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## Maritime SheEO Conference 2022

### Changing Leadership Paradigms

### Moving the Needle on Gender Equity

**M**aritime SheEO Conference 2022 was held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 for the third time and the theme was 'Changing Leadership Paradigms'. This year's

Highlighting the theme of the conference, she asked the audience "If you are put on trial for your commitment towards Diversity, would you be found Guilty!". A good leading question,

development to 60 participants globally and you will hear about their learning experience from some of these women in the panel and how I took the leap. Collaboration is the key to success

and no one can do it on their own I would like to use this forum to thank all, especially Birgit, my Norwegian sister who's come all the way to support the conference. The Norwegian consulate who's been part of my journey from the way go and everybody else here to make who has helped to make this conference a reality" she closed her address with the words "let's work together for a better future for our industry".

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Lighting of Lamp

conference was hybrid and with a physical event at Taj Hotel in Mumbai – India, where over 200 people attended, and more than 2000 attended and followed it virtually, the biggest of its nature and one of the biggest events on Diversity & Sustainability of the year!

The Conference began with the **Lighting of the Lamp** by the esteemed guests as a traditional ritual in India before the commencement of an auspicious event.

Ms. Sanjam Sahi Gupta, **Founder of Maritime SheEO**, the brain & beauty behind this concept of the conference heartily welcomed the august gathering and conveyed her deepest gratitude to each individual sponsor.



Ms. Sanjam Sahi Gupta



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Dr. Jose Matheickal

Dr. Jose Matheickal, Chief, Department of Partnerships & Projects, IMO conveyed thanks and appreciation on behalf of IMO to Ms. Sanjam Gupta for taking the lead in organizing this important and timely conference. He voiced IMO's ongoing support in promoting female leaders and the advancement of gender equality throughout the maritime sector.

Shri Amitabh Kumar, Director General of Shipping, GOI briefed on the status of the workforce in India which remains a serious cause of concern. Sharing the survey report conducted in India on the workforce, he informed that Covid

has actually driven women towards the workforce in India. **While appreciating Sanjam's approach towards diversity and a focus on a leadership role for women**, he mentioned another survey report which has been conducted recently in India that says **only 4.7% women are CEOs and 7.7% in the board across industries**. To increase the participation of women in leadership, both top-down approach and bottom-up approaches are being initiated, he continued. "A.P.Moller-Maersk Group has come up with a very aggressive business strategy for inducting women into the maritime



Shri Amitabh Kumar

industry. They have set targets and they are going aggressively toward achieving their targets. **MASSA and FOSMA** also have come up with their own strategies to have more women on board and collectively if this trend continues what we have seen in the last 2 years, the number of women on board both Indian & Foreign flag ships is going to increase", he said. From the administration side, to increase women on board the ships, he informed the bottom-up approach is being taken including a scholarship for women cadets and guidelines in on-board culture. Currently, 3746 women cadets are sailing which is seen as a 30% growth this year.

**Highlighting IMO and WMU**, who have played a huge role in bringing this issue under focus. He expressed that in the next 5 to 10 years, we are going to see a very major shift in the maritime industry and we will see increased diversity, we will see more women participation which will definitely result in better financial outcomes for the industries in times to come and they are the one who are going

to benefit from the efforts that they are making today.



Mr. Ottar Ostnes

Mr. Ottar Ostnes, DG of the Department of Maritime Policy & Coastal Development, Underlying Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries (Norway), offered his gratitude to Ms. Sanjam for organizing this event and highlighting the importance of this conference that brings together leading maritime nations and industry players who together can accelerate change in the maritime industry.

Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, President WMU, sharing appreciating word for Sanjam said that empowering women and pursuing gender equality at all levels in the maritime &

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Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia- Henry

ocean sectors has been key and very important. To achieve women's empowerment, the crucial tool is education and training, especially in science technology, and engineering. Today STCW certified women represent only 1.28% of total STCW-certified seafarers and an estimated 24,059 seafarers worldwide. Appx 94% of women seafarers are working in the cruise industry. Stressing on Education, she highlighted graduate & postgraduate degrees available at WMU and humbly submitted to industry operators to extend support in giving scholarships to women to undertake these graduate & postgraduate programs available to promote gender equality & women empowerment in ocean science.

Host of today's event Birgit M. Liodden, Founder of the Ocean Opportunities Lab shared personal stories of her and Sanjam

that how they became dedicated to use themselves as change agents. She made an announcement of the launching with the syndrome and other partners the two real **hardcore initiatives** where one is a female candidate pool **gathering female candidates for management positions** from all over the world for all parts of the industry and the other one is the gathering and the launch of



Birgit M. Liodden

the first list of 100 inspirational female entrepreneurs, Founders from across ocean energy and after that and starting this global commitment together working with the other gender equality focussed initiatives she proudly said that "If you then claim you can't find the women then come to us and we will make it happen, this is just a beginning!"

**Release of Gender Diversity Handbook:**



Release of Gender Diversity Handbook

WISTA International, Anglo Eastern, ISWAN, and ICS had conducted a public online survey designed to examine how women seafarers perceived "discrimination" and how it manifested on board (based on personal experience). The complete findings from the survey and recommendations covered in the Gender Diversity Handbook that was released by the hands of esteemed guests Ms. Elpi Petraki, Shri Amitabh Kumar, Capt. Kersi Deboo, Parnita Rasal, and Delna Shroff along with Host Ms. Sanjam Gupta.

