institutes over the years.

Leading Shipping Companies, Owners and Ancillary Businesses have supported the vent over the years and this support is growing with each edition!

The event is clearly the **LARGEST Inter College Fest & Exhibition of Maritime Education in India** and the wings are now beginning to spread overseas.

OFFING promises to come back with the 5th edition titled ‘**NAUGHTICA 5.0**’ with more passion and participation! For more information, please visit www.naughtica.in



Dr (Capt) Sanjay Bhavnani honoring winner of Personality Contest

Elpi Petraki elected as new WISTA President

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Petraki from WISTA Hellas, and also Operations, Chartering & Business Development

Manager at ENEA Management, was elected on 26 October at WISTA’s Agm in Geneva.

The nominees for the position of President were Petraki and Alexandra



Elpi Petraki the new President of WISTA International (Women’s International Shipping and Trading Association)

Anagnostis-Irons, WISTA USA. Commenting on her election Petraki said: “I am truly honoured to have been elected as President of WISTA International.

Diversity and inclusion in maritime have never been in the spotlight like today and whilst much has been achieved in recent times, there is still a great deal to be done. **WISTA International has a powerful voice that must be heard, continuing to raise awareness for the incredible contribution women make to the industry.”**

She said she looked forward to working with WISTA’s 56 national associations on issues such as decarbonisation, digitalisation and attracting new talent and providing equal and equitable

opportunities for all. Outgoing WISTA Despina Theodosiou, said: “After five years, the time has come for me to hang up my hat as President of WISTA International. First, I’d like to say a huge thank you to the other members of the WISTA International Executive Committee, who have provided a tremendous amount of support over the years. Secondly, I’d like to express my sincere gratitude to the Presidents of the 56 National WISTA Associations for entrusting me to continue to deliver WISTA’s mission. It has been a pleasure to work with you all.”

Biden Warns of Starvation If Russia Cancels UN Grain Ship Deal

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The European Union on Sunday 30 Oct called on Russia to reverse its decision to pull out of a U.N.-brokered grain deal, **a move that undermined**

efforts to ease a global food crisis, and that Ukraine said Moscow had planned well in advance. U.S. President Joe Biden called the move “purely outrageous”, saying it would increase starvation.

Moscow suspended its participation in the Black Sea deal on Saturday, effectively cutting shipments from Ukraine, one of the world’s top

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UK Government plans to launch Home Shipbuilding Credit Guarantee Scheme by end of the year

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The UK Government has confirmed its intention to launch a new **Home Shipbuilding Credit Guarantee Scheme** by the end of the year.

The scheme, designed for domestic operators, is intended to encourage more UK builds by underwriting lending in partnership with commercial lenders. The Minister responsible at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), former Maritime Minister

Nusrat Ghani MP, has said that getting the scheme across the line is a "key priority for early delivery" in her tenure.

The scheme was originally intended to be introduced earlier this year but has been delayed. BEIS is expected to shortly share details of the scheme with other departments across government, with a view to updating Parliament and launching a scheme "this calendar year". The timeline for the launch was confirmed in response to a Parliamentary Question by Steve Double MP, the Member of Parliament for St Austell

and Newquay and supporter of Maritime UK.

The project is a key deliverable of the **National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSBS)**, launched in March this year. Other flagship deliverables include the establishment of the UK Shipping Office for Reducing Emissions (UKSHORE), thirty-year pipeline for domestic vessel procurement and the Maritime Capability Campaign Office (MCCO). All of which are intended to support the development and growth of the UK shipbuilding, boatbuilding, manufacturing and technology industries.



UK to launch Home Shipbuilding Credit Guarantee Scheme

Industry has long called for the reintroduction of the Home Shipbuilding Credit Guarantee Scheme and has been supporting government with the development of the proposals.

The proposals were included in Maritime UK's manifesto published ahead of the NSBS refresh.

US fishing trawler sinks after colliding with MSC ship

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A fishing trawler sank off the coast of Chincoteague in the US state of Virginia on 28 October, after reportedly colliding with an MSC container vessel.

The US Coast Guard (USCG) said on social media that it received a distress call from the crew on the fishing trawler,

1970-built, 621 GT Tremont, around 2 am (local time) on 24 October. The 13 crew members said they were abandoning the vessel as it had begun sinking after colliding with the 2005-built, 8,090 TEU MSC Rita.

USCG dispatched an MH-60 Jawhawk helicopter, an HC-130 Hercules airplane, a life boat from Coast Guard Station Chincoteague and



Photo of Tremont / Credit: US Coast Guard

the cutter Rollin Fritch to the scene, 101km off Chincoteague. Assisted by the crew on two passing ships, US naval research

vessel Atlantis and Drystan, all the Tremont crewmen were rescued.

