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FOSMA & MASSA appeal for fair treatment of 16 detained Indian sailors on MT Heroic Idun, in Nigeria



FOSMA CEO Capt. Rajesh Tandon



MASSA CEO Capt. Shiv Halbe

Pursuant to the ship **MT Heroic Idun** being 'arrested' by authorities of Equatorial Guinea at the behest of Nigerian authorities for alleged theft of crude oil from Nigeria, the 26 crew members on board, out of which **16 are Indian seafarers, have been through an extremely stressful period.** Despite them being interrogated over the past 3 months, the ship and crew have now been moved under the jurisdiction of Nigeria, for further queries and investigation.

FOSMA and MASSA, two of the major shipping bodies of India that represent 75% of Indian manpower on foreign flagships, in a joint statement have called for the Indian seafarers aboard the concerned vessel to be protected from the criminalization of any sort, and that they not be allowed to fall victim to any hasty summary judgment not backed by a proper enquiry,

while keeping in view at all times the seafarer's rights as enshrined in the globally accepted terms of the Maritime Labour Convention.

The two associations hope also, in right earnest, that the detained seafarers will not be subjected to any undue stress nor duress, and that any enquiry in this regard will be fair and transparent, with seafarers treated fairly as resolved by IMO.

An appeal has been made to appropriate Ministries in India to intervene on behalf of the seafarers and hasten the process of the logical culmination of this unfortunate episode.

FOSMA & MASSA, both the CEOs Capt Rajesh Tandon & Capt Shiv Halbe have pointed out that IMO guidelines for fair treatment of seafarers must be adhered to and implemented worldwide. The safety of seafarers needs to be at the focal point of our attention.

The working environment for seafarers should be without any uncertainty or fear, for them to discharge their duties diligently and safely. Courtesy Marex.

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India May Tranship Russian Oil to Bangladesh



New Delhi does not view its ties with Bangladesh through the prism of Dhaka's relations with Ankara.

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As Bangladesh is looking to get discounted Russian energy

to meet its growing domestic demand, the issue of getting oil and gas from that country had figured in talks when Indian Foreign Minister S Jaishankar

called on Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on September 5 during her official visit to New Delhi.

At that time, Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen had told the media that since Bangladesh did not have the refinery needed to process Russian oil, the pipeline option was discussed.

He had hastened to add that it depended on the price Bangladesh can negotiate with India, reports our New Delhi correspondent.

If Bangladesh and India can arrive at the price for Russian crude after it is refined in Indian refineries, what remains to be sorted

out is how that can be sent to Bangladesh — whether by tankers or any other supply mode.

One of the options for supplying Russian oil could be using the 130-km India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFPL) project meant for exporting oil from northeastern Indian state Assam's refinery in Numaligarh via Siliguri Marketing Terminal in West Bengal to Dinajpur in Bangladesh, Indian officials said.

They dismissed suggestions that India is keen to be a transit hub for Russian energy for Bangladesh only after Turkey had pitched in to emerge as a transit point for such supplies to India's eastern neighbour.

The officials said the issue of India supplying Russian oil to Bangladesh had come up much before Turkey had expressed its keenness and New Delhi does not view its ties with Bangladesh through the prism of Dhaka's relations with Ankara.

India's robust political relations with Bangladesh stand on their own and there is no reason why a third country factor could come in here, according to the officials.

Turkey's Ambassador to Bangladesh Mustafa Osman Turan November 16 said, his country would be "more than happy" to help Bangladesh by becoming a transit country for Russian energy supplies.

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Russia's crude fleet deemed ready for December 5 EU ban

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With 13 days to go until the European Union's ban on Russian crude shipments kicks in, analysts at BRS reckon Moscow has now accrued enough dirty shadow tonnage to permit the nation to support its crude exports at close to today's level, and will likely have done similar on the product side when a similar ban takes effect in February.

By December 5, tanker owners that fly any European Union flag or carry P&I insurance from an EU club can no longer have crude oil onboard that originated in Russia,



Tanker

unless Russia has sold the crude to the buyer at or under an agreed price cap. of vintage tanker tonnage in order to be ready for next month's ban.

In recent months, BRS is assuming a portion of the VLCC and suezmax tonnage currently engaged in the export of

Iranian or Venezuelan oil will eventually be enticed towards undertaking Russian trade by the high potential returns available.

The increased use of a dark tanker fleet, as well as ship-to-ship transfers, poses significant safety risks.

Concerned at the potential for accidents from an ageing dark fleet of tankers, the Turkish Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure last week issued a directive that every ship passing through the Turkish Straits after December 1, in loaded condition carrying oil, will need to provide a letter of

confirmation that the ship has valid P&I insurance with sufficient coverage for that ship, voyage and cargo.

Russian crude oil continues to exit western markets but has shifted east, most notably to China, India and Türkiye. For the latter three countries, Russian crude oil shipments have increased by 50. How much more Russia can shift oil eastwards is in doubt, however.

The International Energy Agency (IEA), in its latest monthly report for November, believes Russia's oil production and exports are in for hard times, with the world's largest country predicted to struggle to redirect all the lost European volumes elsewhere.



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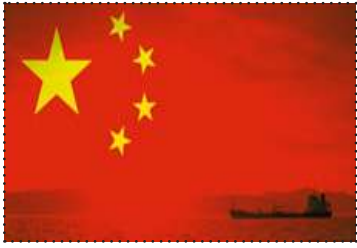
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China relaxing Covid-quarantine for crews transferring to domestic vessels



Covid-quarantine period for seafarers transferring from international-going vessels to domestic-deployed vessels, China relaxes.

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China is shortening Covid-quarantine period for seafarers transferring from

international-going vessels to domestic-deployed vessels when arriving at domestic ports.