Capt. Kersi Deboo, Director and Principal Anglo Eastern Maritime Training Centre briefed the audience on important contents of the handbook, it guides seafarers on board colleagues on how men can be better allies for women on board the ship as a workplace and how the employers could facilitate further recruitment of female seafarers through building the facilities on board ships because the ships lack quite a

few facilities for women seafarers and this needs to be acknowledged



Capt. Kersi Deboo

and need to be also put into place so that we can attract more and more female seafarers on board our ships. He complimented Ms. Sanjam for her great initiative in bringing awareness through such platforms. Highlighting Anglo Eastern Academy for Cadets intake wherein 480 cadets are under training this year has currently 8% female cadets and looking at the trend of 'Confidence' seen in female students, this will increase to 20 to 30% in years to come, he expressed with determination.

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## MARINE NEWS

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The Indian Navy's Guided Missile Stealth Frigate, INS Trikand, Offshore Patrol Vessel, INS Sumitra, and Maritime Patrol Aircraft, (MPA) Dornier, participated in the 13th Edition of the Indian Navy (IN) - Royal Navy of Oman (RNO) bilateral exercise 'Naseem Al Bahr' (Sea Breeze).

The exercise was conducted from November 19 to 24 off the coast of Oman and had three phases: harbor phase, sea phase and debrief. Activities undertaken during the harbour phase included professional interactions

## Indo Oman Naval Exercises Conclude

between IN and RNO operations teams and friendly sports fixtures between the two navies. IN Ships Trikand and Sumitra, along with RNO Ships Al Shinas and Al Seeb, sailed for the sea phase. IN - MPA Dornier, RNO MPA and shore based RAFO fighter aircraft Hawks joined the exercise at sea.

The sea phase included tactical maritime exercise involving surface action, air defence, maritime surveillance and interdiction/VBSS. These operations helped in strengthening interoperability as well as enhancing understanding of each other's procedures. The last phase of exercise, debrief, was conducted at

the RNO Naval Base at Duqm on 23 Nov 22.

India and Oman have traditionally enjoyed warm and friendly relations, sharing common cultural values. Naval exercises have added strength and substance to these bilateral ties. The first IN-RNO exercise was conducted in 1993. This year marks 30 years of IN-RNO bilateral exercises.

INS Trikand, a frontline frigate, is equipped with a versatile range of weapons and sensors. The ship is a part of the Indian Navy's Western Fleet, based at Mumbai. INS Sumitra, a multirole offshore patrol vessel is part of the Eastern Fleet of the Indian Navy, based at Visakhapatnam.



## MARINE NEWS



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

## Yet another indigenous Missile Destroyer delivered to the Navy



Second Project 15B guided missile destroyer delivered to Indian Navy

MUMBAI  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

**The Second ship of Project 15B stealth guided missile destroyers being built at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), was delivered to the Indian**

Navy on November 24 th. The contract for four ships of Project 15B was signed about eleven years ago.

**This Project is a follow-up of the Kolkata class (Project 15A) destroyers commissioned in the last decade and the lead ship of the Project - INS Visakhapatnam has already been commissioned into the Indian Navy on November 21 last year.**

Designed by the Warship Design Bureau, Indian Navy's in-house organization and built by M/s Mazagon Dock shipbuilders Ltd, Mumbai. The four ships of the Project are christened

after major cities from all four corners of the country, Visakhapatnam, Mormugao, Imphal and Surat.

**The keel of Mormugao was laid in June 2015 and the ship was launched on 17 Sep 2016.** The design has largely maintained the hull form, propulsion machinery, many platform equipment and major weapons & sensors as the Kolkata class to benefit from series production.

The ship is 163 meters long and 17 meters wide, displaces 7400 tons when fully loaded and has a maximum speed of 30 knots. Apart from myriad

indigenous equipment in the 'Float' and 'Move' categories, the destroyer is also installed with under-mentioned major indigenous weapons. The overall indigenous content of the project is approx. 75 per cent

Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missiles (BEL, Bangalore), BrahMos Surface-to-Surface Missiles (BrahMos Aerospace, New Delhi), Indigenous Torpedo Tube Launchers (Larsen & Toubro, Mumbai), Anti-Submarine Indigenous Rocket Launchers (Larsen & Toubro, Mumbai) and 76mm Super Rapid Gun Mount (BHEL, Haridwar)

The ship had sailed out for her maiden sea sortie on Dec last year to coincide with the Goa Liberation Day and the ship has now been delivered. The delivery of Mormugao is an affirmation of the impetus being given by the Government of India and the Indian Navy towards 'self reliance. The early induction of the destroyer, almost 3 months prior to the contractual date, despite the COVID challenges, is a tribute to the collaborative efforts of large number of stake holders and would enhance the maritime prowess of the country in the Indian Ocean Region.

## SEAFARER NEWS

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**The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), which represents 80% of the world's merchant fleet, is calling for the immediate release of the 26 seafarers of the very large crude carrier (VLCC) tanker Heroic Idun that are currently being detained without justification.**

**The vessel Heroic Idun was detained by authorities in Equatorial Guinea on the 12 August 2022.**

Since this date the seafarers and vessel have been held under guard for almost three months without charge.

## ICS advocates for the immediate release of the 26 Heroic Idun seafarers



Heroic Idun seafarers

The seafarers are currently being held in Nigeria and face charges for alleged involvement in oil theft and 'faking' a piracy attack in breach of the Suppression of Piracy and Other Maritime Offences Act. However, the ships owners have confirmed that there has been no unlawful activity.

