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Managing Director of IRS - Mr. Vijay Arora at INMARCO 2022

Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) continued its steadfast support as a 'Principal Supporter' to INMARCO 2022, a quadrennial event organized by The Institute of Marine Engineers (India). The much-awaited event saw attendance by a galaxy of leading Indian and international professionals from all segments of the maritime sector.

With the event theme focussing on 'Evolving Maritime World for Greener & Sustainable Future' decarbonization was high on the agenda and several deliberations focussed on the roadmap in achieving IMO strategy/goals.



Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra visit IRS stand

The event was well attended by policymakers, regulators, and industry leaders across the maritime spectrum.

IRS played a central role in the event by way of leading INMARCO 2022 Advisory Committee, and participating in various Sub-Committees – Technical, Finance, and Event Management. IRS contributed extensively through papers, presentations, and panel discussions on topical subjects.

Mr. Vijay Arora, Managing Director, IRS said 'INMARCO is one of the most significant events in the Indian maritime calendar and is well regarded by the industry. IRS is happy to contribute to the discussions on green and sustainable initiatives and engage with industry stakeholders as it continues to strengthen its capabilities'.

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IIT Madras gets power from Ocean Waves off Tuticorin coast

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The Researchers from Madras Indian Institute of Technology have developed an 'Ocean Wave Energy Converter' that can generate electricity from Sea waves. The trials of this device were successfully completed during the second week of November 2022.

The Device was deployed at a location about 6 KM off the coast of Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu, at a location with a depth of 20 meters. This device targets generating 1MW of power from Ocean Waves in the next three years.

The targeted stakeholders are the oil and gas, defense and



IIT Madras develops a converter that generates electricity from sea waves.

security installations and communication sectors.

IIT Madras faculty Prof. Abdus Samad, who has been working for over a decade on wave energy, lead the mission. He established a state-of-the-art 'Wave Energy and Fluids Engineering Laboratory' (WEFEL) at IIT Madras. His team

designed and tested a scaled-down model. The lab is also researching other applications for this technology such as producing power for smaller devices for the ocean like navigational buoys and data buoys, among others.

Highlighting the impact of this project, Prof. Abdus

Samad, Department of Ocean Engineering, IIT Madras, said, "India has a 7,500 km long coastline capable of producing 54 GW of power, satisfying a substantial amount of the country's energy requirement. Seawater stores tidal, wave and Ocean thermal energy. Among them, the harnessing of 40GW wave energy is possible in India."

Further, Prof. Abdus Samad said, "Even single devices in different locations along the Indian coastline can generate large quantities of clean power. ..Our vision is to make India sustainable by tapping the marine energy and net zero carbon emission to mitigate climate impact."

The project received

funding support through 'Innovative Research Project' of IIT Madras, TBI-KIET under DST Nidhi-Prayas Scheme and Australian Alumni Grant Scheme 2022 by Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australian Government.

IIT Madras partnered with a start-up Viryaparamita Energy (VPE) Pvt. Ltd., and Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (MNNIT) Allahabad, for this test. The electrical storage system was designed by GKC Institute of Engineering and Technology and MCKV Institute of Engineering, West Bengal. Waterfront Engineering and Infrastructure Pvt Ltd assisted in deploying the system in the Ocean.

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MARINE NEWS



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

Mass death of Seals in Caspian Sea in Russian coast

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About 2,500 Seals were found dead on the Caspian Sea coast in southern Russia, officials said.

Initial reports had said that 700 dead seals had been found on the coast. However, after further investigation, the Russian ministry of natural



About 2,500 dead seals appeared on the Russian coast

resources and environment raised the figure to about 2,500, which is expected to rise even more according to media reports.

Officials said that the seals likely died due to natural causes as the head of the Caspian Environmental Protection Center was quoted as saying that **the deaths seem to have happened about two weeks ago. There is no**

evidence to suggest the animals were killed or caught in fishing nets, he said.