Twelve of the crewmen were evacuated on a small boat launched by Atlantis and were moved to Drystan while the Tremont captain was helicoptered to the USCG base in Virginia.

MSC Rita was on its way to Charleston port when the accident happened, having departed New York & New Jersey port on 27 October.

S&P Global's Sea-Web data shows that MSC Rita continued its journey to Charleston, where it has been anchored since yesterday (30 October).

USCG commander for Virginia, Jennifer Stockwell said, "While this morning's events were unfortunate, 13 people were rescued from an extremely perilous situation. The combined efforts of good Samaritans and Coast Guard response assets demonstrates a selfless commitment to others."

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U.S. President Joe Biden

grain exporters, in response to what it called a major Ukrainian drone attack earlier in the day on its fleet near the port of Sevastopol in Russian-annexed Crimea.

EU foreign policy chief

Josep Borrell said on Twitter "The EU urges Russia to (reverse) its decision."

Russia's departure from the grain deal marks a new development in an eight-month war that began with Russia's invasion in February and that has recently been dominated by a Ukrainian counteroffensive and Russian drone and missile attacks that have destroyed more than 30% of Ukraine's generating capacity and hit populated areas.

Each side has accused

the other of being prepared to detonate radioactive bombs.

The grain deal had restarted shipments from Ukraine, allowing sales on world markets, targeting the pre-war level of 5 million metric tonnes exported from Ukraine each month.

More than 9 million tonnes of corn, wheat, sunflower products, barley, rapeseed and soy have been exported under the July 22 deal.

But ahead of its Nov. 19 expiry, Russia had

repeatedly said that there were serious problems with it. Ukraine complained Moscow had blocked almost 200 ships from picking up grain cargoes.

When the agreement was signed, the U.N. World Food Programme said some 47 million people were suffering "acute hunger" as the war halted Ukrainian shipments, causing global food shortages and sending prices soaring.

The deal ensured safe passage in and out of Odesa and two other Ukrainian ports in what an official

called a "de facto ceasefire" for the ships and facilities covered.

Russia told U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Saturday in a letter, seen by Reuters, that it was suspending the deal for an "indefinite term" because it could not "guarantee the safety of civilian ships" traveling under the pact.

More than 10 outbound and inbound vessels waited to enter the humanitarian corridor on Saturday and there was no agreement for the movement of vessels on Sunday, Amir Abdulla, the U.N. coordinator for the deal, said on Saturday.

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

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Logistics Cost

In this session, we will discuss, rather spend some time on the logistics cost and later its relation to transport.



Life is essentially Transport.

Almost all business activities that attract expenses can be considered sources of logistics cost. Say, you are a manufacturer of a product; it means your business covers the entire range of activities,

beginning from procuring raw materials for your product to the final distribution of the products that reach the customer. Every activity of the business is cost to the company, as we normally account it. You begin with the purchase of the raw materials; then, you convert them into your products. Necessarily, the products must be transportable; it means they must be put into a package. Then, you send the packaged products through some intermediate agents to a warehouse where you store your products; then, from the warehouse, the products move to the final destination that is your customer through some retailer.

All these activities demand expenses; and, if you are what is generally referred to, efficient,

then, your expenses are never more than required under normal circumstances.

Efficiency actually means getting things done faster, better and cheaper than others without compromise on quality. It implies that every business activity demands this inevitable efficiency.

You might be aware of the essential Rs about logistics management; just to recall for the sake of continuity: Right product, Right quantity, Right condition, Right place, Right time, Right price and the Right customer. Every R makes absolute demand on efficiency. If one R is defective, it is like a weak link in the chain whose strength determined based on this weak link. If all Rs are undertaken with efficiency, rest assured the cost also will be Right. Business people know very well in their bones that theory is one thing and practical performance is another thing.

We will briefly discuss each R from the point of view of the cost from our next session.

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Port official expresses concern over delay in clearance of DPD imports



Union Ports secretary Saniv Ranjan has expressed concern over the excessive delay in clearance of import cargo in Chennai port through Direct Port Delivery mode and said this needs to be fixed immediately to address the logistics issues faced by the EXIM Trade

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A sailing ship is no democracy; you don't caucus a crew as to where you'll go anymore than you inquire when they'd like to shorten sail. - Sterling Hayden

Decline in Demand Pushes Freight Rates Down, Liners Cut Down Schedules



Shipping schedules cut down as freight rates were down

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Container shipping rates continued to fall in October due to declining demand. The Shanghai (Export) Containerized Freight Index (SCFI) has fallen for 17 consecutive weeks. Shipping companies have started to discontinue services or cancel voyages.