Speaking at the Shared

Awareness and De-Confliction (SHADE) Gulf of Guinea (GoG) meeting on 23rd November John Stawpert, Senior Manager Environment and Trade of the International Chamber of Shipping said:

"A trial for all crew has been set for 10th January 2023. Both the physical and mental wellbeing of the crew has suffered significantly as a consequence of the ordeal, and we sincerely hope that Nigeria is meeting the commitment stated at IMO's maritime safety ...

Guy Platten, Secretary General of the International Chamber of Shipping added:

"This unacceptable detention of the Heroic Idun crew must be resolved as quickly as possible.

It is essential that this situation is de-escalated, and that the seafarers and ship are released. Christmas is fast approaching, and we ask that the Nigerian authorities urgently review this case rather than waiting until next year."

The vessel's Flag State, the Marshal Islands, filed an application at the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea, in Hamburg, Germany on 9 November 2022 seeking the prompt release of the vessel. However, before this application could be heard, on 11 November the authorities in Equatorial Guinea handed the vessel over to the Nigerian navy and the vessel and crew were escorted under armed guard to Nigeria.

## MINISTRY NEWS

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**Talking about the evolution of the role of Casting Director and process of casting in Indian Film Industry, Mukesh Chhabra, the famous casting director, said that casting is a very old process, however, Casting Direction as a separate**

**department is a new thing.** The casting director acts as a link between actor and director. Earlier, the directors and producers used to cast whoever was available, but now the process has become more professional, he said.

Mukesh Chhabra, the

driving force behind the streamlining of casting field in the Indian Film Industry and Kshitij Mehta, another well-known name in the field of casting in India, participated 25 Nov in an "In-Conversation" session which was organised on the side-lines of 53rd

International Film Festival of India. They both have spoken on the subject- 'Casting in New Indian Cinema'.

They shared their views on the evolution of casting process, impact of OTT platforms on casting industry in Indian

Film Industry and also the influence of social media in casting of actors for a particular role.

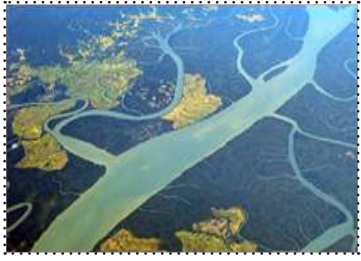
Speaking about the impact of OTT platforms and digital world on casting in Film industry in India,

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## OTT & digital platforms have led to the rise in opportunities in the field of acting: Casting Director Mukesh Chhabra



## Coastal connectivity between South and South East Asian countries in the offing



Bird's eye view of Irrawaddy; Source: Wikimedia

NEW DELHI  
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Talks have already begun at Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation

(BIMSTEC) forum for a seamless waterways system connecting South Asian countries with South-east nations.

**Work on developing the network will begin in phases after project due diligence," according to Port ministry sources**

The Eastern Waterways Connectivity Transport Grid, as the project is called, will be an extension of the India-Bangladesh protocol route, under which land routes have already been opened up for trade, and

river routes are expected to be operational from January next year. The plan on the South Asian side is to link economically weaker eastern and North-eastern India and Bangladesh with northern India, Nepal and Bhutan. This will then be linked with Myanmar from Mizoram using the inland waterway terminal coming up near Sittwe. From there the river system will link with Thailand and move further South to Malaysia and Singapore.

**"India has already built the Sittwe Sea Port**

**of Myanmar. It has now become navigable.** Sittwe is connected to Mizoram (through river routes), and this development will benefit both Mizoram and Tripura..Sittwe river connection with the North-east could be extended deeper into Myanmar and to countries in South-east Asia

Once these inland waterways are linked with coastal shipping, new commercial corridors with Myanmar, Singapore and Thailand are likely to emerge, generating a chain

of multiple impacts across the region. **The planned international waterways network covering a distance of over 5,000 km and crossing eight countries** is expected to benefit shippers, logistics players and cargo owners.

The trade that can be conducted through the network is estimated at over 50 billion US dollars. An earlier plan was to build a seamless road and railway network connecting India with South-east Asian countries.

## Box Ship Layups to Rise as Liners Try to Control Freight Rates

NEW DELHI  
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Liners will idle as much as 1.5m teu of tonnage next year as the container market eases with analysts warning images of boxships in lay-up could become commonplace once again.

**British consultants Drewry are forecasting idling will reach approximately 1.5m teu next year, or roughly 6% of the end-2022 cellular fleet.**

"Carriers are going to have to engage every capacity lever they can to stop the rot," Simon Heaney, senior manager of container research for Drewry, told Splash.

The latest count from Alphaliner shows that there are already 1.24m

teu of inactive vessel capacity, referring to ships that are out of revenue service. This equates to around 5% of the fleet. Some 60% of this is due to drydocking, repairs and conversions.

Niels Rasmussen, BIMCO's chief shipping analyst, said that with supply set to significantly outpace demand in 2023 and a worsening global economic outlook, cold lay-ups will likely reemerge, a phenomenon last widely seen in the wake of the global financial crisis where many boxships went into hibernation.

**Sea-Intelligence advises that older and smaller vessels will be the most likely candidates for cold lay-up.**



Box ship

Lars Jensen, who heads up liner consultancy Vespucci Maritime, said the industry would only begin to see cold lay-ups in a situation where carriers expect a deep global recession lasting all of 2023 and a rebound in 2024, something that is too hard to call at present.

Carrier claims that the upcoming Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII)

will take 10-15% of effective capacity out of the fleet have been dismissed by Alphaliner's Tiedemann.