Experts at the Federal Fisheries Agency have collected samples from the seals to understand the exact cause of the deaths.

Caspian seals are classified as endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) red list since 2008. The number of Caspian Sea seals has fallen drastically over the past few decades.

US Navy's Nuclear Vessel docks at Indian Ocean Island

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US Navy's nuclear powered ballistic missile submarine has docked at the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia by the end of October as part of a month's long deployment in the sensitive Indo Pacific region according to media reports. Contrary

to US naval convention, its docking was publicized to send a message to both allies and adversaries in the region

The Navy, in its message, revealed the USS West Virginia's docking in the Indian Ocean and its visit to the port. When Navy submarines are in the sea, their specific movements remain



The US Navy "secretly" sent a submarine to the island of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean

highly classified, so the submarines would have got

the required time to transit to a different location in the Indian Ocean because of the delayed announcement.

The importance of publicizing the USS West Virginia's port call is to relay a message to its potential allies as well as adversaries. "They should take from this that a ballistic missile submarine which is undetectable can operate in any ocean for an extended period," said the official.

Both the US and British forces use Diego Garcia, which is a highly militarized island, located in the south of the equator.

The nuclear-missile-equipped submarine's remote location helped it in ensuring that the 150-person crew remains unobserved by outsiders and the operations of the submarine remain a secret, allowing it to dock in the region for a longer duration.

EXIM NEWS

India Germany's Natural Partner says its Foreign Minister

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Germany has described India as its Natural



Germany's foreign minister Annalena Baerbock with EAM Jaishankar

Partner and said New Delhi will play a decisive role in shaping the World Order in the 21st century, especially in the Indo-Pacific region, its foreign minister Annalena Baerbock said on arrival in Delhi on a two day official visit to the country.

India has not only set an ambitious target for itself in the G20, but has also set a target for our country. India wants to go further than ever in the energy

transition when it comes to expanding renewable energy and Germany stands by India in this," she said in a statement. "We are all affected by the impact of the climate crisis, livelihoods have also been damaged in Europe and India, in such a situation, we want to take our cooperation beyond the level of strategic alliance in the economic, climate sector and security policy," Baerbock added.

External affairs Minister

Jaishankar said that topics such as deepening bilateral cooperation including energy, trade and climate change were high on the agenda of discussions during the meeting between the two foreign ministers. "Germany is our largest partner in the EU. We are today supporting the India-EU negotiations on trade, investment and geographical indicators. We hope that they will progress well. The third round of negotiations on the FTA with the European Union has just concluded," Jaishankar said. "One issue which also came up with the visa challenges, and we hope that some of these are addressed in the coming months so that the backlog can be cleared. I have every confidence that there will be that effort made by our partner," he added.



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President at Navy day function at Visakhapatnam

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President Droupadi Murmu witnessed the operational demonstration by the Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam December 4, on the occasion of Navy Day. She also virtually inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various projects of the Ministry of Defense, Road Transport and Highways and Tribal Affairs.

Speaking on the occasion, the President congratulated all officers and men and their families on the Navy Day. She said that **we celebrate this**



President Droupadi Murmu at Navy day function

day to commemorate the Indian Navy's valiant actions in the 1971 War, contributing to India's historic victory. It is a day to remember and honor our martyrs who etched a permanent place for themselves in history and continue to inspire every

generation. This day also reminds us to rededicate ourselves to taking India forward

The President said that **we are an inherently Maritime Nation - with the sea on three sides and high mountains on the fourth.** It is but natural that the oceans would play a vital role in India's growth and prosperity. The Indian Navy has a huge responsibility of ensuring an umbrella of security for India's national Maritime interests.

The President noted that Indian Navy remains firm in its perseverance, resolute in commitment, futuristic

in capability development, and outcome-oriented in action. She said that it is also evident from the theme of this Navy Day - 'Combat ready, Credible, Cohesive and Future proof force'. The President said that as Supreme Commander, she is confident that the Indian Navy would continue to grow from strength to strength – aligned with the vision of a new and developed India.