China's Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Health Commission, General Administration of Customs and National Immigration Administration have jointly issued the notice for optimizing quarantine policies for crew onboard foreign-going vessels which will be deployed on domestic routes later.

Quarantine for crew on board the vessel serving for international trading routes

At the port of entry, all crew members on board the vessel serving for international trading routes will need to be quarantined for five days before berthing at domestic ports plus three more days quarantine after moving to domestic vessel, instead of seven days quarantine before entering the nation plus three days health monitoring.

The Covid-test times that the seafarers needed to do have also been adjusted from five tests in seven days to four times in five days after the vessel arrived at the port of entry.

When the vessel completed route adjustment from abroad to domestic, ship owner should arrange two Covid-tests for the crew member at the first and the third day during the three-day health monitoring period.

In Mid-November,

China announced updates on some prevention and control measures of Covid, shortening quarantine time for inbound travellers and optimising management rules for Covid-pandemic area domestically.

China continues to maintain a strict Covid-zero policy unlike most other countries that have dropped most or all Covid-related restrictions.

500 migrants caught in mid sea due to storm off Greece coast

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Greece's coastguard was rescuing a fishing boat with up to 500 migrants onboard in strong winds southwest of Crete near the eastern Mediterranean off the Greece coast, a spokeswoman told a French News agency.

"The distress call said there

are 400-500 people on board," a coastguard spokeswoman told the news agency, adding that the operation was hampered by near gale-force winds.

"They can see the boat, it's adrift, there is a large number of people on board," she added.

The coastguard said it had received the distress call shortly after midnight on November 21st.



Migrants onboard

Two nearby cargo ships, a tanker

and two Italian fishing boats were lending assistance, it said.

Because of the increased patrols by the Greek coastguard and EU border agency Frontex in the Aegean Sea, migrant smugglers are increasingly employing the longer and more perilous route south of Crete, Greek officials say.

"Eighty percent of the immigration flows from Turkey go straight to Italy," the country's Migration Minister Notis Mitarachi told a private TV channel last week.



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MSC ditches bid to buy Italy's top airline



Pic: ITA Airways

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Mediterranean Shipping Co (MSC), the world's largest containerline, has informed the Italian authorities that it is no longer interested in investing in ITA Airways,

the successor to heavily in debt Alitalia.

MSC had partnered with German airline Lufthansa earlier this year to bid for a stake in ITA.

The bid process has proven difficult however

and two months ago MSC decided to take matters into its own hands, unveiling at the end of September MSC Air Cargo, something that will take to the skies from early next year.

Other top lines such as CMA CGM and Maersk have created air cargo divisions during container shipping's recent record earnings period.

MSC is leasing four Boeing 777-200F aircraft from Atlas Air to launch the new airline with JannieDavel, formerly of Delta Cargo, Emirates SkyCargo and DHL, tapped to lead the business.



BIMCO launches campaign to call for removal of single-use plastics



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BIMCO has launched a campaign to raise awareness and help support the removal of single-use plastic bottles from ships.

Today, even if plastics on board ships are sorted, managed, and discharged to shore in a proper way,

mismanagement of waste on land means it can still reach the ocean.

With up to 1.75 billion plastic bottles a year being used on board ships, BIMCO believes removing unnecessary plastics is the industry's best option to help remove a source that may end up reaching the ocean.

As a first step BIMCO has partnered with **Ocean Bottle** on co-branded reusable bottles which symbolise the change needed within the shipping industry.

"We've learnt from members who have successfully implemented initiatives to remove single-use plastics bottles from their ships that providing crew with a reusable bottle, alongside other actions, can make a big difference. Over half of the companies that recently completed a BIMCO survey are already providing such bottles," says **Dr Bev Mackenzie, Head of Intergovernmental Engagement at BIMCO.**

Onboard water systems cut costs and emissions

Every bottle bought by BIMCO will fund the collection of 11.4 kg (over 1,000 single use plastic bottles in weight) of Ocean Plastic from the world's most polluted waterways. Plastic is collected by locals from some of the worst affected coastal communities such as the Philippines, Brazil, Egypt, Ghana, India, and Indonesia, who then exchange the plastic for money or receive digital credit to swap for tuition,

tech goods, healthcare, and micro-finance. **This infrastructure is made possible with help from partners Plastic Bank, Plastics for Change and rePurpose** who set up collection sites and ensure transactions to collectors are secure through traceable technology.

The BIMCO/Ocean Bottle branded bottles will be distributed among key stakeholders, leaders, and volunteers over the months to come to help address single-use plastics on board and spread the campaign message.

India and United States to strengthen Maritime Cooperation

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India and United States identified areas where fresh initiatives can be taken to strengthen Maritime Cooperation between the two countries including Maritime domain awareness.

Defense Minister Rajnath Singh held a bilateral meeting with US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin in Siem Reap, Cambodia on November 22nd. Mr Rajnath Singh and Mr Lloyd Austin are in Cambodia to attend the 9th ASEAN

Defense Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) Plus meeting.

Both leaders met each other with great warmth and expressed satisfaction at the growing bilateral defense engagements. The Indian delegation included Defense Secretary Giridhar Aramane and other senior officials of Ministry of Defense.

The two leaders expressed their commitment towards an inclusive and rules-based Indo Pacific with freedom of navigation, overflight and unimpeded trade. They further

discussed initiatives that can be taken to strengthen maritime cooperation between the two countries including in maritime domain awareness. Both leaders also shared their perspectives on the regional security situation

Mr. Rajnath Singh looked forward to building a roadmap towards greater defense industrial collaboration between India and US.

The two Defense Ministers discussed wide range of issues of mutual interest while expressing



Defense Minister Rajnath Singh with US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin

their commitment to a strong India-US defense cooperation. Mr. Rajnath Singh emphasized the need for both countries to work together for capability building in critical domains such as military aviation, artificial intelligence and cyber technology.