Although container shipping prices dropped

overall since the beginning of 2022, they began a continuous slide in July, and the decline accelerated into September. On Sept. 23, the SCFI, released by the Shanghai Shipping Exchange, fell to 2,072.04 points, down 10.4 percent week-on-week and about 60 percent from early 2022.

The trend continued into October. On Oct. 14, the SCFI dropped to 1,814 points, down over 70 percent from early 2022.

As a result of an oversupply of containers, many shipping companies are canceling voyages.

Supply and Demand Dampens Prices Further

While easing of COVID-related supply chain issues and shipping congestion lowered prices, the drop is also due to supply and demand, according to manager Du.

“There’s a shortage of goods...The whole market is out of goods. Naturally, the container prices can’t be hyped up,” he said.

High Speed Catamaran to Operate Between Ferry Wharf and Alibaug



A 200 passenger capacity high speed catamaran is all set to sail three times a day from Nov 1 between domestic cruise terminus adjacent to ferry wharf and mandwa near Alibaug.

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Nayan Catamaran in addition to the water taxi fleet is launching its new vessel ‘NAYAN XI’, that has a capacity of seating 140 passengers on the lower deck and another 60 passengers on the upper / business class deck.

Capt. Rohit Sinha, Director of Nayantara Shipping PVT LTD and owner of the vessel said, “With the introduction of Nayantara We promise to change the standards and Quality of passenger water transportation.”

The vessel has been built in Goa and arrived in Mumbai on the October 12, 2022. Since then it has been carrying out trials in Mumbai waters to ensure smooth sailing. It’s the first high-speed double-deck steady catamaran in Mumbai of this size which is capable of cruising across the ocean.

Although its speed can go up to 22 knots, favourably it shall sail at 15 knots between South Mumbai and Raigad/Navi

Mumbai. The speed is due to its 2 – 750 HP Volvo Penta high-speed engines. The vessel is luxurious and is completely air-conditioned, with 2 washrooms on the upper and 4 on the lower deck.

To begin with, the vessel will sail from Domestic Cruise Terminal Princess Dock Jetty to Mandwa. **Pricing shall be Rs. 400/- for the lower deck and Rs. 450/- for the upper / business class deck.** For ticketing and online sales, Nayantara Shipping PVT LTD has collaborated with known brand MyBoatRide.com which has been in the business of digital ticketing for the past 3 years. “We are very excited to collaborate with the boat owners for handling their ticketing as well as planning potential business for this vessel”, said SohelKazani, Owner of the ticketing brand and a partner in Infinity Harbour Services.

From this year end Infinity is planning to introduce first diesel-electric hybrid water taxi between gateway and Belapur that will bring down the one-way ticketing to Rs 200 per passenger from

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"Worrying will never change the outcome"

Largest container ship to call Indonesia docks at Jakarta Terminal



Budi Karya Sumadi, Minister of Transportation, Republic of Indonesia (fourth from right), Laurent Olmeta, Chief Executive Officer, CMA CGM Asia Pacific Limited (third from right); John Lim, President Director of CMA CGM Indonesia (second from right)

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The 16,000 TEU CMA CGM Alexander Von Humboldt has become the largest container vessel to call an Indonesian port after its arrival at PT Jakarta International Container Terminal (JICT) on 31 October.

This inaugural call of the 16,000 TEU boxship marks the first of the French carrier's three 16,000 TEU series to call at JICT, a subsidiary of PT Pelabuhan

Indonesia (Persero) or Pelindo.

Facilitating the growing volume of trade between Indonesia and the United States, CMA CGM Alexander Von Humboldt is deployed on the CMA CGM Columbus JAX service which directly connects Jakarta with the US.

The JAX service delivers local products and manufactured goods such as paper, rubber, apparel, footwear and electronics from Indonesia

to North America on a weekly basis, according to a statement.

"With the large CMA CGM vessel berthing at the JICT, it shows the commitment of the Pelindo Group in improving its port services. I hope that the arrival of this large vessel will further strengthen the connectivity of TanjungPriok Port in Jakarta with the international network of ports; and provide a smooth flow of exports from and imports to Indonesia," commented Arif Suhartono, president director of Pelindo.

Ports Minister Calls for an End to Vizhinjam Stir

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It will create tens of thousands of jobs, changing the very face of Thiruvananthapuram, says Devarkovil. Considering the national importance of the Vizhinjam international seaport, the protesters led by the Thiruvananthapuram archdiocese of the Catholic Church (Latin rite), should

end the strike stalling the port work, said Ports Minister Ahamed Devarkovil here on Saturday 29 Oct. Though around 30% of India's cargo movement is through the Vizhinjam international shipping channel, around three-quarters of the total cargo movement is currently handled by the Colombo port.