Speaking about the projects inaugurated and for which foundation stone was laid, the President said that **she is confident that these projects would contribute immensely towards India's holistic and inclusive development.**

National Logistics Portal-Marine Launched

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India will launch the **National Logistics Portal – Marine** from **5 December** seeking to act as a Central system for electronic sharing and exchange with interoperability across ocean, inland waterways, and coastal movement of goods.

The national single window platform will be the first of its kind to provide B2B (Business to Business) and B2G (Business to Government) services for marine trade stakeholders. The platform seeks to help exporters, importers, and service providers exchange documents seamlessly



The PCS functionality will now be a part of the NLP-Marine platform

and transact business in a transparent and quick manner.

The government has hired Portall Infosystems Pvt Ltd, a unit of Mumbai-based logistics conglomerate J M Baxi Group, to build and run the National Logistics Portal – Marine..

"With the shift to NLP-Marine, the existing Port Community System (PCS 1x) platform will be shut down and will no longer be available from 2 December, 2200 hours," an official circular said. **The PCS functionality will now be a part of the NLP-Marine platform.**

The NLP-Marine has been developed to facilitate ease of doing business and make India one of the most cost effective and competitive countries in international trade...

"Digitalization and data interchange are reshaping port operations and organizational structures. This is leading to the creation of more port community systems (PCS)," UNCTAD wrote in the report.

A PCS is an electronic platform connecting all the systems of a port or airport. It is a community system established, organized, and shared by a group of organizations and agencies. A PCS can further connect the agencies in several ports, creating a community of ports. Port

community systems depend on close collaboration among stakeholders.

"Ports and hinterland transport must deal with ever-more complex supply chains and increasing demands from transport operators and their customers for fast and automated electronic systems that ensure compliance **but also reduce time and costs for the business community.** With an efficient and digitalized trade facilitation ecosystem, governments, ports, and logistic hubs can boost their performance, attract investors, and create new opportunities. To achieve this goal, governments, ports, and businesses will need to work closely together," UNCTAD said.

It will be women all over Indian Navy

New Delhi
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Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar said **the first batch of Agniveers has been inducted into the naval force, among whom 341 are women.**



Women sailors; historic first induction.

The Navy Chief also said from next year women officers will be inducted across all branches and won't just be limited to seven or eight as is the case currently.

"We've inducted 341

women Agniveers now. It's the first time women are being inducted into its ranks. We're not inducting women separately. They're being inducted in the same manner as their male counterparts. It's a uniform method of selection. They undergo similar tests," the Navy Chief said.

They'll be deployed on ships, airbases, aircraft. They will be trained for everything the way a normal sailor is trained. There is going to be no difference in training. We're looking at being a gender-neutral force where we only look at capability of the individual," he added.

MINISTRY NEWS



“Worrying will never change the outcome”

New Design of The PRESIDENT’S STANDARD AND COLOUR, and the INDIAN NAVY CREST Unveiled

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Resonant to the ongoing National endeavour to move away from the colonial past, the Naval Ensign was amended to a new Design that draws inspiration from our history where in the Red Horizontal and Vertical Lines on the White Ensign were replaced with an Blue Octagon with Twin Golden Borders encompassing the National Emblem atop a clear anchor and ‘National Emblem ‘Satyamev Jayate’ inscribed on the stock of the Anchor. Further, the National Flag was retained on the upper left canton.

The erstwhile design of the President’s Standard and Colour for the Indian Navy was instituted on 06 Sep 2017.

The new design of President’s Standard and Colour highlights India’s glorious maritime heritage and also symbolises a powerful, courageous, confident and proud Indian Navy.

The Indian Navy Crest has been amended to replace the foul

anchor with a Clear Anchor. The Modified Indian Navy Crest has been introduced with effect from 04 Dec 22 on the occasion of the Navy Day 2022.