Made-in-India Container Ships likely next year

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Indian exporters, who have suffered setbacks from Covid and Ukraine war led supply chain disruptions, are excited at the prospects of sending their consignments on made-in-India container ships by next year.

The country is expected to build some 47 container ships by the year 2030, with the central government approving \$20.13 million under the **Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy (SBFA).** The policy, introduced in 2015, has seen as

many as 21 shipyards, including big names like L&T Shipbuilding Ltd, Cochin Shipyard Ltd, Goa Shipyard Ltd and Titagarh Shipyard Ltd, signing up for the scheme.

The financial assistance under SBFA is for Indian shipyards for shipbuilding contracts: signed between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2026.

Though the shipyards were given a three-year deadline post-approval to come up with the vessels, the pandemic and the war have come in the way. Now the expectation is

that the first Indian-made commercial vessel would set sail in 2023.

"India is gearing up for adding Indian-made container ships. The central government has already sanctioned \$20 million for this... During the pandemic, Indian traders faced issues with regard to availability of container



Made-in-India container ship

ships as well as containers. Since then, there has been a demand for manufacturing them domestically," said **K. Unnikrishnan, Joint Director General, Federation of Indian Export Organisations.**

Indian companies are also in the process of increasing production of containers. Bhavnagar in Gujarat may become a manufacturing hub for containers, with APPL Containers there receiving orders to supply 10,000 shipping containers in a year to the Container Corporation of India. Concor will also be procuring 6,000 containers from BEML and Braithwaite & Co Ltd by the end of 2023.

Jindal Steel is in process of setting up container manufacturing facilities. **SAIL and a few other major steel producers have already started manufacturing specialty steel required for container production.** Import of this steel from China has been a major concern.

"As per estimates, the logistics sector uses around 12 lakhs containers and there is a requirement of 50,000 new containers in the next three years. India is dependent on China for 90 percent of its container needs. Once manufacturing picks up, some portion of the demand would be met by these producers," said Unnikrishnan.

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India prepared to face threat in the Maritime domain says Defense Minister



Minister of state for defense Ajay Bhat

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India is well prepared to address threats in the current and emerging Maritime domain, Minister of state for defense Ajay Bhat said while emphasizing the need to build other aspects of the country's Maritime capability.

Delivering the Keynote

Address at the Regional strategic dialogue of the Navy he said they include toning up of Merchant Marine, Ports, and the capability for sustainable management of the Nation's Oceanic Resources, in addition to bolstering military capabilities.

He also laid particular stress upon rebuilding India's maritime traditions and strengthening Maritime Orientation among the people of the country, reiterating the nation's deep commitment to inclusivity and international cooperation in every field of human endeavor. The Minister also released a book titled, "Hard-Security Perspectives in India's Maritime Neighborhood", published by the National Maritime Foundation

The three-day apex-level regional

strategic dialogue of the Indian Navy, the "Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2022" (IPRD-2022) began in New Delhi on November 23rd.

The IPRD is an annual international conference that seeks to foster exchange of ideas and promote deliberations on Maritime issues relevant to the Indo-Pacific which, for India, stretches over a vast, predominantly maritime expanse from the eastern shore of Africa to the western shore of the Americas.

The inaugural session of the event kicked off with Admiral Karambir Singh (retd), the incumbent Chairman of the National Maritime Foundation, and former Chief of the Naval Staff, giving the welcome address

In the Inaugural Address that

followed, Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff, outlined the Indian Navy's outreach in terms of fostering Maritime Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific

He explained that the Indian Navy saw itself as being deeply invested in the actualization of each of the seven intricately connected spokes or pillars of the IPOI. Further, he reiterated the need to address three predominant and interlinked sectors – Security, Economy and Environment through the medium of IPOI.

The inaugural session was followed by two thematic sessions on 'Weaving the Fabric of Holistic Maritime Security in the Indo-Pacific: Multilateral Options' and 'Constructing Holistic-Security Bridges across the Western and Eastern Maritime Expanse of the Indo-Pacific'.

Domestic manufacture of ferry crafts for the Navy launched

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A Kolkata based private company has delivered Six Ferry Crafts at Port Blair, Mumbai and Visakhapatnam which will provide impetus to

Operational and Logistics requirement of the Navy

Contract for construction and delivery of seven 250 Men Ferry Craft was concluded with M/s Shalimar Works Ltd, Kolkata in consonance with "self reliance initiatives of



the government of India. These Ferry Craft are being built with a service life of 25 years.

Ferry Craft 'Manjula' (Yard 786) was launched by Binod Kumar, Principal Secretary Transport, West Bengal on November 23rd at M/s Shalimar Works

Ltd, Kolkata, West Bengal in presence of Cmde Indrajit Dasgupta, Warship Production Superintendent (Kolkata).

With all major and auxiliary equipment/systems sourced from indigenous manufacturers, this Ferry Craft is proud flag bearer of "Make in India" initiative of Ministry of Defense.

MINISTRY NEWS

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In continuance of Anti-Drug Operations, officers of Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) Neemuch, have busted inter-state drug cartels involved in trafficking of illicit Opium from North East India to Rajasthan. **The seized opium is worth around Rs 14 crore in the international market.**

After receiving specific intelligence that drug traffickers of Rajasthan were using Trawler trucks having specially built cavities for smuggling huge quantities of illicit opium from North Eastern States to Rajasthan, **officers of CBN initiated "OPERATION TULIP" to bust these inter-state cartels.**

On 15.11.2022, officers of

CBN seizes 272 kg illicit Opium worth Rs 14 crore from inter-state drug cartels

Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN), intercepted an Ashok Leyland Trawler (22-Wheeler) at Rajadhok Toll Plaza, Jaipur-Agra Highway, Jaipur (Raj.) and seized 95 packets of Opium weighing 102.910 kg.