It is estimated that



Ports Minister Ahamed Devarkovil

the country lost around

₹2,000 crore a year. With the commissioning of the Vizhinjam port, about ₹1,500 crore worth of cargo can be transhipped through the port, said Mr. Devarkovil. If the two berths of 400 metres in the first phase of the port construction are operational, there will be a trade of at least ₹200 crore in the first year itself, he added.

The port will be equipped to handle one million TEU

(twenty-foot equivalent unit) of containers when the first phase of the ₹7,700-crore project is completed. This will bring in development and create tens of thousands of employment opportunities, changing the very face of Thiruvananthapuram.

The Minister also said that the cargo arriving at Vizhinjam can also be shipped to other small ports in the State through feeder vessels.

APSEZ reports strong double-digit growth in revenue for the quarter ended September



APSEZ to report strong growth in revenue for quarter ended Sep.

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Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone is likely to report strong double-digit growth in revenue for the quarter ended September on the back of strong cargo volumes and robust

performance of special economic zone units.

The Adani Group company will release its earnings on Tuesday. "The consolidation of Gangavaram port volumes from 2Q yields a higher 26% YoY growth in volumes," Kotak Institutional Equities said in its report. Driven by higher realisations and boost from SEZ operations, the brokerage expects consolidated revenue to rise 40% on year.

Analysts see the company posting revenue in the range of Rs 4,141 to Rs 5,052 crore, compared with Rs 3,532 crore a year ago.

For each month of the last quarter, Adani Ports reported double-digit growth in cargo volumes. Post the June quarter earnings, Adani Ports had expressed confidence of achieving 350-360 million tonne of cargo volume in FY23. Investors would want to see if the company retains this guidance.

Analysts expect a sharp

16-63% YoY growth in earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA), or operating profit on the back of higher realisations. However, some analysts see operating margin dipping sequentially.

"We model a marginal 100 bps QoQ reduction in EBITDA margin to account for higher SEZ-linked

income," Kotak Equities said. Adani Ports had guided for EBITDA of Rs 12,200-12,600 crore for FY23, and one needs to see if the company retains this projection as well.

The company's consolidated net profit is seen in the range of Rs 1,018 to Rs 1,678 crore, higher than Rs 952 crore a year ago.

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Adani Gangavaram Port achieves record in Iron Ore Fines

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Adani Gangavaram Port the deepest and the most modern port in the country accomplished yet another milestone by handling its first ever Coastal Voyage Cape Vessel MV LILA NANTONG.

This vessel originated the transport of 1.6 Lac MTs of Iron Ore Fines from Adani Gangavaram Port to Jaigarh Port in Maharashtra

and loaded 56,077 MTs of Iron Ore Fines aboard the vessel in 24 hrs.

The Port is having state of the art infrastructure facilities to manage various imports and export cargos having deep depth multi-purpose cargo berths. In addition to that Adani Gangavaram Port is equipped with vast storage facilities including covered warehouses to manage various cargos and state of the art material handling systems. Adani GPL is consistently performing well and

creating newer records for cargo management.

Speaking on the occasion Adani Gangavaram Port Limited management said "We are extremely delighted on this achievement. The record cargo discharge yet again reaffirms our superior port infrastructure and operational efficiency. We at Adani Gangavaram Port offer substantial economic benefits to Indian importers combined with highly efficient port operations



Adani Gangavaram Porthandling its first ever Coastal Voyage Cape Vessel MV LILA NANTONG

and evacuation system with faster turnaround time & delivery. We are extremely happy to see the trade derive benefits of modern deep-water infrastructure."

Paradip Port inks agreement for transfer of Mobile X-Ray Scanner to Customs



Paradip Port's agreement to transfer Mobile X-Ray Scanner to Customs

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Under Ease of Doing Business, Paradip Port Authority (PPA) has installed a Mobile X-Ray Container Scanner (MXCS) at a cost of Rs 29.68 crore, adjacent to Paradip International Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd (PICTPL), for the purpose of reducing the need for manual inspection of containers, help in checking for threats such as explosives, narcotics, weapons of mass destruction

(WMDs), contraband, and bringing down dwell time of containers.

The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) have given license to the local Customs Commissionerate for regular use of MXCS under the guidance of AERB-trained Radiological Safety Officers (RSOs) of PPA.

To facilitate transfer of the scanner to Customs Authority, a tripartite agreement was signed last week between Paradip Port Authority, Paradip Customs Division and

Smiths Detection (Asia Pacific) Pte. Ltd by Mr Tarun Kumar Panda, IRS, Deputy Commissioner, Customs Division, Paradip; Mr Vikrant Trilokekar, MD, Smith Detection Pvt. Ltd; and Mr G. Edison, TM, PPA, in the presence of Mr P. L. Haranadh, Chairman, Mr A. K. Bose, Deputy Chairman, and other senior officers of the port.