The New Naval Crest has a traditional naval clear anchor below the Ashoka Lion Head with ‘Sham no Varuna’* inscribed below it, which is an invocation from the Vedas meaning ‘May the Ocean God be Auspicious unto us’. The phrase was adopted as the motto of the Indian Navy on the suggestion of Shri Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, the first Indian Governor General of Independent India. The National Motto ‘Satyameva Jayate’* meaning ‘Truth Always Triumphs’ is inscribed on the Stock of the Clear Anchor.

In line with the change in the Indian Navy Crest, minor amendment to the Crest of the Indian Naval Command Headquarters (which has the Indian Navy Crest in the inset) has also been approved by the Hon’ble President of India.

The President’s Standard and President’s Colour are awarded to static and mobile formations of



The Hon’ble President of India has approved introduction of a new design for the President’s Standard and Colour and Indian Navy Crest for the Indian Navy, which were unveiled at Visakhapatnam on Navy Day on 04 Dec 2022.

the Indian Navy respectively, to acknowledge their distinguished and meritorious service to the Nation. The Indian Navy was the first among the three Services to be

awarded the President’s Colour on 27 May 1951 by the then President Dr. Rajendra Prasad.

***It is in Sanskrit in the Press Release**

EXIM NEWS

Govt mulls restricting imports of electric fans, smart meters from China

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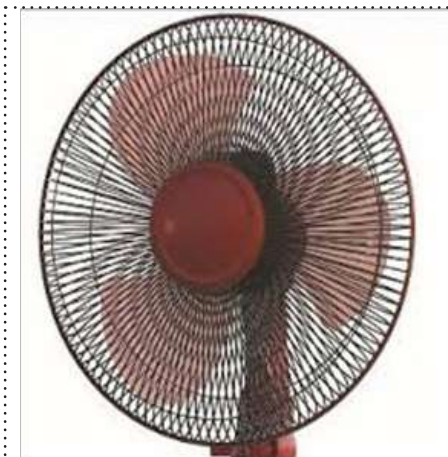
To check imports of electric fans and smart meters, especially from China, the Commerce and Industry Ministry will soon issue quality control orders (QCOs) in this regard, it is learnt.

In FY22, India’s import of ceiling fans had jumped 132 per cent to an estimated value of \$6.22 million. Of this, import from China was worth \$5.99 million.

Import of electricity smart meters was worth \$3.1 million during FY22 with about \$1.32 million coming from China.

The Industry Department is

also reportedly examining the standards across all products in which the domestic industry has the capacity, said a report.



Electric fan, China

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MARINE NEWS



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JSW Steel to invest ₹ 4,500 cr in mining, green energy

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JSW Steel will invest ₹4,500 crore to modernise its iron ore mining operations and enhance its green power generations in joint venture with JSW Energy.

The company plans to invest ₹3,500 crore to deploy high-end machines at its iron ore mines, set up beneficiation plant of 30 million tonnes(mt), digitise entire mining operations and deploy electric vehicles for movement of ores mined to cut carbon emissions.

1.35 billion tonnes reserves

Seshagiri Rao, Joint Managing Director, JSW Steel has said that the company's mines are currently operated by third party contractors and it will be taken over by the company soon.

The scope for improving mining operations has already been identified and orders for modern equipment has been placed, he said.

Currently, JSW Steel owns 13 iron ore mines (nine in Karnataka and four in Odisha), with aggregate reserves of 1.35 billion tonnes. It produced 32.13



Seshagiri Rao, Joint MD, JSW Steel

mt of iron ore from its captive mines last fiscal accounting 43 per cent of its total requirement against 28 per cent logged in the previous year.

Cost down, gains up

The investment will bring down the operational cost and enhance the profitability. The company has been driving digitisation as a theme across its operations and managed to save up to ₹170 crore last fiscal.

