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Maritime SheEO Conference 2022 Changing Leadership Paradigm

Continued from the last publication on 28th November 2022

Award Night

Ms Arathi Narayanan, HR & Legal ABS Marine Services, and Hon. Treasurer WISTA India moderated the Award ceremony.

The “Deserving”, Maritime SheEO distributed 11 awards to 3 companies and 8 individuals who have done great work for diversity or sustainability in the industry. Remembering What Motivated YOU to Start The event this year has a special emphasis on leadership. We all have our motivations to start our business, however, over time these can change. Sometimes it’s important to take yourself back to your original motivation and help you learn from other leaders!

invaluable time and they were honored with mementos by Mr. Arsenio Dominguez, Director at IMO.

Here are the AWARDS & WINNERS :

• SheEO Leads Award:



SheEO Leads Award

Ms. Katharina Stanzel, MD at Intertanko, AND Ms. Dorothea Lonhou, CEO of American P&I Club received the

• Brilliant SheEO Award:



Brilliant SheEO Award (collected on behalf)

Ms. Meenakshi Bhirugnath Bhokun - Presented by Pavitra Mehta Company Secretary of Bharat Mumbai Container Terminals.

• Entrepreneur of the Year Award:

Ms. Monica Damania, Director of Renuka Forwarding Pvt Ltd AND Ms. Liji Nowal, MD of ODex India - Presented by Capt. Deepak Correa, COO of Elegant Marine /Fleet.

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JURY- Capt Rajesh Tandon, Ms. Jillian Carson-Jackson, and (Ms. Natalie Shaw-proxy) being honored

Ms. Arathi thanked the Jury members Capt Rajesh Tandon, Ms. Jillian Carson-Jackson, and Ms. Natalie Shaw for their

award for Excellent Leadership in a Company - Presented by Ms. Nafeesa Moloobhoy, MD, A.S. Moloobhoy.

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Entrepreneur of the Year Award

• Best Company with Diversity Practices Award:



Seaspan-Best Company with Diversity Practices Award

Seaspan Crew Management India- Capt Manoj Gandhi, GM & Director FP; Capt Dinesh Jairam, Global

Talent Acquisition Manager; Ms. Atashi RoyChaudhury, GTA Administrator; & Ms. Mital Kore, Career Development Officer from Seaspan received the Award, presented by Mr. Sanjeev Vakil, CEO HIMT.



Capt. Dinesh Jairam

Capt. Dinesh Jairam, Global Talent Acquisition Manager, Seaspan while expressing the proud moment for Seaspan, appraised “Many initiatives have been taken on the diversity side and I being also the Co-Chair for Diversity Equity Inclusiveness

Council at Atlas Corporation and Seaspan Corporation, this is a great recommendation for all the good work that we have done. Our council is going to be extremely happy and we treasure this award and thank the Jury for recognizing the good work that we have done on diversity”.

• Champion of Diversity Award:



Champion of Diversity Award

Capt. Arvind Shankar, Culture & Capability Manager at Maersk-Presented by Capt. Rajesh Tandon CEO FOSMA and Capt. Shiv Halbe, CEO MASSA.

• SheEO to Watch Out For Winner Award:

Amreen Bano, Jr Elect Suptd, and Ex ETO Maersk Line AND Capt. Jaquelyn Burton, Head of Creative Design at Kongsberg



SheEO to Watch Out For Winner Award

Maritime-Presented by Geeta Seth, JM Baxi

• Best Company with Sustainable Practices Award:



SAGT-Best Company with Sustainable Practices Award

South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) Port of Colombo-Presented by Capt. Tushar Pradhan, General Secretary, MUI

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• Media Company of the Year Award:



TradeWinds-Media Company of the Year Award

TreadWinds, The Global Shipping News Source- Presented by Capt. Sahi, Sitara Shipping

• Most Diverse Board Award:

This award is for 50 or more percentage of women. Regretfully No nomination was received, announced by Mr. Dominguez, Director of IMO. He mentioned, "We sincerely hoped that this Maritime SheEO Conference will inspire everyone and we hope to receive many nominations in this category in years to come".

Many WISTA Members have participated in the conference, as well as WISTA International

President, **Elpi Petraki**, who highlighted raising awareness on diversity, sustainability, and digitalization in the maritime industry. Create the right environment for everyone!

Every speaker had a unique perspective to share. All the women featured in this event have



Dr. Malini Shankar

made changes in remarkable ways and shared their insights. "My SheEO story" by **Dr. Malini Shankar, VC of IMU** was full of challenges in her journey and hilarious too. Everyone was inspired by the discussions with successful women leaders **Honour.**



Award Winners



The encouraged and inspired Conference ended with closing remarks from **Sanjam Gupta**. She felt humbled and honored by the presence of all the esteemed guests from India and overseas.

She felt magic in the event with wonderful speakers and a lovely audience and conveyed a special thanks to all the sponsors. This was followed by **Networking, Dinner, and Cocktails.**

MARINE NEWS

French minister of armed forces onboard INS Vikrant

indigenous potential and self-reliance.

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A high level French delegation led by

their country's minister for Armed Forces Mr. Sébastien Lecornu, visited the Indigenous Aircraft Carrier INS Vikrant.



French Minister's visit to INS Vikrant

The delegation interacted with Vice Admiral MA Hampiholi Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command onboard Vikrant.

The French Minister acknowledged India's

The discussions ranged from enhancing cooperation in areas of mutual interest to the maritime challenges in the IOR. The visit further consolidated the strategic relations between the two countries.