The Chairman urged all port users to take advantage of the equipment for improving the cargo throughput, as per a release.

ARIPL raises construction of Rs. 3,000-crore seaport off Kakinada coast

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Aurobindo Realty and Infrastructure Private Limited (ARIPL) has intensified construction activity of the ₹3,000-crore greenfield seaport with a planned cargo handling capacity of 16 million tonnes at Kona village in the Kakinada Special Economic Zone (KSEZ) in Andhra Pradesh.

This is the third seaport in Kakinada district, which is being built on a 1,725-acre area

including sea-accredited land. The port is approximately 25 km north-east to the existing deep sea port near Kumbhabhishekam mudflat. The State-run anchorage port is dedicated only for rice exports.

"Construction activity of the greenfield seaport commenced two and a half months ago at Kona. The breakwater activity is in full swing. The breakwater component is a lengthy work targeted to be completed within 20 months," said Nagarjuna Tadury, Senior Vice-President, Aurobindo Realty and Infra Private Limited.



Rs 3000 cr Greenfield seaport

"Dredging activity will commence by next March. Various other components including road

and rail network would also be readied," Mr. Nagarjuna told.

The construction of the three berths is expected to be completed within 24 months as per the action plan of the project added Mr. Nagarjuna.

The Aurobindo Group had recently acquired the Kakinada SEZ from the GMR Group. After a lull of a few years, the activity on KSEZ is now back on track with the proposed establishment of the greenfield seaport, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) and a bulk drug park.



Poor facilities hamper Kollam Port realising its full potential



Delay in setting up ICP impacts future of Kollam Port

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Despite its substantial commercial potential, the future of Kollam Port hangs in limbo due to the undue delay in setting up

Immigration Check Post (ICP).

Though the port was expected to see steady traffic by early 2020 with both passenger and cargo ships calling at the multi-purpose terminal, port development works were stuck multiple times. While the Centre had sent repeated reminders directing the State to provide the required infrastructure and manpower to declare Kollam port an authorised ICP, no action was taken for a long while.

Though fresh additions

were made recently, **Ministry of Home Affairs has reportedly expressed its disapproval over current electronic and infrastructure facilities as they are not adequate to carry out immigration functions.**

Kollam Port currently lacks some amenities stipulated as per International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, a regulatory system to ensure maritime security. Ports are required to be complaint with the code to identify and deter

possible security threats and the authorities are yet to install sufficient number of CCTV cameras at Kollam Port.

In its last communication, **the Ministry had asked to establish around 13 infrastructure facilities and each came with specifications.** The required staff strength was 14 that included two inspectors, eight sub-inspectors and four constables.

Kerala Maritime Board officials say works are progressing and there are no major roadblocks

in getting the Centre's nod. "We have been asked to make additions to comply with new ISPS code. Establishing restricted areas and installing boards, completing fencing and some other security measures are the works to be completed. That along with the deployment of security personnel will meet all the ISPS requirements.

Kerala Chief Minister had contacted the Prime Minister regarding the issue and we have taken steps to complete the works at the earliest," says T. P. Salim Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, Kerala Maritime Board.

U.S. to spend \$703 million on improving ports

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The U.S. Transportation Department will announce Friday 28 Oct it is awarding \$703 million for 41 port infrastructure projects in 23 states, according to documents seen by Reuters.

The funds will boost coastal, Great Lakes, and inland river ports. The awards seek to improve supply chain reliability, electrify equipment, improve or create new rail and highway connections, boost offshore wind

projects and cut greenhouse gas emissions.

The projects are funded by a \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure law approved by Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden in November 2021 and will be announced later on Friday.

"We're awarding record levels of funding to improve our port infrastructure, strengthen our supply chains, and help cut costs for American families," Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said in a statement to Reuters.

The state of Alaska is getting \$112.5 million for

four projects, including \$68 million for an Anchorage port extension and for the Aleutian Islands \$10.2 million to repair a key port and \$5.4 million for a floating dock project.

New York will get \$48 million for the Arthur Kill Offshore Wind Terminal Project. The Staten Island project will fund dredging 740,000 cubic yards to create a 35-foot-deep ship basin. Salem, **Massachusetts** was awarded nearly \$34 million to redevelop a vacant industrial facility for offshore wind energy projects, including

construction of a 700-foot-long wharf.

The port of Columbus, Mississippi is getting \$6 million for a new rail spur with 10,000 linear feet of track and docks providing direct rail access for transloading cargo between barges and railcars, connecting the terminal to an existing railroad line operated by Kansas City Southern. Detroit is getting \$16 million to rehabilitate existing port infrastructure and build a new port/rail connection. Camden, New Jersey will receive \$25 million to upgrade a functionally obsolete truck route to the port by reconstructing nearly three miles of key roadway infrastructure.