Green power

JSW Steel has set a target to source 6,000 MW of green power and already generates about 2,000 MW by recycling the heat produced at the steel plants. It had invested ₹450 crore to acquire 26 per cent equity in the special purpose

vehicle being set up by JSW Energy to source 958 MW solar and wind power. A solar project of 225 MW was commissioned recently the remaining capacity is expected to be commissioned progressively next year.

JV with JSW Energy

Rao said the company will take a call early next year on setting up 3000-3500 MW of green energy in joint venture with JSW Energy. The green energy project of ₹12,000 crore will be funded by ₹9,000 crore debt and ₹3,000 crore of equity. JSW Steel will invest about ₹1,000 crore by picking up 26 per cent equity in these projects, he said.

Former senior MSC official gets 5-year prison term

NEW DELHI
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The U.S. Department of Justice reports that Xavier Fernando Monroy, 65, a former Director of Operations of the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command (MSC) Office in Busan, South Korea, was sentenced Friday 2 Dec to five years in prison for his role in a bribery conspiracy and lying to federal investigators.

According to court



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documents and evidence presented at trial, Monroy, of Brentwood, New York, **engaged in a conspiracy to commit bribery with the owner of DK Marine, a South Korea-based company** that provided

services to the Navy, as well as with a former MSC captain, to steer U.S. Navy business to DK Marine.

From 2011 to 2014, Monroy used his position of influence as a public official to benefit his co-conspirator, including by steering over \$3.3 million in husbanding services contracts for U.S. military ships to DK Marine. Husbanding service providers supply items or services for

ships such as water ferry and taxi services, ground transportation and other logistical requirements.

Evidence at trial also proved that Monroy provided a co-conspirator with confidential and other proprietary internal U.S. Navy information.

In exchange for these benefits, the co-conspirator paid bribes to Monroy, including thousands of dollars in cash, personal travel expenses, meals and alcoholic beverages, and prostitution services. Additionally, during

a voluntary interview in July 2019, Monroy repeatedly lied to special agents of the Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS) and Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) when they confronted him about his illegal conduct.

In August 2022, a federal jury in the District of Columbia **convicted Monroy** of conspiracy to commit bribery, bribery, and making false statements.

The DCIS and NCIS investigated the case.

EXIM NEWS

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India is capable of sustaining economic growth of 9 per cent for many years while a high sustained GDP growth rate is key for the world to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), said Mr Sanjeev Sanyal, Member, PM Economic Advisory Council, while speaking at the first side event of India's

India seen capable of sustaining 9 pc GDP growth for many years

G20 Presidency on the subject of 'Transforming lives: Accelerating implementation of SDGs.'

India has a per capita income of only \$2,200 and that has been achieved after several years of a very high growth rate.

Particularly for the Global South, sustaining a high GDP growth rate is critical to achieving SDGs; without that, countries will be re-distributing poverty, he added, as per a report.



Mr Sanjeev Sanyal, Member, PM Economic Advisory Council

CONTAINER TERMINAL NEWS



"Worrying will never change the outcome"

Valencia to double box throughput with massive MSC investment

NEW DELHI
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The Spanish port of Valencia will get a fourth container terminal with Terminal Investment Limited (TIL), a subsidiary of Mediterranean Shipping Co (MSC), spending more

than EUR1bn (\$1.05bn) to develop the 5m teu facility to the north of existing box infrastructure.

The new container terminal project will have a surface area of some 137 ha and 1,970 m of berthing line and is being

promoted as a green site, with all electricity coming from renewable sources and cold ironing on offer.

Last year the port handled 5.6m teu, overtaking Piraeus to become the busiest boxport in the Mediterranean.



Valenciaport

TRADE BODY NEWS

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The National Logistics Policy (NLP), launched by the Government of India in September 2022, aims to promote the seamless movement of goods, overcome transport-related challenges, encourage digitisation and significantly reduce logistics time and cost. **The policy is aimed at reducing India's logistics cost considerably** and bringing its percentage of GDP in line with the developed economies. Reduced logistics costs shall help improve India's competitiveness, both in the domestic and export markets, by improving efficiency across all sectors.