"The CII effect will be negligible in 2023," Tiedemann said of the upcoming International Maritime Organization legislation. "Since the index is becoming stricter over time, it will be felt at some point down the road, but probably not in 2023," he added.

Xeneta is forecasting ocean freight volumes to drop by around 2.5% next year.

"We could see spot rates on some key corridors drop below pre-pandemic levels during the first half of 2023, while long-term rates will fall rapidly as older, expensive contracts expire and new, far lower contracts are signed," commented Xeneta CEO Patrik Berglund.

## Zergratran to Build a Green Shipping Corridor as an Alternative to the Panama Canal

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Zergratran, a sustainable transportation company, is announcing its Reg A+ offering to raise US\$75 million in funding as its initial step to build the first Green Shipping Corridor.

An alternative to the Panama Canal for shipping

containers – Puerto Internacional Las Americas (PILA) is planned to be an underground green tunnel that uses Maglev technology system to transfer containers in less than 30 minutes between fully automated ports on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of Northern Colombia.

Zergratran said this first

**Green Shipping Corridor will be the solution for the early adoption of sustainable technologies that will help place the sector on a pathway to achieve zero emissions.**

Florida-based Zergratran noted it is addressing the need for additional marine trade routes and the sustainable choke point around the Panama

Canal, while it also helps align the shipping sector with the goal of limiting the global temperature rise.

The creation of the Green Shipping Corridor comes at the time when the Green Shipping Challenge is launched at COP27 and the United States has committed to leading the transition to zero-emission



Additional marine trade route

shipping as part of efforts to tackle the climate crisis.



## CONTAINER TERMINAL NEWS



“Worrying will never change the outcome”

## Government to Outsource Tugboat Services at Major Ports



Tugboat to be outsourced govt mulling

NEW DELHI  
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As they transform into full-fledged landlord ports, the government looks to outsource tugboat services. The plan will be modelled on the Uber/Ola ride hailing service where customers can pick the service provider they

want to hire. We want to create that ecosystem in tugboat services, says **Bhushan Kumar**, a joint secretary in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways.

“We are exploring that model using the public-private-partnership route; it is at a conceptual stage,” said Bhushan Kumar, a joint secretary in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

The plan involves permitting multiple players or licensees to own and operate tugs, leaving the choice to the shipping companies/lines calling at a port to hire the entity that offers the best rates

and services on pilotage and towing, Kumar told ET Infra.

This is the model followed by ports globally for pilotage and towing services.

Typically, each ship requires some 2-3 tugboats – depending on the type of ship, cargo, and the volume of business – to guide them into the port’s berth for unloading and loading cargo.

Currently, major ports or those owned by the Union government provide tug services to visiting ships, using a mix of tugboats owned by them (miniscule numbers) or hired from the market.

Major ports prefer

to hire tugboats from the market instead of investing in these crafts as this arrangement also takes care of manpower required to operate them given the acute shortage of port employed pilots. As a result, ports provide pilotage and towage services using, mainly, hired tugboats.

The government, according to Kumar, will “try to protect” the revenue earned by major ports from vessel related charges while outsourcing the task. **The challenge before the Ministry, though, is to analyse the data from other countries and learn from their experience of opening tugboat services.**

“There is nothing wrong in introducing this model for tugboat services,” said the deputy chairman of a major port. He, however, said that dredging works should also be made a part of the licensing deal.

“Otherwise, the blame game will start. The tug operators will blame the lack of water depth for any mishap involving ships, while the port authorities will hold the tug operators responsible for the incident,” he said.

“Licensing of marine related activities should be carried out without compromising the safety of vessels calling at major ports. Hence, **dredging works should also be bundled into it to ensure there is single point accountability,**” he added.

## TRADE BODY NEWS

## Export body presents its charter of demands on the eve of Union budget



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The Federation of Indian Exporters Organization (FIEO) has expressed concern over the fall of the rupee against the US dollars and said this has affected the competitiveness of the Indian exports. The exports sector therefore requires a little more support from the government and our request may be looked into from this perspective.

FIEO has made this representation to the Union Finance Ministry on the eve of the wide spread consultation the ministry holds every year before the presentation of the Union budget.

**When global demand is declining, it becomes all the more necessary to go for aggressive marketing.** However, most of the Indian companies are cutting their marketing expenditure in view of contraction. This may impact the country as if we are not visible in the market, we will not get whatever little demand there is and may not exploit it when the global situation improves. SMEs exporters are being provided marketing support by most developing and developed countries for providing marketing exposure.

In India, though such support

is provided, **the support given under Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme of Department of Commerce** with total allocation of less than Rs 200 crore, for promoting exports to 460-470 Billion US dollars is just **a drop in the ocean.** Therefore, for aggressive marketing, there is a need of creation of an Export Development Fund with a corpus of minimum 0.5 per cent of preceding year’s exports.

Moreover, the Government may provide a 200 per cent tax deduction on the expenditure made by the exporters for overseas marketing. Such a move will encourage and help the showcasing of Indian products overseas.

We thank the Government for facilitating container manufacturing in the country to

become self reliant. **We request a similar focus for developing an Indian Shipping line of global repute.**

While we are disinvesting Shipping Corporation of India, we should encourage the private sector, through tax and fiscal incentives, to come forward to set up a global Indian Shipping Line to exploit the ready market available to them.

...there is an urgent need to restore the interest equalization benefit of 5 per cent to manufacturer MSMEs and 3 per cent to all 410 tariff lines as existed prior to October 2021, as cost of credit has crossed the pre covid level and is adversely impacting exporters.