President Murmu to participate in Navy day celebrations at Visakhapatnam

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President Droupadi Murmu who also the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, would be attending the Navy Day fete at Visakhapatnam, scheduled to be held on December 4, as the Chief guest.

Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan



President Droupadi Murmu

and Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy are also likely to attend the event. Navy officials are coordinating with the

district administration to make arrangements for the President's visit to the City of Destiny. Visakhapatnam is the headquarters of the Eastern Naval Command.

President Droupadi Murmu will visit Andhra Pradesh in the first week of December. This would be her first visit to the State after assuming office as the President of India in July this year.



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MARINE NEWS



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

Chinese Conclave on Indian Ocean without Indian presence



Luo Zhaohui, the former Vice Foreign Minister and Ambassador to India.

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China has organized a meeting with 19 countries from the Indian Ocean region to tap the blue economy of the region at Kunming

city in Yunan Province bordering Myanmar

The meeting is seen by observers as an attempt by Beijing to push its Indian Ocean agenda.

The China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), an organization connected with the Chinese Foreign Ministry held a meeting of the China-Indian Ocean Region Forum on Development Cooperation on November 21, in which 19 countries took part, according to a press release issued by the organization. The meeting was held in a hybrid manner under the theme of "Shared Development: Theory and Practice from the Perspective of the Blue

Economy" in Kunming, Yunnan Province, it said.

Representatives of 19 countries, including Indonesia, Pakistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal, Afghanistan, Iran, Oman, South Africa, Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania, Seychelles, Madagascar, Mauritius, Djibouti, and representatives of 3 international organizations were present, it said. **India was not invited, according to informed sources here according to a new agency reports.**

CIDCA is headed by Luo Zhaohui, the former Vice Foreign Minister and Ambassador to India. According to the official website of the organization, he is the Secretary

of the ruling Communist Party of China Leadership Group.

CIDCA's official website said the aims of the organization is to formulate strategic guidelines, plans and policies for foreign aid, coordinate and offer advice on major foreign aid issues, advance the country's reforms in matters involving foreign aid, and identify major programmes, supervise and evaluate their implementation.

During his tour of Sri Lanka in January this year, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi proposed to establish a "forum on the development of Indian Ocean Island Countries."

China is vying for influence in the strategic Indian Ocean region with substantial investments in ports and infrastructure investments in several countries, including Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Garden Reach to collaborate with L and T for building war ships



Garden Reach Shipbuilders

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Kolkata based Public sector undertaking

Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) is partnering with the Larsen and Turbro shipyard at

Kattupalli near Chennai for part building of warships.

Part construction of warships is to facilitate faster production of ships as the demand from two major clients - Indian Navy and the Coast Guard is increasing.

The defense ministry as part of the policy places orders for naval and coastguard ships with the public sector shipyards like Mazagon Docks Mumbai Goa shipyard and Garden Reach ship builders and Engineers.

Both the Navy and Coast intend to increase

its fleet size by more than 200 ships by 2027 and we bridge this gap from existing scenarios to what they are looking forward to said commodore PR Hari, Chairman and Managing Director of GRSE as quoted by Media reports.

While the design, project management and equipment procurement is taken up by the public sector shipyard, the construction is concurrently carried out in the private shipyard to increase the shipbuilding capabilities, he said.

The order book of GRSE remains packed till financial year 2027 and it

expects few more orders in the pipeline which would last up to FY2029.

The Mini-ratna has an order book of Rs 23, 930 crore that includes building 15 warships for the Indian Navy.

The shipyard is also experimenting with the green energy segment with an order from the West Bengal government for building an electric vessel with the capacity to carry nearly 150 passengers.

GRSE is looking at building destroyers for Navy, defense exports, mainly to the neighboring countries.

'India-Sri Lanka Boat races resume



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The Madras-Colombo Regatta was held at the Colombo Rowing Club after a three-year hiatus - due to the pandemic - on November 26th. The High

Commissioner of India, Gopal Baglay, was also present at the event, which was supported by the Indian CEO forum according to media reports

This year, the Madras Boat Club's Women's team secured the Adyar trophy while the Men's team of Colombo Rowing Club lifted the Deepam trophy. The Indian embassy in Sri Lanka shared visuals of the event on Twitter and called it "a unique link between India and Sri Lanka, and indeed in the world."

The event capture the

competitive spirit among the rowers as crowds cheered. The event between the two countries reminded the strength of sports in bringing together nations, irrespective of differences, as per spectators. The high commissioner of India "cheered the competitors and said that India will continue to row together with Sri Lanka in the race against common challenges," as per a statement by the embassy.

Madras-Colombo Regatta

It is considered to be the oldest regatta in the world between two cities in different countries. It was first held in the year 1898. Each year, the two host cities take turns

to organise the event. The Men's fours event in Madras-Colombo is the second oldest inter-club Boat Race in the world after the Oxford-Cambridge Boat race. Events are held for both men and women over a distance of 1,000 meters, with separate overall trophies for both.

Winners of the Men's overall receive the Deepam Trophy, while the "Adyar Trophy" is awarded to the women.