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Long Beach, California will get \$30 million to replace diesel yard tractors with 60 electric yard tractors and other equipment. Grays Harbor Terminal in Aberdeen, Washington is getting \$25.5 million to build an additional 50,000 feet of rail and repurpose a 50-acre brownfield site for cargo.

Workshop on Gati Shakti and New Logistics policy at Chennai Port

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A multi-disciplinary workshop on Gati Shakti, new National Logistics Policy, Ease of Doing Business (EoDB), Port e-Governance and Multi-modal Logistics Park was conducted to exchange ideas, promote integrated planning and coordinated execution of connectivity projects to reduce cost and time in EXIM trade.

The workshop had presentations



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from the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Indian Customs, Indian Railways, NHAI, TIDCO and Major Ports. This workshop was attended by the EXIM traders, shipping lines, container freight stations, container train operators, transporters, custom brokers, shipping agents.

Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan Secretary Ports who presided over the Workshop underlined the need for coordinated planning, effective inter-departmental

TRADE BODY NEWS

BIMCO appoints Gudrun Janssens to head new Brussels office

NEW DELHI
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BIMCO, one of the largest international shipping associations representing shipowners, has hired Gudrun Janssens as manager of intergovernmental engagement in its new office in Brussels, Belgium.

The organisation seeks to be closer to the European



Gudrun Janssens

Union's decision-making process and to continue to expand its global reach.

Gudrun Janssens has been head of environmental and technical affairs at the Royal Belgian Shipowners' Association since 2019.

Prior to that, she held the position of director for maritime safety and environment at the European Community Shipowners' Associations in Brussels. Tomorrow, on 1 November 2022, she will join BIMCO together with the opening of the new office in Brussels.

Gudrun Janssens has also worked in the field of

ship recycling and has been involved in the evaluation and participation in relevant European and international initiatives on waste management in ports and from ships.

She holds a Master's degree in port management from the University of Ghent, Belgium and has studied at the University of Orange Free State, South Africa with a focus on energy, environment and natural resources law.

"I am delighted to be joining BIMCO at a time when the shipping industry is facing unprecedented change, challenges, and opportunities, and look forward to representing members' interests from right here in Brussels," commented Janssens.

MINISTRY NEWS

Civil servants to abide by the Constitution irrespective of political dispensations says VP

NEW DELHI
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The Vice President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar called upon civil servants 31 October 2022 to take the lead in making India a developed nation during the 'AmritKaal' over the next 25 years.

He suggested that they go by the spirit of the Prime Minister's principle of "Minimum Government - Maximum Governance", observing that 'it is not a mere slogan, but the need of the hour'.

Shri Dhankhar, who is also the President of Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), was attending its 68th Annual General Body Meeting in New Delhi. **It also marked the first visit of the Vice President to IIPA after assuming office.**

Reflecting on the achievements of IIPA over the year, Shri Dhankhar said that 'Mission Karmayogi enables an ecosystem that allows every individual in the government to exploit his/her potential. IIPA, with its enormous potential, has to catalyse that change'.

The Vice President observed that the Prime Minister's exhortation of 'SabkaSaath, SabkaVikas, Sabka Vishwas, SabkaPrayas' encapsulates the Indian civilisational ethos and the vision of the Indian constitution makers. He

called upon the bureaucracy to make the vision a reality and work towards taking the government's developmental vision to the last individual.

Welcoming the Vice President of India, Shri JagdeepDhankhar, who is also President of IIPA, Dr Jitendra Singh apprised him that **IIPA is not only imparting training to the 'Selected Civil Servants' but also to 'Elected People's Representatives'**. The Minister informed ...IIPA is contributing to the field of Capacity Building very pro-actively, but during the pandemic, it was able to conduct more than 100 offline and online training programs and quickly transformed itself into a powerhouse of Digital Training, prepared digital infrastructure as well as digital contents.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, with the guidance and direction of the Prime Minister of India, the Government has launched Mission Karmayogi (National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building) with the objective to bring complete transformation in the capacity building of the civil services.

IIPA has become an important partner in this mission extending whole-hearted support in the form of online courses on iGOT, workshops and conferences.

IMO NEWS

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IMO has agreed to boost its regional presence, with the establishment of a regional presence office in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, to be hosted in Alexandria, Egypt.

The IMO Technical Cooperation Committee (TCC), at its 72nd session (17-20 October), agreed to the establishment to enhance IMO's coordination of technical assistance for the MENA region.