GST Refund to Foreign Tourists at the airport, as envisaged under IGST Act, has not yet been operationalized.

## OTT & digital platforms have led to the rise in..... From page : 5

Mukesh Chhabra, said that rise of OTT & digital platforms has led to an upsurge in opportunities in the field of acting. Digital gave the space of experimentation, he added.

Adding to this and recapitulating the ideas of

Mukesh Chhabra further, Kshitij Mehta said that **OTT platforms have made the process of casting more exciting.** The actors who used to play very small parts in films are now seen playing major roles in web series and

shows on OTT platforms, he said. Furthermore, Kshitij said that pressure on OTT platforms is lesser, it has led to easier casting and has made the process more open.

Elaborating on the need and importance of conducting workshops for

actors, Mukesh Chhabra highlighted that these workshops are conducted keeping in mind, the space of the film and are important to make the new actors comfortable and ready for the role.

**Mukesh Chhabra and Kshitij Mehta also shared their views and opinions on the**

**issue of nepotism in Indian Film Industry.**

Answering a question on the same topic he said that those who are talented like - Raj Kumar Rao, Ayushman, Fatima Sheikh, Rasika Duggal, Sanya Malhotra, Mrunal Thakur are getting opportunities and are performing well in film industry.



## PORTS (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)

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

# Adani Ports receives top ranking in Moody's Global ESG rating



Adani Ports

HYDERABAD  
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Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) has been ranked first globally across all the Emerging Markets in the Transport and Logistics sector by Moody's ESG Solutions in its latest assessment for 2022. The

rating agency evaluated the Company on a range of indicators, policies, processes, and systems covering Environment, Human Rights, Corporate Governance, Human Resources and Community Involvement.

APSEZ has been ranked 1st among 59 Indian companies and 9th among 844 companies in the Emerging Markets globally across all sectors/industries which reflects its standing among all the other global ESG leaders. Overall, the company scored in the 97th percentile among 4,885 companies

assessed by Moody's, across all industries and sectors worldwide.

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ), a part of the globally diversified Adani Group has evolved from a port company to an Integrated Transport Utility providing an end-to-end solution from its port gate to customer gate.

It is the largest port developer and operator in India with 6 strategically located ports and terminals on the west coast (Mundra, Dahej, Tuna and Hazira in Gujarat, Mormugao in Goa and Dighi in

Maharashtra) and 6 ports and terminals on the East coast of India (Dhamra in Odisha, Gangavaram, Visakhapatnam and Krishnapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, and Kattupalli and Ennore in Tamilnadu) representing 24% of the country's total port capacity, thus providing capabilities to handle vast amounts of cargo from both coastal areas and the hinterland.

The company is also developing two transshipment ports at Vizhinjam, Kerala and Colombo, Sri Lanka. Our Ports to Logistics Platform comprising port facilities,

integrated capabilities including multimodal logistics parks, Grade A warehouses, and industrial economic zones, puts us in an advantageous position as India stands to benefit from an impending overhaul in global supply chains.

Our vision is to be the largest ports and logistics platform in the world in the next decade. With a vision to turn carbon neutral by 2025, APSEZ was the first Indian port and third in the world to sign up for the Science-Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) committing to emission reduction targets to control global warming at 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

## Hapag Lloyd launches DIGITAL PORT

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In the heart of Hamburg – close to their HQ at Ballindamm – they created a new home for many of their digital teams. As the entire construction did happen during more than just one corona lockdown, they are now super

happy to be moved into this 7 floor high-tech building and join forces among their teams.

**Hapag Lloyd are especially very proud of the SMART-building technology that they are using that can save up to 40% energy.**

The building also includes a high-end studio that easily connects to the other locations in order to foster collaboration globally.

## 9 Major Ports considered for Monetisation: MoS Shantanu Thakur

NEW DELHI  
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Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shri Shantanu Thakur said that assets spread across nine Major Ports have been considered for monetisation between FY22-25 under the National Monetisation Programme, according to a FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce) release.

Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways while highlighting goals of the

ministry added that PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan will lead to huge benefits for State Governments. He also said that Kolkata, which hosts the country's oldest port, has a pivotal role to play in realising the goal.

Additionally, 11 industrial corridors and two defence industrial corridors are planned for development to improve the operational efficiency and capacity utilisation of existing port assets.

Addressing the PM Gati Shakti Multimodal



Assets spread across nine Major Ports have been considered for monetisation between FY22-25 said Minister Shantanu Thakur.

Maritime Summit 2022 Ministry of Ports has in Kolkata, he said the the most critical role

in Gati Shakti National Master Plan. The plan aims at interconnectivity between road, rail, air, and waterways to reduce travel time and improve industrial productivity.

"The Government is prioritising maritime development to enable ports to identify and resolve bottlenecks in enhancing multimodal connectivity," the Minister said.

Speaking on the occasion, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Chairman PL Haranadhsaid that multimodal connectivity would be a win-win situation for both India and Bangladesh.



# World Class International Shipping Center coming up at Shanghai



Port of Shanghai

NEW DELHI  
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Shanghai Port will accelerate the development and application of green and intelligent technology, in order to build a world-class

international shipping center, according to official Chinese news agency Xinhua.

The city will build intelligent ports and airports, promoting unmanned and self-help services, to improve the efficiency and quality of daily operations. Clean energies will also be applied in ports and airports, said Yu Fulin, head of Shanghai Municipal Transportation Commission.