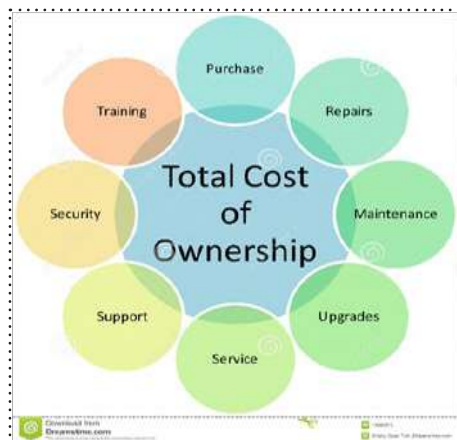
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Students Corner 240

Total cost of a business



Without the information of the total cost of a business, it will be unwise and incompetent to arrive at the Return On Investment. You must know how much you have invested in the business of manufacturing a product or

evolving a system of service. This is important because it effectively guides you in pricing a product. Of course arriving at a pricing decision is very critical since the very marketing exercises and the consequent expenditure, the essentials of a business concern, are involved in it. In fact, it is the most important final decision in any business process. In a way, every commercial decision is critical; right decision at least guarantees that there will be no loss if not expected profit. Business like jealous lady-love demands complete attention to itself.

Now, how to arrive at the total cost of the business: of course, business is in a way a very sound

common sense, not spoilt by greed for more or by fear of facing challenges; the greatest challenge is neither market fluctuations nor customer or employee betrayal but the uncertainty that surrounds every little fact of life that includes business. Another name that comes very close to common sense is what is called insights; in the popular terminology, sometimes it is called by some successful entrepreneurs as 'guts feeling'. That is where experience matters; it is also a big complex thing; let us leave it now and go to cost of business.

Even the platform shopwala knows there is fixed cost and the other thing non-fixed cost; this is called in business terminology variable costs. The total sum of both the costs is total cost of the business; in other words, this total

cost earns the investing man the name, the Owner of the business concern.

You might have heard the most popular quote from Shakespeare: "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown." Imitating him, we can say uneasy lies the head that is in a business. Simply, it says crown and business take away peace of mind from him; and we know business people strive to retain the peace of mind through sustainable business; that is, all the time thinking about business; it means the threats of the merciless and unpredictable market; the known and the unknown formidable rivals to the business.

We will spend some more time on both the fixed and variable costs in our next session.

PORT NEWS

Kattupalli Port to Use Electric Internal Terminal Vehicles



Kattupalli port to replace diesel internal vehicles with electric ones.

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As part of the transition to carbon-neutral operations, the entire fleet of diesel internal vehicles at Kattupalli Port are to be replaced with electric ones. The port, which is part of Adani Ports, recently bought five Electric Internal Terminal Vehicles (ITVs). The batteries of these ITVs can be charged through the grid as

well as through renewable sources of energy.

Earlier, diesel ITVs were used for container movement within the port, between vessels and the yard, and container freight station operations

Each ITV is expected to bring about an annual reduction of about 8.6 MT in CO2 emission and 487.7 GJ in energy consumption, a release said.

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Non availability of boats leave Cochin islanders stranded



Existing two Ro-Ros out of service leaving people stranded

COCHIN
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The residents of islands around Cochin are up in arms as they have been stranded for days together due to non-availability of Roll on Roll off boats which take them to the mainland on a regular basis.

According to them, the existing Ro-Ros, Sethusagar 1 and Sethusagar 2 are often out of service due to technical glitches. Last week, both vessels were out of service, after developing technical

issues and leaving hundreds of people stranded

The demand for a third Roll-on-Roll-off (Ro-Ro) service, bigger than the existing ones, has been raised by many NGOs and residents of Cochin.

Kerala government has allocated Rs 10 crore for procuring a third Ro-Ro, but the authorities are not implementing the decision.

Officials of Kerala State Inland Navigation Corporation which

operates the Ro-Ro, said parts of the vessel have to be imported from abroad, and the delay is often due to that. **"We are waiting for the spare parts to arrive from Denmark,"** the official was quoted by local media reports. Disruption in services also affects tourists who are visiting the city ahead of the festive season and Muziris Biennale.

Shipping experts said that floating debris such as fishing nets, weeds, and tyres could damage the propeller of the vessel. When the debris gets stuck on the propeller, it puts extra load on the vessel.

Freight Rates on Indian Trades Hit New Lows

NEW DELHI
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On the westbound India-Europe trade, average contract rates from West India [Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNPT)/NhavaSheva or Mundra Port] to Felixstowe/London Gateway (UK) or Rotterdam (the Netherlands) have plunged to US\$2,300 per 20-foot container and US\$2,450/40-foot container, from US\$3,500 and US\$4,000, respectively, in the last week of October.

For West India-Genoa (the West Mediterranean)

cargo, carriers are accepting bookings at US\$2,200/20-foot box and US\$2,500/40-foot box, compared with the October levels of US\$3,750/20-foot box and US\$4,100/40-foot box.

Eastbound cargo rates for these port pairings have, however, seen no changes month-on-month – continuing to hover at US\$1,400/20-foot container and US\$1,500/40-foot container for bookings from Felixstowe/Rotterdam and at US\$1,150/20-foot and US\$1,400/40-foot containers to West India (Nhava Sheva/Mundra).

Average short-term contract prices offered by leading liners for Indian cargo moving to the US East Coast (New York) have also crashed significantly from the October levels – down to US\$4,750 per 20-foot box, versus US\$6,350, and US\$6,350 per 40-foot box, from US\$8,350, and at US\$3,650/20-foot container, from US\$4,500, and US\$4,850/40-foot box, down from US\$6,050, for shipments to the US West Coast (Los Angeles).

For the West India-US Gulf Coast trade, rates have



Shipping

fallen to US\$4,750 per 20-foot and US\$6,850 per 40-foot container, compared with US\$6,900 and US\$9,050, respectively, at the end of October.

"The stabilisation of freight rates was always expected as the rates during the pandemic were unrealistic just as they were prior to it," said Sunil Vaswani, executive director

of the Container Shipping Lines Association (CSLA).

Vaswani noted, "It's just the speed with which the rates dropped that was unexpected."