Upon sustained questioning, the occupants of vehicle revealed that Opium was concealed in specially built cavities inside the trawler. After reaching CBN office, the Ashok Leyland Truck (Trawler) was thoroughly searched and total 95 packets of Opium weighing 102.910 kg was recovered from specially built cavities inside the trawler.

In follow up operation dated 20.11.2022, officers of CBN,

intercepted a Tata Trawler at a toll tax near Barabanki (U.P.) and recovered 133 packets of Opium weighing 135.709 kg. **The driver of the truck rammed his vehicle into the barricade of toll plaza.**

On 23.11.2022, officers of CBN on the basis of specific intelligence intercepted a Tata Trawler in Hisar district (Haryana) and recovered 33 packets of Opium weighing 33.870 kg.

Subsequently, the suspected Trawler truck was identified and was intercepted at a toll plaza situated near Hisar (Haryana)

The vehicles along with recovered illicit Opium have been seized under the provisions of NDPS Act, 1985 and 6 persons



Trucks are used in trafficking of illicit Opium from North East India to Rajasthan

have also been arrested in this operation so far.

CBN had also made a seizure of 38 kg of illicit opium in Rajasthan which was trafficked from North East in the month of April this year. **These seizures have highlighted an important fact that huge quantities of illicit opium are being trafficked from North-East India.**

Further investigation is under progress.



APM Terminals elevates Girish Aggarwal as MD of Gujarat Pipavav Port



Girish Aggarwal

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APM Terminals Management B V, the container terminal operating unit of global integrated transport company A. P. Moller-Maersk A/S, has elevated Girish Aggarwal as the Managing Director of Gujarat Pipavav Port Ltd in a top management rejig of its India operations.

Mumbai-listed Gujarat Pipavav Port Ltd (GPPL), a

private port in Gujarat, is 43.01 percent owned by A P M Terminals.

Aggarwal is currently the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Gateway Terminals India Pvt Ltd (GTI) which runs a container terminal at Jawaharlal Nehru Port near Mumbai. GTI is 74 percent owned by APM Terminals.

Aggarwal will assume his

new role at Gujarat Pipavav Port on 1 January 2023.

"Girish Aggarwal has led Gateway Terminals India as COO since 2019, initiating GTI's major berth and infrastructure improvement workss", said Jonathan Goldner, Managing Director, Asia, and Middle East at APM Terminals.

Girish Aggarwal is a

gold medallist in Bachelor of Technology and received a Post Graduate Diploma in Operations and Systems from the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore (IIMB). **He joined A.P. Moller - Maersk in 2013** where, prior to leading GTI, he was the CFO for Maersk's Global Shared Centres.

Before joining Maersk, he worked with Genpact, Ariba and Hindustan Unilever.

Hutchison Ports installs solar panels on Barcelona container terminal

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Hutchison Ports BEST (Barcelona Europe South Terminal) terminal, located in the Port of Barcelona, Spain has installed 1,832 solar panels on almost 5,000 m² of its buildings.

The company has already contracted electricity with a 100% renewable origin guarantee at the beginning of 2022, in order to maintain its commitment to



On 18 November, BEST received a visit from a delegation from the Port of Barcelona to see the installation of the solar panels in situ.

the decarbonisation of the

This is an auto-supply installation capable of

generating 1.18 GWh of electricity, equivalent to the annual electricity consumption of about 200 homes. The installed power is almost 1 MWh (833.56 kWh). The company in charge of installing the panels is Solar Profit.

Estefanía Soler, head of sustainability at BEST, stated, "These efforts contribute to further reducing the terminal's carbon footprint, with BEST's emissions

being 65% lower than conventional manual terminals."

On 18 November, BEST received a visit from a delegation from the Port of Barcelona, with Damià Calvet as the highest authority, to see the installation of the solar panels in situ.

Calvet commented, "Achieving the goal of having a carbon neutral port is everyone's responsibility and actions such as this one by BEST are the way to achieve it."

LOGISTICS NEWS

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The Indian wind industry has taken the Government of India to the High Court of Delhi over the new 'deviation settlement mechanism' regulations, which the industry feels are arbitrary and unfair in their retrospective application.

The DSM is a means to enforce grid discipline by penalising suppliers and consumers of electricity who stray from the schedule given to the grid operator. There has to be a balance of supply and draw of electricity on the grid, or else equipment at the receiving end would go kaput.

The DSM has been in force since 2014, but in January 2022 the government brought

Wind industry drags govt to court over new deviation norms

in tighter regulations, leaving the renewable energy industry unhappy. Essentially, it is difficult for wind energy companies to stick to schedules because nobody can predict wind flows accurately.

The older regulations allowed a wind developer to "over-inject up to 100 per cent", namely double what it said it would inject into the grid every 15 minutes, and be paid for it. Beyond 100 per cent, there would be no payment. The new regulations, however, allow only up to 10 per cent over-injection.

Similarly, earlier if the wind developer put in up to 15 per cent less energy than promised, there would be no penalty. The 2022 regulations reduced it to 10 per cent, that too with retrospective effect.

Wind forecasting

The government's argument is that predicting winds has become more accurate with advancement in technology, but the industry disagrees.

"It is more about atmospheric sciences where the processes are chaotic, rather than deterministic," says M P Ramesh, a wind industry expert and a former Director of the National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE). **"They have to understand that generators are not atmospheric scientists, nor do they have any control over atmospheric processes."**

The petition states that existing projects won in tenders through tariff bids would become unviable with the new regulations, since they were based on the previous



India's total wind installed capacity is 41,844 MW (file image) | Photo Credit: JOTHI RAMALINGAM B

regulations. "It is settled law that penal measures can only be applied prospectively," the petition notes.