Currently, Shanghai remains a hotspot for shipping despite the

impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Data showed that the container throughput of the Shanghai Port reached 34.89 million 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs) in the first three quarters of 2022, remaining the world's busiest and achieving positive growth year-on-year.

**Shanghai's shipping industry is also making progress in terms of technological innovation and equipment upgrading, said Yu.**

Shanghai - based

China COSCO Shipping Corporation is planning to invest in greener vehicles using fuels like methanol, ammonia and electricity. It also plans to use methanol fueled container ships handling up to 24,000 TEUs, and all-battery powered container ships handling up to 700 TEUs, with both options set to significantly cut carbon emissions.

Air services are also being upgraded with digital technologies already being used at both Shanghai-Pudong International

Airport and Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport to improve security, service quality and operational efficiency.

Kitack Lim, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization, has pointed out that **intelligent technologies such as big data and artificial intelligence are key to enhancing shipping safety**, improving environmental performance and promoting sustainable development of the shipping industry. Innovative systems should also be used to promote global trade, and to strengthen the global supply chain, said Lim.

## TRADE BODY NEWS

# Women transport workers have borne the brunt of the impact from Covid-19 : ITF



NEW DELHI  
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The Covid-19 pandemic and its associated lockdowns and restrictions wrought havoc on the livelihood of workers all over the world. The impacts of this are still being felt, and will continue to be for some time.

But while it has been challenging for everyone, **the reality is that the impact has been profoundly unequal.**

A new report on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic in West and Central Africa, released today by the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF), shows how women transport workers have been disproportionately impacted.

The report, Impact of Covid-19 on women transport workers in West and Central Africa, shows how women workers suffered a disproportionate loss of livelihoods,

were forced to shoulder an unequal share of unpaid caring and domestic responsibilities, and faced increased violence and harassment both at work and at home.

**Impacts of the pandemic on women workers are long-term and have potential risk to lead to systemic exclusion of women from decent jobs in the transport sector.**

In Nigeria, a railway worker shared how she was turned away from her workplace:

"When it came back, men came on board and women were told to stay at home. We asked the boss, please allow us to come back, we have to feed our children. But the boss said – no, use what you have to get what you want – sell yourself."

**This report contains four urgent recommendations** for how trade unions can work with governments and employers to address the impacts of the pandemic on women transport workers and to integrate this into the Covid-19 response and recovery, and how unions can use Convention C190 on Violence and Harassment in the World of Work as a tool to help eliminate violence from transport workplaces.

These recommendations cover the unique challenges faced by women workers, tackling issues around violence and harassment, ensuring gender equality within the trade union movement, and centering a gender perspective in crisis management policies.

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## LOGISTICS (ROAD/RAIL/AVIATION)



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

# 'CONCOR used Containers as warehouses to reduce logistics costs': V Kalyana Rama



NEW DELHI  
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**T**he Container Corporation of India has converted its

containers into warehouses to reduce investments for clients. More than 5,000 containers are being used now as warehouses for a nominal fee. The demand is expected to touch 10,000 containers shortly and will aid in reducing logistics costs and providing convenience to transport, said V Kalyana Rama, Chairman and Managing Director, Container Corporation of India.

It also devised a cost effective method for handling cement, he said at an international conference on shipping and logistics organised by industry body in Hyderabad on

Wednesday 23 Nov. The conference focused on innovative concepts, models, tools for shipping, air cargo, road and rail transports and warehousing.

About 96% of trade was carried by sea. The volumes have bounced to pre-Covid times and about 171.6 MTEU was handled in 2021, up from 156 MTUE done in 2020, said Capt Deepak Tewari, Chairman, Container Shipping Lines Associations.

**The 5,500 acre Greenfield airport at Hyderabad is fully integrated for the future.** While it caters to transport, it also serves

integrated ecosystems. Pharma City, Hardware Park and others are some of the integrated ecosystems that are around the airport, said SGK Kishore, GMR Airports Executive Director (South).

There is a great scope of development in the logistics segments due to the National Logistics Policy as well as the Telangana State's Logistics Policy, said FTCCI President Anil Agarwal.

The conference will be a catalyst for growth and development of the logistics industry in the region and especially in Telangana, he said.

## Tilting trains to be pressed into service by the Railways

NEW DELHI  
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**G**one will be the days when super-fast trains like Rajdhani or Shatabdi slow down to negotiate a curve in the railway line. Railways have recently cleared a proposal to introduce tilting train technology which will enable the trains to navigate curves

at high speeds causing minimum discomfort to the passengers, media reports quoting railway sources said.

**The technology is all set to be deployed in One hundred VandeBharat trains** manufactured by the Integral coach factory Chennai which specializes in the manufacture of these super fast trains. Such trains will start running in the railway network by 2025.

Most of the railway lines in the country were laid nearly eighty years ago by the British and steam engines were operational. The concept of speed was alien to them. Hence the designers did not take into account curves that reduces the speed of the train.