Freight forwarders have also noted the increasing demand slowdown across trade lanes, forcing carriers to adjust rates downwards.

According to Nisschal Jaain, co-founder and CEO of digital marketplace Shypmax, "Owing to geopolitical tensions, recession, and rising currency volatility, demands for goods have dampened globally. The falling demand was predominantly seen in industrial goods, textiles, and gems and jewellery."

MARINE NEWS

MUMBAI
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Mumbai Port Authority intends to come up with a 25-year Master plan for development of its ports and traffic scenarios in the light of nearby Jawaharlal Nehru Port JNPT taking over the cargo volumes which used to come to the port.

Since Mumbai is a Metropolis based port and faces lot of transportation issues, shippers preferred to shift to JNPT some years ago.

Mumbai Port to come up with 25 year Master plan

The Mumbai Port floated a tender looking for an experienced consultant to take care of proposed comprehensive master plan 2047 for the entire port area, including cargo (future industrialisation in the hinterland), land use planning and optimisation, hinterland multi-modal connectivity with an aim to achieve efficient logistics for enhancing the economy.

Meanwhile, the Port Authority also aims to make Mumbai, the main cruise destination of the country. Realizing that



Mumbai Port

the Mumbai port is losing its cargo volumes, the shipping ministry moved in swiftly and set up the country's largest cruise terminal at Mumbai port four years ago.

The Ministry has also ensured that the cruise lines operating in the county made Mumbai the base port. Finding that JNPT port has reaches its optimum potential even

after commissioning five container terminals, the ministry gave approval for another massive port at Vadavan near JNPT brushing aside concerns of environmentalists.

Industry source says such swift action on the part of the shipping ministry is wanting in other ports particularly in the south. Most of the container terminals in south India ports are working to fifty per cent of the capacity since little effort is taken to improve the port infrastructure crippling the number of liner vessels calling at these ports.

CONTAINER TERMINAL NEWS



"Worrying will never change the outcome"

A.P. Moller – Maersk Flags Off 'Pratigya Express', A New Dedicated Weekly Rail Service From NCR To APM Terminals Pipavav



Pratigya Express

NEW DELHI
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A.P. Moller – Maersk (Maersk), the integrated logistics company, continues to design and implement logistics solutions that address the ever-evolving

needs of its customers. Building further on its strong commitment towards developing a robust rail service network in India, Maersk flagged off yet another weekly, dedicated rail service, the 'Pratigya Express', from Sonipat Inland Container Depot (ICD) in NCR to APM Terminals Pipavav Port on the western coast of India in Gujarat.

"The NCR is abundant with retail and rice exporters who need a regular connection from their manufacturing facilities to the consumers

in the western market. Through our dialogues with our customers, we realised that they faced two challenges – either they don't have a fixed schedule for departure from Sonipat ICD, and once they get it, they do not necessarily make it to the right vessel connection at the port," said Major Jyoti Joshi

Mitter, Head of Rail, Maersk India. She added, **"Our ambition was to address both these problems with a single solution – we launched a dedicated weekly rail service that gives the**

exporters a fixed visibility on departure from the origin and then connects to a fixed vessel connection at the APM Terminals Pipavav Port."

The 'Pratigya Express' will move cargo from Sonipat ICD to APM Terminals Pipavav Port with a transit time of two and half days. From there, the cargo will have the option to connect on services such as the Shaheen Express, which will be launched in the coming days or the MECL. Both of these services will then be able to take the

cargo to the Middle Eastern or European markets.

Studies show that cargo moved on rail instead of road has advantages in terms of both cost-savings and time-savings. These two benefits eventually also contribute to reducing carbon footprint.

Maersk's new 'Pratigya Express' service on the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) will move 90 TEUs (twenty feet equivalent units of containers) every week. APM Terminals Pipavav Port also plays an important role by being the first port to be connected to the DFC and has excellent connectivity to the hinterland through its rail head and road infrastructure.

TRADE BODY NEWS

Kochi: Clarity sought over move to deepen draft depth at port



Cochin port

NEW DELHI
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Welcoming the decision of the Union government to invest Rs 380 crore to deepen the draft depth at the Cochin Port to 16m, the Cochin Chamber of Commerce and Industry has sought clarity over the other factors related to the decision.

In a statement issued on Saturday, 26 Nov the chamber said that the central government needs to have a relook at the Light House Dues (LHD), which

are the charges levied on ships for the maintenance of lighthouses and other aids to navigation.

"As per the announcement, the central government is meeting only 50% of the cost and the balance is to be met by the Cochin Port Authority. The financial position of the Cochin Port Authority does not appear to be good enough to meet the 50% cost of investment. Hence, the central government should consider meeting the full cost of deepening the draft depth," the statement said.

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT NEWS

President of India to visit Haryana from November 29 to 30



President Smt Droupadi Murmu

NEW DELHI
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The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, will visit Haryana from November 29 to 30, 2022. On November 29, 2022,

the President will grace the International Gita Seminar in Kurukshetra.

On the occasion, she will also virtually launch the Mukhyamantri Swasthya Sarvekshan Yojana; and Haryana

e-ticketing projects for all public road transport facilities as well as lay the foundation stone for a Medical College in Sirsa.

On the same day, the President will grace and address the 18th convocation of NIT Kurukshetra. In the evening, at Haryana Raj Bhavan, Chandigarh, she will attend a civic reception to be hosted in her honour by the Government of Haryana.

On November 30, 2022, the President will interact with ASHA workers, women wrestlers, Olympians, other sports persons as well as girl students, before returning to Delhi.