Sources point out that **the wind industry — a crucial component of India's carbon emission reduction commitments — is dying.**

PORTS (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)

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JNPA Inaugurates Continuous Marine Water Quality Monitoring Station



Shri Sanjay Sethi, IAS, Chairman, JNPA, (third from left) in the presence of Shri Unmesh Sharad Wagh, IRS, Dy. Chairman, JNPA, along with all the HoDs of JNPA.

NEW DELHI
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Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), India's best-performing Port, in association with the Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras, developed a Continuous Marine Water Quality

Monitoring Station (CMWQMS) & launched an Electric Environmental Monitoring Vehicle (EV) on November 21, 2022, Monday, at the Port.

The monitoring station and vehicle were inaugurated at the hands of Shri Sanjay Sethi,

IAS, Chairman, JNPA, in the presence of Shri Unmesh Sharad Wagh, IRS, Dy. Chairman, JNPA, along with all the HoDs of JNPA.

Speaking at the occasion, Shri Sanjay Sethi, IAS, JNPA, stated, "JNPA is committed to achieving leadership in sustainability and creating value for the trade – depicted across the economic, social, and environmental parameters. JNPA always thrives on being an environmentally responsible port. The Continuous Marine Water Quality Monitoring Station and launch of E- Vehicles is yet another step towards commitment to sustainable development."

The Continuous water quality system and electric monitoring vehicle will assist in

managing the marine water and air quality in the port area, regulating the environmental quality within the port area. Through this, JNPA will be able to reduce the greenhouse gas footprint of vehicles, in addition to checking compliance with Environmental Quality around the port estate through water quality stations data, such as temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, ammonia, conductivity, nitrate, salinity, turbidity, and TDS of marine water a database on marine water quality is essential for maintaining hygienic standards in the marine environment.

The E- Vehicle also substantiates the ongoing ambient air and noise monitoring activities at JNPA. JNPA has initiated

various environmental upgradations and Green Port Initiatives like a Sewage Treatment Plant, Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station (CAAQMS), Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Facility, LEDs lamps replaced in the Port area and township, E RTGCS, Shore power supply, Rejuvenation of Water Body near Sheva Temple and Sheva Foothill at JNPA, Initiative for the ease of Traffic at Centralized Parking Plaza, Port Green Cover including Mangroves Management, Oil Spill Response, etc. Jawaharlal Nehru Port has also installed Solar Panels of around 4.10 MWp. 38% of avg. Power requirement is from renewable energy, and has also switched to LED lights at the Port area to lower energy consumption & decrease carbon footprint.

Essar Concludes \$2 Bn Sale of Port, Power Infra Assets to AM/NS

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News Service

Ruia family-run Essar group on Monday 21 Nov said it has concluded the sale of captive ports and power assets located at Hazira in Gujarat and Paradip in Odisha to Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Ltd (AM/NS) for USD 2.05 billion (about Rs 16,500 crore).

With the sale, Essar has completed its asset monetisation programme to effectively become debt free.

"Essar Ports & Terminals Ltd (EPTL) and Essar Power Ltd (EPL) today concluded the USD 2.05 billion sale of captive ports

and power assets located in Hazira and Paradip to AM/NS," it said in a statement.

The sale consisted of infra assets including a 270 MW power plant and 25 million tonnes per annum port at Hazira, Gujarat, and a 12 million tonnes a year port at Paradip, Odisha.

Prashant Ruia, Director, Essar Capital, said, "Essar has concluded its asset monetisation programme and completed the debt repayment of USD 25 billion (Rs 2 lakh crore) effectively making the group debt-free from Indian banks and financial institutions".

Essar continues to have a significant presence and substantial operating assets in all

its core verticals – energy, metals and mining, infrastructure and logistics and technology and retail.

The privately held group currently has revenues of USD 15 billion (about Rs 1.2 lakh crore) and assets under management of USD 8 billion (Rs 64,000 crore) within and outside India.

Rewant Ruia, Director, Essar Ports Terminals Ltd, said, "In a planned and strategic manner, we have monetised assets that we built over the last 30 years. We are now reinvesting in our existing operations and in building new assets, both in India and overseas, with more efficient, latest and carbon-neutral



new-age technologies, which will be sustainable".

The assets that Essar has monetised over the last five years have yielded a multifold return on investments, which is a testimony to Essar's reputation for building world-class, world-scale and high-quality assets in all its business verticals, the statement said. "Essar has been and will continue to be a significant player and participant in the India growth story while continuing to derive substantial growth and revenues from its international operations.

LOGISTICS NEWS

BHUVANESHWAR
Sagar Sandesh News Service

Odisha's Mayurbhanj home district of President Droupadi Murmu will soon have a full fledged airport with Odisha Government securing the clearance of the Defence Ministry for reviving

President Murmu's home district to have an airport

a World War II era Airfield which has been lying defunct for the past several decades.

The Defence Ministry gave its working permission to the state government a few days ago to develop an airstrip in about 170 acres of land. The land belongs to the Defence Research

and Development Organisation (DRDO) according to local media reports

The airstrip was used during the World War II by British troops as a forward airfield to thwart the designs of the invading Japanese troops which had reached Myanmar.

The Odisha government has plan to support Udan flights to Mayurbhanj district inhabited by tribal population.



President Droupadi Murmu



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EXIM TREND

Free trade agreement with Gulf Cooperation Council



For FTA with GCC final round of talks on Nov 24

NEW DELHI
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India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will launch the final round of negotiations for a free trade agreement on November 24th, which aims at

promoting two-way commerce and investments between the regions, source said.