The railways propose to tie up with technology partner for this development. Railways

have had discussions with Spanish manufacturer Talgo as well as the Switzerland government regarding the purchase of the technology

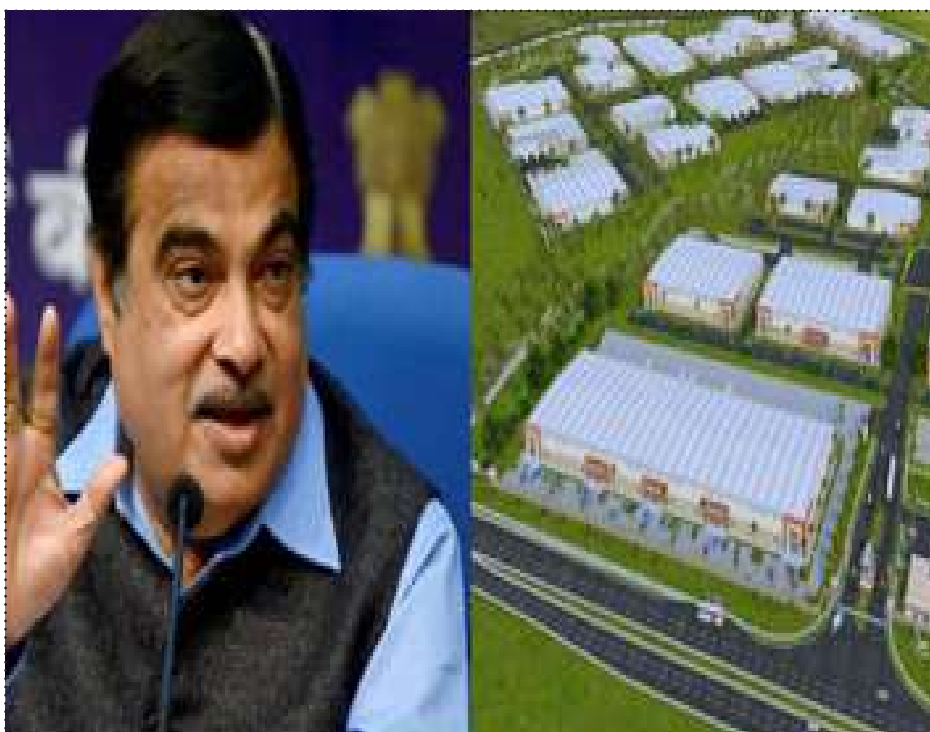
**Tilting trains have a mechanism enabling higher speeds on regular broad-gauge tracks. They tilt while negotiating a bend or curve on the track..**



Tilting train

Such trains are now operational in 11 countries -- Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Finland, Russia, the Czech Republic, the UK, Switzerland, China, Germany, and Romania.

## India's first Multi Modal Logistics Park in Assam ready for commissioning



NEW DELHI  
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**T**he construction work at India's first Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) along the Brahmaputra River in Assam's Jogighopa is nearly complete according to media reports.

**The Park being set up under the Centre's 'Bharatmala Pariyojana',** will provide direct air, road, rail and waterways connectivity to the region. The Park is fully funded by the central government as against the Public Private Partnership Mode for the Chennai's Multi Modal Logistics Park;

by 2023. Work on the project has been completed ahead of schedule and the Park is almost ready for commissioning. Some minor works are left and within next two-three months, it will be finalized,"

**The park is being constructed by the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL) in 317-acre land** Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari laid the foundation stone for the project in October 2020.

The project is expected to generate revenue worth around Rs 1,000 crore in the first three years from start of operation.

The first phase of the Park was scheduled to be completed

The government plans to build 35 such MMLPs across the country.

Minister Gadkarilaid the foundation stone for the project in October 2020.



# LOGISTICS (ROAD/RAIL/AVIATION)



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## Aviation ministry focuses on providing last mile connectivity



Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia

NEW DELHI  
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The Civil Aviation Ministry is concentrating on providing last mile connectivity during the last ten months while finalizing air routes minister in charge of the portfolio Jyotiraditya Scindia said.

In an interview to a Delhi based newspaper he said his forecast is

the aviation sector is going to grow by leaps and bounds in the country since the government is keen on increasing connectivity both broadening and deepening it.

The capacity of passenger handling at Delhi airport which is currently seventy million will go up to one hundred million by the end of this year. The Jewar airport

coming up at Noida is expected to be commissioned in the next two years will add 12 million capacity to Delhi.

Mumbai airport is capped out at roughly 60 million as on date but the new airport in Navi Mumbai will create roughly 50 million capacity. Bengaluru airport has gone from 25 million to almost 60 million capacity. Chennai has gone up from 25 million to about 44 million, and similarly Kolkata too has increased its capacity.

## Coal Movement Planned by Road Sea and Rail

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The Coal Ministry has formulated an action plan by which the thermal plants in the country will have Coal stocks to the tune of 45 million tons by March 31 2023 to cater to increased power demands during summer and possible supply dislocation due to South West Monsoon according to media reports

**In the short term the Ministry is planning to shore up coal stocks with the thermal plants 30 million tons by the end of November 2022**

Ministries of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Power, Railways and Coal are working together to promote transportation of coal through sea route. So far transportation of coal from the collieries to Paradip Port by rail

Ministry is planning to shore up coal stocks with the thermal plants 30 million tons by the end of November 2022

and thereafter to power plants on Eastern Coast is being made through rail-sea-rail route.

There has been a nine per cent growth in average railway rake availability per day during the first seven months of the current financial year April to September 2022-23 which is helping to transport higher quantity of coal and building up stocks at thermal plants.

**Government is promoting transportation of coal from coal**

mines in eastern parts of the country to power plants located on the western coast or northern parts of the country.

The capacity of coal transportation to Paradip Port is

being augmented. It is planned to start movement of coal for western coast plants through Rail cum Shipping Route by early next year. The government is planning to promote transportation of coal through all three possible modes.