Pic:IMO

Boosting regional presence with new office in the MENA region

The new office will complement existing regional presence offices: five Regional Coordinators based in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire for west and central Africa (Francophone); Accra, Ghana for west and central Africa (Anglophone); Nairobi, Kenya for eastern and southern Africa; Manila, the Philippines for East Asia; and Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago for the Caribbean. IMO has also been funding one Technical Cooperation Officer within the Pacific Community (SPC), based in Suva, Fiji, and a new regional presence office for the Pacific Islands

will be operational in Fiji next year.

The Committee agreed that the new regional presence office for the MENA region would need to take into full consideration the marine environmental protection mandates of existing regional entities in the Mediterranean (REMPEC), Red Sea (PERSGA) and ROPME (MEMAC) Sea areas.

The Committee noted support from delegations for considering the establishment of a regional presence office in the Latin America region and invited submissions to the next session of the Committee.

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communication and a drive to act. While recognizing the exemplary role of Tamil Nadu in Information Technology on the world platform, Secretary placed his full faith in the region and its manpower which

can make PM Gati Shakti initiative and National Logistics Portal – Marine a grand success

Dr.Sanjeev Ranjan, Secretary to Government of India (GoI), Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), who

is on a two-day visit to Chennai to review Chennai Port and Kamarajar Port performances and their Comprehensive Master Plan up to 2047. On the first day of his visit on October 31, Dr. Sanjeev

Ranjan, was welcomed at Chennai Port by Chairman of Chennai Port Authority, Sunil Paliwal, and his team. After a tree-plantation ceremony, Secretary (MoPSW) reviewed the performance of the Port and its comprehensive Master Plan up to 2047.

During the review

meeting, Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan, underlined the major digital initiatives of the Government, such as, PM Gati Shakti, National Logistics Portal – Marine (NLP-marine), etc. and sought enthusiastic participation for overall improvement in the logistics sector.

LOGISTICS (ROAD/RAIL/AVIATION)

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

DFCs Expedite Migration from Roads to Rail



Shift from roads to rail in India has begun.

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Container cargo transported through

railways increased by 17.63% year-on-year to 74.38 million metric tonnes during the previous fiscal as compared to 12.51% growth in overall container cargo volumes.

The modal (freight movement) shift from roads to rail in India has begun, according to a report by credit ratings agency CareEdge.

The shift has picked up pace thanks to the dedicated freight corridor, the report said.

The modal shift is currently on ongoing despite a host of factors, including the absence of a sector regulator, posing problems, it said.

As per the report, container cargo transported through railways (rail volumes) rose by a healthy 17.63 per cent year-on-year to 74.38 million metric tonnes during the previous fiscal as compared to 12.51 per cent growth in overall container cargo volumes.

The rail co-efficient

also went up by 115 bps to 26.70 per cent during FY22, mainly supported by partial connectivity of the dedicated freight corridor (DFC) with Mundra and Pipavav ports on the western coast, it added.

According to estimates, inventory carrying cost amounts to 43 per cent of the overall spend of logistics. Therefore, reduction in transit duration is expected to “help achieve just-in-time based inventory management thereby boosting the cost competitiveness of domestic goods.”

Current challenges to this shift, according to the report, include higher haulage rates for freight traffic due to extensive cross-subsidization of passenger traffic and the absence of a regulatory body for the railways.

Transit assurance under DFC aiming to squeeze the travel period by 40-50 per cent for some of the major routes and over 3x growth in the movement of cost-effective double stacker container trains by FY25 will accelerate this transition, CareEdge said.

Truck freight rates to witness lots of volatility post Diwali

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As the festival season’s demand tapers post Diwali, truck operators are expecting the road freight rates to decline by 5-10 per cent compared to the first fortnight of October.

Analysts and truck operators are also expecting the demand for electronics and consumer durables to fall after Diwali. Besides, prolonged rains in the South and West India have already impacted the supply of fruits, vegetables and other perishable items.

A saving grace, many expect would be with the supply of agricultural commodities next month and government spending on infrastructure, propelling demand for steel, cement, etc.

A top executive with a leading logistics firm said **that there is a “talk” about increase in retail prices of diesel in-line with the global scenario.** Inflation is an issue. Demand for electronics and durables is also slowing. This may soften the rates by 5-6 per cent.

Freight rates

CRISIL’s Market Intelligence and Analytics Director, (Consulting) Hemal Thakkar said that freight rates increased by 3-4 per cent in the first 15-20 days

of October but it should come down to a certain extent once the festival demand settles down. Going forward, the rates will largely mirror the momentum in fuel prices as freight operators pass on the price hikes to the customers.

Following a strong festival season across the country, inflation seems to be catching up and may start showing some signs of it by the end of this quarter (Q3 FY23) and beginning of next, he added.

Analysts pointed out that a clear picture on rates will emerge by mid-November as economic and farm activity picks up further.