The Council is a union of six countries in the Gulf region – Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain.

India's exports to the GCC member countries stood at about 45 billion US dollars in 2021-22, according to data from the commerce ministry. The share of GCC members in India's total imports rose to 18 per cent in 2021-22, due to increased import of crude and petroleum products.

Bilateral trade with the Gulf cooperation council countries have increased to 154.73 billion US dollars in 2021-22

India has already implemented a free trade pact with the UAE, one of the leading council members in May this year.

India imports predominately crude oil and natural gas from the Gulf nations like Saudi Arabia and Qatar, and exports pearls, precious and semi-precious stones; metals; imitation jewellery, electrical machinery, iron and steel, and chemicals to these countries.

Besides trade, **Gulf nations are host to a sizeable Indian population.** Out of about 32 million non-resident Indians (NRIs), nearly half are estimated to be working in Gulf countries. These NRIs send a significant amount of money back home. India received 90 billion

US dollars in foreign remittances during 2021 and the bulk of the amount is received from the non resident Indians belonging to Kerala.

Saudi Arabia was the fourth-largest trading partner of India last fiscal. Total bilateral trade has increased to about 45 billion US dollars in 2021-22.

India imports about 9 million tons a year of LNG from Qatar and exports products ranging from cereals to meat, fish, chemicals, and plastics to that country. Bilateral trade and Qatar rose to 15 billion US dollars in 2021-22..

Bilateral trade with Kuwait went up to 13 billion US dollars in 2021-22. The trade with Oman increased to about 10 billion US dollars in 2021-22.

No more IGST on Ocean Freight

NEW DELHI
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The Goods and Service Tax (IGST) on Ocean freight stands withdrawn after the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) decided not to appeal against the Supreme Court order quashing the levy.

The CBIC Legal Cell has

issued a letter dated Nov. 4, 2022, which informed that the Board has decided that the GST Department will not appeal against the Supreme Court decision in which the Court quashed the imposition of IGST on Ocean Freight.

The apex court has given this ruling on the Mohit Minerals case a few



months ago providing relief for shippers who are reeling under the impact of the hike in freight rates.

A plea filed by Mohit Minerals Pvt. Ltd challenging the legality of the CBIC notification was

reviewed by a division bench of the Supreme Court.

The petition primarily consisted of three parts. First of all, since the petitioner-Mohit Minerals Ltd- had paid the tax required by the IGST Act on the total amount of imports (including the cost of the ocean freight), the tax on the Ocean freight cannot be demanded once more under a separate notification.

Second, in CIF contracts, both the service supplier and the service user are located outside of India. Even using the reverse charge mechanism, no tax on such services may be collected.

Thirdly, the petitioner is not the service recipient at all in the instance of High Sea sales, yet the petitioner is made to bear the burden of proof as an importer.

Hosur in TN emerging as E scooter hub of the country

BENGALURU
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Ather Energy inaugurates second manufacturing plant in Tamil Nadu

Bengaluru - based E-scooter manufacturer, Ather Energy, has inaugurated its second manufacturing facility in Hosur, Tamil Nadu bordering Karnataka. Hosur is situated about eighty kilometers from Bengaluru.

The facility, that's spread across 300,000 square feet will allow Ather Energy to upscale its production to 4.2 lakh units a year from 1.2 lakh units per annum.

Hosur is the base for the country's largest e scooter manufacturing unit put up by Ola Electric.

Ather's new plant will both, produce batteries as well as assemble its 450X and 450 Plus (Gen 3) vehicles. The battery unit section will have five assembly lines while on the other side, the vehicle assembly section will have two assembly lines.

Ather Energy had only recently achieved the milestone of installing 500 fast-charging stations across the country and plans to install 1400 Ather Grids by the end March 2023. The company also plans to expand to around 150 experience centers in 100 cities around the same time.

TRADE BODY NEWS



"Worrying will never change the outcome"

FIEO's take on Indo Australian trade agreement



NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News Bureau

The Federation of Indian Exporters Organization FIEO said the Indo Australian trade agreement for which the Australian parliament has given the nod on November 22nd will benefit all sectors of exports particularly the labor intensive like apparel and textiles, leather and footwears, gems

and jewellery, furniture and exports goods, machinery and electrical goods and specified Pharma products,

Pharmaceutical sector will be getting expeditious approval as many of such drugs already have approval in the US/UK/EU/Canada/Japan, which will help to increase our share in a market of over 13 billion US dollars said the FIEO President DrSakthivel in a statement.

Moreover, duty free imports of critical inputs like coal, copper, nickel, aluminium, manganese, wool, hides and skin will impart competitiveness to our manufacturing and

exports. Australia will also be getting zero duty facility in respect of 90 per cent value of their exports to India.

Services has got the best ever treatment in any agreement as Australia has made commitments in around 135 sub-sectors with Most Favored Nation (MFN) treatment for around 120 sectors. Post study work visas ranging from 18 months to 4 years will benefit over 1 lakh Indian students. The commitment to pursue Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) in next 12 months will greatly

benefit the professionals on both sides.

FIEO said that India's goods exports to Australia will reach 15 billion US dollars by 2025 from 6.9 billion US dollars in 2021 taking full advantage of ECTA, while services should move to 10 billion US dollars by 2025 from 3.9 billion US dollars (provisional). DrSakthivel exuded confidence that the bilateral trade between the two countries will cross 50 billion US dollars mark much before the target set to achieve the same

The agreement is a milestone in India Australia relationship, which is warm and vibrant backed by mutual cooperation, trust

and common interest. The **President, FIEO, said that the ECTA will pave the way for a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement,** which will further expand the relationship covering new areas of partnership.