## Nitin Gadkari Approves Highway Projects for Telangana and AP

New Delhi  
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In a series of posts, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari tweeted about the widening of the NH-163 on the Hyderabad-Bhupalapatnam stretch.

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Thursday 24 Nov said the widening of existing two-lane road to three-lane with paved shoulders for Hyderabad-Bhupalapatnam section of NH-163

in Mulugu district, Telangana, has been approved at the total cost of Rs 136.22 crore.

In a series of posts, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari tweeted about the widening of the NH-163 on the Hyderabad-Bhupalapatnam stretch.

He said the project stretch connects major tourist places namely Laknavaramlake and Bogotha Waterfalls. The

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### 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](http://www.porttoport.in) and click the tool vessel position / Ports and terminal.



| WEST COAST |  |
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| 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      | - Nhasasheva International Container Terminal      |
| NSIGT      | - Nhasasheva 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                   |





## EXIM TREND

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# Increasing recession fears may impact India's export outlook: FinMin report



**India better placed than world at large with economic growth on track: finance ministry**

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The fear of a global recession has increased and it is likely to impact India's global export outlook, said a Finance Ministry report on Thursday 24 Nov. Still, India's overall growth will get impetus from other developments.

India's exports contracted 16.6 per cent in October to \$29.78 billion for the first time this fiscal. "Global slowdown may dampen India's exports businesses outlook; however, resilient domestic demand, a re-invigorated investment cycle along with strengthened financial system and structural reforms will provide impetus to economic growth going forward," the report prepared by the Economic Affairs Department of the Finance Ministry said.

**Various agencies have cut down the projected growth rate for India.**

GDP growth rate estimate is between 5.9 per cent and 7 per cent. On Thursday, Moody's Analytics said India is headed for slower growth next year more in line with its long-term potential. On the upside, inward investment and productivity gains in technology as well as agriculture could accelerate growth. But, if high inflation persists, the Reserve Bank of India may take its repo rate well above 6 per cent, causing GDP growth to falter.

However, **the Finance Ministry report was still optimistic and listed seven reasons for the same.** In a world where monetary tightening has weakened growth prospects, India appears well-placed to grow at a moderately brisk rate in the coming years on account of the priority it accorded for macroeconomic stability, it said. As the private sector—financial and non-financial—was repairing balance sheets, capital formation suffered. The financial system stress in the second decade of the millennium, a consequence of the lending boom witnessed in the first decade-plus, is now behind us, said the report.

**It said private sector balance sheets are healthy**

**and incipient signs of a new personal sector capital formation cycle are visible.**

But, more importantly, when the private sector turned cautious due to its balance sheet stress, the government raised capital expenditure substantially. Budgeted capital expenditure rose 2.8x in the last seven years. Additionally, it undertook structural reforms such as the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy code.

The government dealt with challenges on the external security front firmly; **it used fiscal and monetary resources prudently during the pandemic to provide targeted relief to the needy segments of the population.**

"Continued macroeconomic stability, of which fiscal prudence is a part of, and execution of various path-breaking policies such as Gati Shakti, National Logistics Policy and the Production-Linked Incentive schemes to boost the manufacturing share of employment lend further upside to India's growth prospects," the report concluded.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

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### TN egg industry flourishes on the back of Doha world cup

The ongoing World Cup Foot ball tournament at Doha (Qatar) has brought additional cheers to the poultry industry in Namakkal in Tamil Nadu as the value of their exports had gone up considerably after the Russian invasion of Ukraine during the last ten months.



### Electric vehicle charging station in Chennai airport

Airports Authority of India, Chennai Airport and Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Tamil Nadu State Office have set up an Electric Vehicle Charging Station on the Air Side of Chennai Airport in a first of its kind in the country. The joint effort is in line with the Nation's commitment towards Net Zero in the "COP-26" held at Glasgow.



### Bleak prospects seen for cotton exports

There are bleak prospects for the export of cotton in the near term as domestic cotton prices continue to rule higher than rates in the global market, as per the Cotton Association of India (CAI), the apex trade body.



### Fertiliser import from Russia surges 371 pc

India's fertiliser imports from Russia surged 371 per cent to a record 2.15 million tonnes in the first six months of the year starting April 1, 2022.



### The Price Cap on Russian Crude will be operational says US

U.S. President Joe Biden said on that price cap on Russian oil being proposed under the Group of Seven nations (G7) scheme were in play, adding that he had spoken to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen on the issue.

"Yes, it's in play," Biden told reporters according to international media reports.



## Nitin Gadkari Approves Highway Projects for Telangana..... From page : 11

development of this stretch will improve the interstate connectivity between Telangana and Chhattisgarh. The Minister said Mulugu district is a Left-wing extremism (LWE)-affected district and the development of this stretch would help the

government to have control over LWE activities.

Gadkari said rehabilitation and upgradation to 2/4 lane with paved shoulders on NH-167K including the approaches of Iconic Bridge across river Krishna in Nagarkurnool district in Telangana and



The widening of the NH-163 on the Hyderabad-Bhupalapatnam stretch.

Andhra Pradesh has been approved at the total cost of Rs 436.91 crore on engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) mode.

The Minister said the NH-167K would reduce the distance between Hyderabad/Kalwakurthy and important destinations

like Tirupati, Nandyala/Chennai by about 80 km as the traffic currently following NH-44 will take to NH-167K after completion. He said Nandyala is an important trading centre for agricultural and forest products as it is nearer to Nallamala forest. The sanctioned Iconic Bridge at Kollapur would be the gateway for both the states and help promote tourism, he added.