Meanwhile, Atwal said that generally there is a brief lull in trucking activity due to the Diwali holidays, but it usually picks up in 10-15 days as fruits and vegetables are transported from Maharashtra. However this time, due to rains, that is likely to be impacted. Movement of potato seeds from Punjab also got hit as sowing was affected by rains. He, however, is confident that road freight can revive in a month depending on the weather conditions and economic outlook

In the next 15-20 days, truckers will be lifting paddy, which will help revive the business a bit.

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



"News is what somebody somewhere wants to suppress; all the rest is advertising." - Lord Northcliffe

EXIM TREND

Finance Minister urges States to ease logistics burden on Exporters



FM Nirmala Sitharaman

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Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday, 28th October asked states to adopt a Multi-Modal approach and ensure logistics did not become a

burden on exporters. She said the PM Gati Shakti was a beautiful protocol with which a synergy could be brought in.

Delivering the inaugural address after inaugurating the third campus of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade in Kakinada, **Sitharaman referred to 'One District-One Product' and 'Vocal for Local', initiatives, aimed at promoting local products and creating their export markets.**

She said the Commerce Ministry was working on

getting an export policy that would help the exporters by giving them incentives and promoting many things. **"India needs to remove certain taxes impacting exporters"**, she said. The Commerce Ministry is working on an export policy that will help the exporters by giving them incentives and promoting many things, she added.

She said the growing cost of electricity and logistics was also affecting the exports. With better roads and ports coming electronic facilitation for the customs operations

coming surely, the logistics element is being addressed little by little.

State Governments should also spend some time to see that logistics doesn't become a burden on exporters, Sitharaman said.

The Finance Minister referred to the Prime Minister's suggestion that States should open export promotion offices in Indian embassies abroad.

If you have the capacity to tell the kind of things you produce that are

international class our embassies are the place where you should be and target the markets there. Some of our States are the size of some European countries. We have the capacity even as a district to capture the market outside, she said.

The 'One District-One Product' is an attempt to identify such products in each district that have a natural capacity, organic capacity.

And 'Vocal for Local.' Those are the kind of products that capture international imagination and need to be supported, she added.

Our aim is to make Districts manufacturing hubs through enhanced export promotion: Commerce Secretary

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Speaking at the National Exports Summit, organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) held recently in New Delhi, Mr Sunil Barthwal, Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, stated that **there is a great scope for India to double its exports and further enhance its contribution in the overall global trade ecosystem.** "A coherent trade strategy that promotes greater integration and participation of India into Global Value Chains is an imperative. Such a strategy will be crucial to achieve the overall target of achieving US\$ 2 trillion overall exports target by 2030," he noted.



Mr Sunil Barthwal, Secretary, Department of Commerce

Mr Barthwal further mentioned the necessity for India to leverage its strength in the services sector to integrate in the value chains. Highlighting the significance of E-commerce, he added, "India should reap the benefits of the e-commerce in strengthening the capabilities of MSMEs to join the supply chains."

Affirming the Government's aim to increase exports, the Secretary mentioned that **the strategy for export promotion going forward will be more specific** which shall include strengthening the data and analytical exercise; increased interaction with exporters; and developing country & sector related strategies as well as targets, among others. "Our aim is to make Districts manufacturing hubs through enhanced export promotion," he further added.

Ms Linda Kromjong, President & Chief Executive Officer, Amfori noted that EU is increasingly focusing on environmental, human and social due diligence to encourage sourcing from sustainable supply chains. She

further added that the traditional sourcing companies from India may consider if improvements in administration, enforcement and capacity building are needed for the businesses' continued success and for them to remain attractive.

Mr Sanjay Budhia, Chairman, CII National Committee on Export-Import & Managing Director, Patton International Limited mentioned that over the last few years, Government has taken a slew of reform measures across the areas of manufacturing, trade finance, ease of doing business, trade facilitation and logistics that shall help build the momentum for exports.

"To reach the target of US\$ 1 trillion, effective collaboration amongst key stakeholders, including relevant policymakers from the Central Government, State Governments, Indian Missions and the Industry is crucial", he added.

LOGISTICS NEWS

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Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Shri Nitin Gadkari** has said that Nagpur to Pune journey will be possible in eight hours. In a series of

tweets he said considering the inconvenience to commuters currently traveling from Nagpur to Pune, the Nagpur-Mumbai Samridhi Mahamarg will be connected to the newly proposed Pune-Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar

(Aurangabad) Access Control Green Expressway near Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar (Aurangabad). He said this road will be constructed with a completely new alignment by NHAI.

Shri Gadkari said this

will make it possible to travel from Pune to Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar (Aurangabad) in two and half hours and from Nagpur to Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar (Aurangabad) in five and half hours through Samruddhi Mahamarg.



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