It is remarkable that in a very short span of time India has carved out two important partnership agreements with UAE and Australia, which are complementary economies and our important export markets. India will be getting zero duty benefit on 98.3 per cent of the tariff lines from the day the Agreement comes into force and on 100 per cent of tariff lines within 5 years, he said.

SEAFARER NEWS

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News Service

Cries for a permanent pension scheme for retired seafarers and widows reverberated around Salcete countryside on Tuesday, 22 Nov with the opposition making a fervent plea to Chief Minister Pramod Sawant to notify a permanent scheme for the seafarers.

While Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao appealed to the Chief Minister to notify the permanent pension scheme for the seafarers and clear all the pending dues,

Benaulim MLA VenzyViegas reminded Sawant to honour his assurance given to him on the

Cries for permanent pension for seafarers reverberate in Salcete



Goa CM Pramod Sawant reminded of his promise to seafarers that he would notify a permanent pension scheme for them.

floor of the House to unveil a permanent scheme for the seamen.

Yuri pointed out that a permanent scheme for seafarers was a promise of the Congress in Roadmap for Goa Vision 2035.

While stating that the government must respect the contribution of seafarers towards the development of Goa, Yuri appealed to the Chief Minister to notify a permanent pension scheme for seafarers and clear all pending dues immediately.

"Most of the seafarers return to their homeland Goa during Christmas," he said while urging the Chief Minister to bring smiles to their faces by notifying a permanent scheme and also releasing the pending dues of the last two months.

He also appealed to the government to give recognition to the Goan Seamen Association

of India and provide them with logistical and infrastructural assistance, said Yuri Alemao.

"Seafarers remain miles away from their homeland, earn foreign exchange and contribute to the economy. They have played a huge role in the overall development of Goa," Yuri added.

Benaulim MLA Venzy Viegas recalled that he had moved a Private Member's resolution on the floor of the House to make the pension scheme for retired seafarers permanent, adding that the resolution was withdrawn based on the assurance the pension scheme would be made permanent by the government.

IMO NEWS

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News Service

With the upcoming International Maritime Organization (IMO) environmental committee meeting now a scant three weeks away, a treasure trove of written material, some factual, some opinion and some offering a little bit of both, is available for journalists

CII at the IMO: All Eyes on Shipping's New Carbon Intensity Index

to review in advance of the meeting—officially tagged as Marine Environmental Protection Committee (MEPC) 79.

The various documents provide part of the backdrop for discussions taking place at MEPC79, as well as offering reference material for the various working groups that labor in the background

seeking to develop specific recommendations for rules.

The Carbon Intensity Index (CII), with its earliest iterations set to kick in at January 2023, already the subject of back and forth at recent IMO working groups, has fueled controversy; **it applies to ships of 5,000 gross tons and above.** In the A,B,C,D,E rating protocol, vessels



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will fall into bands—with "A" being the best (less greenhouse gas emissions for the distance sailed)

and "E" the least, based on annual CO2 emissions. While its "trajectory" of modest annual reductions in emissions intensities (i.e. the bands get lower each year) has been mapped out through 2026, the MEPC will be discussing the pathway to 2030, with likely sharper reductions in second half of the decade.

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Indian Buyers Rush to Stock More Russian Oil



India has been a vital outlet for Russian oil after most other buyers shunned shipments because of Russia's war in Ukraine

NEW DELHI
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At least four companies are seeking Russian cargoes that can load by Dec. 5 and discharge before Jan. 19, according to people familiar with the matter. That timeframe fits with a grace period being granted on oil purchases under a US-led measure to cap the price of Moscow's sales.

The price cap is scheduled to be implemented alongside European Union sanctions on Russian seaborne imports on Dec.

5, and is designed to keep crude flowing but crimp the Kremlin's revenues as it wages war in Ukraine. The cap level is set to be announced this week.

The US and UK have said that their companies will be given a grace period to unload their cargoes until Jan. 19 to take into account shipments that were loaded before the cap came into force. The EU has yet to say whether it will mirror that provision. Two key Indian oil refiners last month halted one-off purchases on

concerns over the fallout of sanctions.

India has been a vital outlet for Russian oil after most other buyers shunned shipments because of Russia's war in Ukraine. The country is Asia's second-biggest crude importer and actively purchases a range of grades from flagship Urals to oil shipped from the Far East — ESPO and Sokol.

Two Suezmax tankers hauling Russian oil are currently headed to Sikka on India's west coast and are estimated to arrive after Dec. 5, according ship-tracking data compiled by

Bloomberg and Vortexa Ltd. The tankers are likely transporting Urals crude loaded at western ports.

Sokol, which loads from the De-Kastri terminal, is now at a discounted price that makes the grade attractive to Indian buyers, said the people who asked not to be named because the information is private. Refiners are purchasing Sokol on a delivered basis from smaller traders, they added.

The grade has typically been favored by North Asian buyers due to its close shipping distance and diesel-rich quality.

Cotton export may be hit as domestic prices rule higher than global market

New Delhi
Sagar Sandesh News Service



With domestic cotton prices continuing to rule higher than rates in the global market, traders see bleak prospects for the export of the fibre crop in the near term.

This is even as cotton arrivals across agricultural produce marketing committee (APMC) yards are gathering pace across key producing regions.

Trade sources expect market arrivals to pick up from early December after the elections in Gujarat | Photo Credit: PTI

hold back their produce, expecting higher prices.

Farmers, however, prefer to

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Intercargo, a trade association representing owners of drybulk vessels with NGO status at IMO meetings, has brought out its concerns in its document **REDUCTION OF GHG EMISSIONS FROM SHIPS: Information on the effects of charterers' orders, distance travelled and waiting time on Carbon Intensity Indicators.**

Intercargo, in its presentation, drives home the point that routings and waiting times impacting the CII ratings are often outside the control of the shipowner; instead, they are driven by charterers' orders.