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

Adani Group's attempts to resume work at Vizhinjam Port project stalled



Protests against Vizhinjam

TIRUVANANTHAPURAM
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The attempts to resume work at the stalled Vizhinjam port project site ended in a failure as pro port and anti port groups clashed and the port authorities could not bring in materials into the project site.

Tension prevailed at the entry

point of the under- construction Vizhinjam container terminal at Mulloor, for around two hours, when the ruling left front supported group favoring the project and the church backed anti project group clashed in front of the port project premises.

Construction work at the port project site has remained suspended for the past four months as fishermen have been agitating demanding the folding up of the project. According to them the entire sea coast in around the project site faces massive sea erosion ever since commencement of the project seven years ago.

The clash erupted after the Adani group attempted to resume the construction by bringing

trucks with construction materials, including granite, to the port site on November 26th morning. Earlier, the Adani group had written to the state government to take steps to resume the construction of the port project on November 26th.

A large group of protestors assembled at the port side and blocked the entry of around 15 trucks carrying materials for the port construction

A few protesters lay down in front of the trucks. A large battalion of police was also on the scene from the morning. Soon, the Mulloor residents came and had a heated argument with the protesters. The argument snowballed into a scuffle, with the agitators pelting stones at

the residents even after the police and a few church priests tried to calm them.

The Adani group had earlier planned to bring the trucks to the site. But the agitation committee led by the Latin archdiocese sought one more day, as the agitation committee had planned a meeting with the Chief Secretary, VP Joy. But the protesters have not turned up even after the Chief Minister, Pinarayi Vijayan, was ready to meet them.

Meanwhile the Kerala High Court will consider the case on November 29th, and the court is likely to order strict instructions to allow the resumption of port works as the agitation committee has failed to keep its promise before the court.

Chinese Vessel with 9,000 tons diesel arrives at Colombo Port

COLOMBO
Sagar Sandesh News Bureau

After India, Sri Lanka has turned to China for providing much needed petroleum products to keep its economy going.

Chinese Oil tanker "Super Eastern" carrying 10.6 million liters (9,000 tons) of diesel donated by Beijing to Sri Lankan farmers and fishermen has left Singapore and has berthed at the Colombo Port on November 26th



Chinese diesel vessel arrives at Colombo

the Chinese embassy was quoted by Sri Lankan newspapers said. It is part of the assistance offered by Chinese government.

The island nation which is one hundred per cent dependent on external

supplies of petroleum products has been unable to pay for them due to acute foreign exchange crisis.

Till about a few months ago it was dependent on supplies from India. New Delhi rushed several shipments of petroleum products to Sri Lanka to tide over the crisis.

Lighter Vessel Workers' Strike Paralyzes Chittagong Port

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News Service

Transportation of goods by river from Chattogram to the whole country has been stopped, putting businesses in trouble.

Around 1,600 lighterage ships transport goods from the outer anchorage of Chattogram port to different parts of the country. These products include raw materials for cement, ceramics and steel industries, fertilisers, coal and consumables.

Nabi Alam, vice president of the Lighterage Workers' Union, said that the movement of lighter ships has been halted since Sunday 27 Nov midnight. General workers

have stopped the unloading of goods from large ships anchored outside the port. At the same time, 18 private wharves in Majhir Ghat and Sadar Ghat areas have also stopped unloading goods from lighter ships.

Mahbub Rashid Khan, executive director of Water Transport Cell (WTC), an organisation of lighter ship owners, told The Business Standard, "WTC usually gives allocations to 70-80 lighter ships daily. No ship has been given allocation on Sunday due to strike by the vessel workers."

The 10-point charter of demands of the workers include setting a minimum wage of Tk20,000 along with the provision of appointment

letters, identity cards and service books, setting up a contributory provident fund and seamen welfare fund to ensure social security along with food allowance and sea allowance, providing Tk10 lakh as compensation for accidents and deaths at work, stopping the ongoing activities of the supplying fuel oil through pipeline from Chattogram which is not in the best interest of the country.

Earlier, the lighter vessel workers had announced the suspension of goods transportation activities in lighter ships in Chattogram from 6am on 10 November putting forward a five-point demand including cancelling the lease of the Charparaghat used for the



Chittagong port

departure and arrival of the lighter vessel workers, digging the estuary of the Sangu river and providing a safe harbour for the lighter ships.

The protest was later called off after beginning the process of cancelling the lease of Charpara wharf, which is used for the transportation of lighter ship workers in Patenga, and the decision not to take money from the workers at the wharf.

Kerala Govt acts against Church for aiding Vizhinjam Port protestors

TIRUVANANTHAPURAM
Sagar Sandesh News Bureau

A day after violent clashes broke out between those opposing and supporting the Vizhinjam International Seaport at the project site here on November 26th, the Kerala police have registered cases against more than 50 persons, including priests of the Thiruvananthapuram Archdiocese of the Catholic Church and action council members. Cases were registered against Archbishop Thomas J. Netto, auxiliary bishop Christudas, and Vicar General Eugene Pereira in connection with the violence.

The State government's decision to arraign the priests who spearheaded the agitation against the port project and coordinators of the action council by invoking charges such as criminal conspiracy, attempt to murder, unlawful assembly, rioting, and voluntarily causing hurt to deter public servants from discharging their duty has evoked a sharp response from the protestors.

A large group of protestors gathered in front of the Vizhinjam police station, vandalised four police vehicles parked in the area and held police personnel hostage. Although senior police



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officers who rushed to the spot tried to disperse the protestors, they refused to go back insisting that the five taken into custody be released and that cases foisted against the priests be withdrawn. The district administration deployed a large posse of police force at the project site and vicinity of the police station. Earlier in the day, after much

dilly-dallying, the police charged eight cases against the protestors and two cases against the port supporters for rioting and destroying public property worth ₹2 lakh.