What to do? Intercargo parses the wording for politeness in the MEPC79 submission. They say: "INTERCARGO is supportive of the short-term measures adopted by the Committee but

is of the opinion that to make the measure fit for purpose and to achieve the ambitions of the Organization careful consideration of CII calculation including correction factors and/or voyage adjustments will be needed."

The fuel/speed curve plays a huge role in all of this; throttling down the power reduces emissions but, over a fleet-wide basis, it also reduces tonnage supply (and this could drive up freight costs). Putting themselves into their customers' shoes and infusing a much needed commercial tone, Intercargo (picking up verbiage from Blue Sky) says: "it is logically doubtful that a Charterer would unilaterally opt for slower speeds to achieve improved emission outcomes."

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.portport.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	- Nhavasheva International Container Terminal
NSIGT	- Nhavasheva 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



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Australian Parliament passes the free trade agreement with India



Australian parliament

CANBERRA
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Australia's Parliament passed bilateral free trade agreements with India on November 22nd, the country's prime minister said in a tweet, according to International media reports.

The trade agreement is

crucial for Australia to diversify its exports from the Chinese market to India and forge bilateral relations.

The bills easily passed the House of Representatives on November 21 and the Senate made them law on November 22.

Australia trade minister Don Farrell said **India had demonstrated its commitment to the bilateral economic partnership through the quality of the deal struck.**

Customs duties on 100 percent tariff lines to be eliminated with Australia soon

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News Bureau

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said that duties on 100 percent tariff lines would be eliminated by Australia under the landmark India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (Ind-Aus ECTA). He was addressing a press conference on the ECTA following the approval of the Agreement by the Australian Parliament.

The ECTA would give a big boost to several sectors of the economy, especially textiles, gems and jewellery and pharmaceuticals. The Agreement reflected the confidence and trust between the two countries, and India's growing stature in the world. He said that ECTA would further deepen India's relationship with Australia, a vibrant democracy which shared several of India's interests.

Australia is an important strategic partner of India



This agreement is the cornerstone of our multi-faceted bilateral relations.

and both the democracies are part of the four nation QUAD, Trilateral Supply Chain Initiative and the Indo-Pacific Economic Forum (IPEF).

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It is expected that with this agreement, the total bilateral trade will cross 45-50 billion US dollars in 5 years from existing 31 billion US dollars. India's Merchandise Exports is likely to increase by 10 billion by 2026-27. Moreover, since the labor-intensive sectors will be benefitted. Similarly, it would provide enhanced job opportunities for Indians in Australia and increased remittance flows to India.

Around 96 per cent of Australia's exports are raw materials and intermediate products which will allow many Indian industries to get cheaper raw materials and make them competitive.

As regards trade in services, Australia has offered wide ranging commitments in around 135 sub sectors which cover key areas of India's interest like IT, ITES, Business services, Health, Education, and Audio

visual. Some of the key offers from Australia in the services space include: Quota for chefs and yoga teachers; Post study work visa of 2-4 years for Indian students on reciprocal basis; mutual recognition of Professional Services and Other licensed/regulating Occupations; and Work & Holiday visa arrangement for young professionals. Moreover, the long pending issue under Double taxation related to IT/ITES has been resolved under this Agreement which will provide a financial savings of more than 200 million US dollars per year as per the estimates received from the Industry Associations.

As part of the commitments under ECTA, for the Comprehensive Ind-Aus ECTA, Chief Negotiators from both the sides will have a meeting shortly to finalize the Scoping document.

In a nutshell, the India-Australia ECTA will further cement the already deep, close and strategic relations between the two countries and will significantly enhance bilateral trade in goods and services, create new employment opportunities, raise living standards, and improve the general welfare of the peoples of the two countries.

Soon Steel Exports to Australia will become duty free

NEW DELHI
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Minister Goyal urged the industry to look at capturing new opportunities in Australia.

Post the trade agreement, all our steel exports to Australia will become duty free. He urged Industry to make best use of this Agreement and look at capturing new opportunities in Australia. He said that these trading agreements with developed countries will usher in new opportunities for our businesses across sectors, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said

He urged Steel Industry to make best use of the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) Agreement and look at capturing new opportunities in Australia. He was speaking at the 3rd edition of ISA Steel Conclave in New Delhi

India-Australia Economic Cooperation & Trade Agreement (ECTA) has been passed by the Australian Parliament on November 22nd.

Steel Industry is the major stakeholder, contributing significantly to the export earnings. He noted that many Indian steel companies are top world class steel suppliers. High Quality products like engines, valves made from Indian steel are testimony to quality steel that the steel industry is producing. He urged them to strive to develop Brand India and observed that the steel industry is the low hanging fruit in India's integrated efforts to create global recognition of Indian products.

Mr Goyal opined that the steel industry has a significant growth

potential and urged them to achieve the target of 300 million tons by 2030...He said while many other countries which are large producers of steel are facing severe stress, India has a huge opportunity in terms of large domestic market, cost competitiveness, modern tech, wide range of products and domestic iron ore ability.

National steel policy 2017 has helped India become the second largest producer of steel, he added.

Government's effort has been to protect Indian Steel Industry through 'Melt and Pour' provision in our FTAs. s.

Availability of coking coal is a major challenge for the Steel Industry. Industry should collaborate with eminent institutions and undertake research to find alternate solutions for this.

India's per capita consumption of Steel is much below the world average and urged the industry to aspire for at least 3X growth to reach the global average. The rising EV auto market coupled with increasing levels of prosperity will translate into potential business for the steel and aluminum industry.

He urged industry to kick start the process of investment and aid in faster rollout of PLI in Steel.