The State government has reportedly decided to recover from the Archdiocese the loss suffered by the port developer Adani Vizhinjam Port Pvt. Ltd. (AVPL) because of the strike. In the morning, a circular was read out at churches under the archdiocese urging believers to strengthen the stir.

Meanwhile, Mr. Pereira alleged that the government

was trying to sabotage the stir by whipping up tension and arraigning priests and fishermen. Criticizing the police decision to register cases against the bishop and senior priests who were not physically present at the protest site on Saturday, Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan alleged that the LDF government had stooped to such a level that it would do anything to favor the Adani group while ignoring the plight of the fishermen.

As many as 10 people were injured when the protestors clashed with the port supporters in connection with blocking the way of trucks laden with construction material to the project site.

Lankan delegation in Dhaka to secure transshipment business for Colombo Port



Colombo Port

COLOMBO
Sagar Sandesh News Service

A high profile delegation from the Port of Colombo led by the

Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Keith D. Befnard visited Bangladesh to further discuss requirements of Shippers and service providers, according to Sri lankan media reports.

The Sri Lankan Port delegation visit to Dhaka assumes significance in the wake of East coast ports of Visakhapatnam and Chennai grabbing the transshipment business

from Bangladesh which could have otherwise gone to Colombo port. Initially the Krishnapatnam port secured lot of transshipment business from Bangladesh.

During the visit, the delegation also held discussions with trade and industry stakeholders with the aim of enhancing connectivity between Chittagong and Colombo and also developing the

networks with trade and industry stakeholders in Bangladesh to attract more volumes at the Port of Colombo.

Prior to the visit a meeting was held recently between the Chairman of SLPA and the Bangladesh High Commissioner Tareq Md Ariful Islam in Colomb Managing Director of SLPA – Upul Jayatissa, Director (Operations) of SLPA – Lal Weerasinghe,

Actg. Director (Marketing & Media) – Sarath Dayananda, the Chief Executive Officer of the South Asia Gateway Terminals (Pvt) Ltd; (SAGT) – Romesh David, Chief Executive Officer of the Colombo International Container Terminals (LTD). (CICT) – Jack Huang and Senior General Manager (Commercial & Marketing) of the CICT – Ms. Catriona Jayasundera were also included in the delegation.

Adani Electricity Navi Mumbai Seeks to Supply Power to JNPT

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News Service

In an advertisement published in several newspapers in the city on Saturday 26 Nov Adani Electricity Navi Mumbai (AENM) said it has approached the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) for a distribution licence in some pockets of the Mumbai Metropolitan

Region along with its listed parent Adani Transmission.

The company is aiming to get licence to distribute power in areas exclusively served by the state-owned Mahadiscom in Mumbai's suburbs Mulund and Bhandup, and also Thane district, Navi Mumbai, Panvel, Kharghar, Taloja and Uran.

The group, whose assets include the Adani Ports business, is also vying to distribute power to the

country's largest container port JNPT located near Navi Mumbai.

The parallel distribution licence application is the first such move by any player under the Electricity Act 2003. The application has been admitted by the MERC on Friday, following which the public notice has been issued.

It said the Adani group will serve over 5 lakh consumers by the end of

five years from grant of licence.

The public notice said Adani Transmission owns over 99 per cent equity in AENM, while the listed company's nominees including Pranav Adani own a marginal holding.

Power industry veterans Anil Kumar Sardana, RohitSoni and MehulRupera are directors of AENM.

Adani Electricity has



been distributing power in Mumbai for over four years and competes with Tata Power in the business. The company, which entered the fray after an over Rs 18,000-crore acquisition of the beleaguered Anil Ambani Group's Reliance Energy, has not been able to increase its market share in the areas it serves.

SEA FARERS NEWS



"Worrying will never change the outcome"

Oppn in Goa attacks govt over seafarer pension scheme

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News Service

The opposition parties, Congress and Goa Forward, on Friday 25 Nov criticised the BJP government for failing to make 'Seafarers pension scheme' permanent.

"The promise was made on July, 15, 2022 in the Goa Legislative Assembly by Chief Minister PramodSawant to resolve all related issues and notify a Permanent Seafarers Pension Scheme. After four months it is extending

the scheme for six months without concurrence of the Finance Department," Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemo said.

Alemo was reacting to the note moved by the Home Department to the Directorate of NRI Affairs stating that the Goa Welfare Pension Scheme for Seafarers-2021 will be extended for six months.

"We were assured by the Chief Minister himself in the Goa Legislative Assembly that the said scheme will be notified as Permanent Scheme. Hence, how can it be extended



for just six months?," Yuri Alemo questioned.

He said that it is also clear that the concurrence of the Finance Department is still not obtained by the Government. **It is unlikely for the Seafarers to get money before Christmas.**

"The slow action of the BJP Government exposes the apathy of the government towards

hardworking Seafarers. It is loud and clear that the government has no gratitude towards the contributions made to the development of Goa by Seafarers by earning foreign exchange," Alemo said.

"I once again demand that Chief Minister PramodSawant must put his administration in top gear and ensure that the scheme is made permanent and notified before Christmas and all pending dues cleared immediately," Yuri Alemo said.

Placing the similar demand, Goa Forward President and MLA VijaiSardesai said that the government should make the scheme permanent

as a legitimate exercise in gratitude to seafarers. "Why is the Chief Minister reluctant to make the Seafarers Pension Scheme permanent? Just renewing for six months sends a clear signal that the **Goa government is neither grateful, nor convinced of the seafarers rich and immense contribution to Goa's economy,**" Sardesai said.

According to Sardesai Goa's economy of particular areas runs on inward remittance of foreign Exchange by seafarers. "Seafarers have helped our economy. Scheme should be permanent and allow new applications," he said.

PORT NEWS

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News Service

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), India's best-performing Port have organized an 'Orientation Programme for the Major Port Officers' at the JNPA training centre. The two-week programme commences on November 28, 2022, and concludes on December 9, 2022. **Dr. Malini Shankar, Ex D.G. Shipping, Vice Chancellor, Indian Maritime University** inaugurated the Orientation Programme, in the presence of Shri Sanjay Sethi, IAS, Chairman, JNPA, Shri Unmesh Sharad Wagh, IRS, Dy. Chairman, JNPA, Shri Rajeeva Sinha, Former Director MPSEZ, & Adviser JNPA, the expert faculty members and all the participants from the Major Ports of India.

The Orientation program for the Major Port officers by JNPA is first of its kind initiative accorded by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to come up with a novel idea to bring faculties from both public and private sectors to share their expertise with all the officers participating from all the major ports of India

JNPA hosts 'Orientation Programme' for the Officers from Major Ports; Domain experts and leading faculties to conduct the Programme

to bring new patterns in the way the port sector operates and functions in our country.

Speaking at the occasion, **Dr. Malini Shankar, Ex D.G. Shipping, Vice Chancellor, Indian Maritime University,** stated, "JNPA has taken a commendable initiative as this training session will give a different perspective from the expert faculties that will help in upskilling and re-skilling the competencies of the officials from all the major

ports. The various subjects like revenue model, ownership model, PPP in the port sector, logistics and supply chain, etc. will enable them to meet the demands and expectations of the industry."

In his address, **Shri Sanjay Sethi, IAS, Chairman, JNPA,** said, "The training programme is specially designed considering the requirement of a 360-degree learning in the present fast-paced working environment. In two weeks, the leading domain expert faculties will

cover relevant topics and diverse subjects, effectively giving a holistic overview of the Port. The orientation programme instils a desire to keep learning and sharing for overall development of the Port Sector."

The theme for the first week of the training programme is "PORT OPERATIONS AND ECOSYSTEM." Expert faculties from the government, private sector and Port of Antwerp International with experience and expertise

of over three decades and more will lead the training sessions. For the second week, the theme is 'MANAGERIAL EFFECTIVENESS,' wherein seasoned professors from IIM Indore will guide the participants. During the training sessions, panel discussions of topics like SEZ, MMLP, etc. and field visits will be organized for the participants.

In the two weeks, participants will get a holistic overview of a port ranging from wider areas surrounding finance, operations, digitisation, dredging, private sector participation in the port, strategy, and its business unit. Identification of PPP projects, conceptualisation to the concession agreement, features of good project contracts and monitoring including regulatory clearances such as environment clearance and the process, Comprehensive assessment of model port development, etc along with various other topics will be covered by the faculties.



Dr Malini Shankar, (Middle in the First Row)Ex D.G. Shipping, Vice Chancellor, Indian Maritime University, who inaugurated the function, with Shri Sanjay Sethi, IAS, (Fifth from Left of First Row) Chairman, JNPA, Port Officials of JNPA and All Other Participants from Major Ports for the program.

LOGISTICS (ROAD/RAIL/AVIATION)

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

Hyderabad airport to have Metro rail

HYDERABAD
Sagar Sandesh News Bureau

Hyderabad Airport will soon have one more feather to its cap a 31 kilometer long metro rail connecting to the city center in a few year



Hyderabad Metro

Telangana chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao would be laying the foundation for the Airport Express Metro on December 6, minister for municipal administration

and urban development KT Rama Rao said in a tweet on November 27.

He said the project, starting at Mindspace

junction to Shamshabad (Hyderabad International Airport) Airport, would be 31-km long and cost approximately Rs 6,250 crore.

“Hyderabad is forging ahead. Happy to announce that CM KCR will be laying the foundation for Airport Express Metro on December 9. This project starting at Mindspace junction to Shamshabad Airport will be 31 KM long he tweeted.

The Airport Express Metro is a Telangana government-funded project and would be completed in three years, he said in another tweet.

The Telangan Government have submitted DPR & been in discussions with the Central government for an additional 31-km city Metro expansion from BHEL to Lakdikapul -26 KM & Nagole to LB Nagar - 5 km,” he said.

The state government has already formed a special purpose vehicle-Hyderabad

Airport Metro Limited (HAML) which would be responsible for development, construction, operations and management of the airport Metro link.

The GMR group, operating the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) here, had earlier said the group would invest about 10 per cent of the total cost of the metro rail link project being proposed by the Telangana government for connectivity to the aerodrome from various parts of the city.

Southern Railway prepares ground for running Vande Bharat trains in Kerala



Interior of Vande Bharat train

TIRUVANANTHAPURAM
Sagar Sandesh News Service

Southern Railway has launched a feasibility study of increasing the speed of trains throughout Kerala to 130 to 160 kilometers per hours, it has been officially announced. The entire state has electrified double track. The average speed of trains in neighboring Tamil Nadu remained at 60 to 70 kilometers per hour.

General Manager of the Railway based in Chennai Mr R N Singh conducted window Trailing inspection between Palakkad junction and Mangaluru Central and took stock of the ongoing maintenance work, capacity augmentation and signaling works.

During the inspection, the

General Manager had an elaborate discussion on the on-going feasibility study on increasing the sectional speed to 130/160 kmph in the Thiruvananthapuram - Mangaluru section. He held elaborate discussion on increasing the Sectional Speed in Kerala

Railway sources said the implementation of the project involves infusion of funds to strengthen the railway tracks in Kerala besides modernizing the signaling system.

The General Manager, Southern Railway visited the Palakkad Division on November 26th. After the conclusion of the Meeting with divisional officers, he conducted an extensive inspection at Mangaluru Central. He inspected the ongoing

additional platform work and pit officials concerned for timely line work and encouraged the completion.

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
ACMTPPL	- 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



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

EXIM TREND

Indian Pharma Exports Rise By 4.22% to \$14.57 Billion during April to October



Pharma products

NEW DELHI
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Pharmaceutical exports from India registered a growth of 4.22% to reach \$14.57 billion during the April-October period despite a negative trend last month, according to a senior official of an export promotion body under Government of India.

UdayaBhaskar, Director General of Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (Pharmexcil) which is an organisation under the Ministry of Commerce, said he was hopeful of ending the current fiscal at around \$27 billion as against \$24.62 billion during the last financial year.

"There was a dip (-0.32 per cent) in July and (-5.45 per cent) and there was 8.47

per cent positive growth in September. I am optimistic that it will be revived in the coming months and may touch \$27 billion at the end of the fiscal," Bhaskar told PTI.

During the same period last fiscal, the exports fetched \$13.98 billion.

USA, Canada and Mexico (NAFTA countries), Europe and Africa account for 67.5 per cent (nearly \$ 5 billion) of the total exports.

"Our exports in the category of vaccines are in a very bad shape. Despite the above and Russia-Ukraine war factors, we are on a positive side," he further said.

In October, exports fell by 5.45 per cent to \$1.95 billion.

India's overall exports contracted by 16.65 per cent to \$29.78 billion in October 2022 as compared to the last year's period, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce recently. During April-October 2022, exports

recorded a growth of 12.55 per cent to \$263.35 billion.

Bhaskar said strengthening of dollar against the currencies of some of the key countries has also resulted in decline in exports during October besides the sanctions resulting from the Russia-Ukraine war.

"For example, Nigeria is one of the top five markets for Indian pharma exports. The continuous depreciation of Nigerian Naira against the US Dollar has forced that country to go slow on imports," the official further said.

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, in a recent tweet, said India has emerged as a global pharma powerhouse under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rule.

Exports of pharma production grew to over \$90,32,000 crore during April-October period from nearly Rs 38,000 crore in the same period in 2013 up by 137.7 per cent, the minister said tagging an infographic.

Exports in for bad days for next 2 years says WTO

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News Bureau

Global exports are expected to slow down further in the second half of 2022 and remain subdued in entire 2023 due to several related shocks, including the war in Ukraine, high energy prices, inflation, and monetary tightening in major economies according to the latest assessment by the Geneva based World Trade Organization.

The WTO's latest assessment, released on November 28th will have a bearing on India's exports, which shrunk in October for

the first time since March 2021.

The WTO's Goods Trade Barometer, a composite leading indicator, had a reading of 96.2, which is lower than the baseline value of 100, indicating a slowdown, it said, while attributing delayed shipments of goods as a result of supply chain disruptions as one possible reason, according to international media reports.

The multilateral agency said the barometer index was weighed down by negative readings in sub-indices representing export

orders (91.7), air freight (93.3) and electronic components (91.0).

"Together, these suggest cooling business sentiment and weaker global import demand. The container shipping (99.3) and raw materials (97.6) indices finished slightly below trend and have lost momentum.

The main exception is the automotive products index (103.8), which rose above trend due to stronger vehicle sales in the US and increased exports from Japan as supply conditions improved and as the yen continued to depreciate," it said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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International flights to take off from North east

The civil aviation ministry has proposed to commence flights from the North east to the neighboring countries of Myanmar and Bangladesh. Flights will soon be started from two Northeastern states to Myanmar and Bangladesh as the government is working on enhancing air connectivity in the region.



Grain from Ukraine scheme launched by Zelenskiy

President Volodymyr Zelenskiy has unveiled a new Grain from Ukraine scheme, with his nation determined to get up to 60 bulk carriers working exclusively on shipping the foodstuff on dedicated routes to Africa by the middle of next year.



UK delivering on new FTA with India: Rishi Sunak

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has reiterated the UK's commitment to a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with India as part of the country's wider focus on enhancing ties with the Indo-Pacific region.



Cochin Port suffers a set back as cargo shifts to JNPT

In a setback for Kochi Port, a section of Kerala-based exporters has decided to shift to major ports like Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNPT) citing unaffordable ocean freight charges, long transit time and hostile attitude of central agencies here. The Kerala Exporters Forum (KEF) claimed a majority of exporters have decided to shift.



All party meeting fails to resolve the Vizhinjam port crisis

All party meeting convened by the Kerala government on November 28th to resolve the Vizhinjam port crisis has failed to resolve the issue even as construction work at the port project site remained paralyzed for nearly five months



A new commanding officer for Maharashtra Naval Area

Rear Admiral Sandeep Mehta, handed over the baton of Flag Officer Commanding Maharashtra Naval Area to Rear Admiral AN Pramod on November 28th at an elegant ceremonial parade held at INS Kunjali Parade ground, in Mumbai.



Central Govt to release Blue Economic Policy soon

The preparation of the Blue Economy policy, tapping the natural resources from underneath the Oceans is in its final stages and will be released within two months, said M Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).