Commenting further, Mr. Suprio Banerjee, Vice-President & Sector Head, ICRA Limited, said, "The Introduction of NLP is a long-term positive for the Indian logistics industry, given its overall focus on attaining better integration of different modes of transport, which in turn shall lead to faster turnaround and higher efficiency. It is also expected to lower the cost of logistics by reducing the over-dependence on the road sector, thereby reducing congestion and ensuring better asset utilisation. Implementation challenges, however, are expected

National Logistics Policy is long-term positive for the industry: ICRA



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as multiple agencies, stakeholders, and physical entities are involved, which will require proper coordination for the successful implementation of the policy. **The implementation will also entail heavy capital investments to be policy-compliant.**

The benefits of the policy should also be evaluated against its compliance costs. Nonetheless, the long-term benefits of the policy will outweigh the short-term challenges."

The salient features of the NLP include setting key targets, which include a reduction in the logistics cost in India to be comparable to global benchmarks by 2030 and be among the top 25 countries by 2030 (currently ranked at 44) in the logistics performance index rankings as also creating a data-driven decision support mechanism for an efficient logistics ecosystem. The policy will be implemented through an eight-pronged Comprehensive Logistics Action Plan (CLAP) encompassing the full spectrum of

the sector.

The NLP also focuses on the Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP), a single-window platform for all transportation services, and a new digital platform, Ease of

Logistics Services (E-logs), for a quick resolution of issues raised by the industry, reducing costs, preventing time leakages and ensuring better efficiency.

The policy will also help in generating employment and better skills, along with making medium and small enterprises more competitive. It will lead to the higher formalisation of the industry and reduce fragmentation in the sector. This is expected to enhance the efficiency of last-mile connectivity and reduce the

NEWS IN BRIEF

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From Red Tape to Red Carpet Transformation by Single Window System

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said that the National Single Window System (NSWS) would help realize the Government's vision of transforming red tape to red carpet.



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Kerala Govt does a volte face on central forces at Vizhinjam Port project site

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Kerala government did a volte face when it went back on its earlier assertion that it would not be averse to deployment of central forces at Vizhinjam port project premises and came out with a fresh view there was no need for central forces to maintain law and order at the port premises.

Kerala Ports Minister Ahammed Devarkovil was of the view that Adani Group, which is carrying out the port construction, can seek protection from central forces at the work site, but outside it,



Police officers stand guard near the barricades during a protest rally by the supporters of the proposed Vizhinjam port project in the southern state of Kerala. (REUTERS)

the police was capable of maintaining law and order. "We do not need help from central forces to maintain law and order. Kerala Police is capable of

handling that. **It is Adani which has sought aid from central forces and not us. We are providing them protection,**" the minister said to reporters.

The high court asked the state and central governments to discuss the possibility of deploying the central forces there on a plea by the Adani Group seeking the same.

Devarkovil said that discussions were going on, unofficially, with the protesting fisher folk. "With the assembly session set to convene on December 5, the Chief Minister and other ministers would be in the state capital and therefore, more talks were possible," the minister said.

He also said **no one with common sense would seek to halt a project which costs thousands of crores**

of public money and also that there was no need for a fresh study by putting the work on hold.

The minister added that a high-level committee was already conducting a study and it submits reports every six months. "There is nothing to indicate in any of the studies that there could be adverse impacts due to the project," he said.

The protesters have been alleging that the unscientific construction of groynes, the artificial sea walls as part of the upcoming port at Vizhinjam, was one of the reasons for increasing coastal erosion in the area.

LOGISTICS NEWS

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Kanyakumari Railway Station will be modernized with improvement in infrastructure to rail passengers. Southern railways have awarded the work tender for redevelopment of the Kanyakumari railway station at a cost of Rs 49.36 crore.

The Letter of Acceptance (LOA) for the redevelopment work was issued by the Southern Railways on November 23.

The Railway station situated at the land's end will offer amenities to meet the requirements of next 40 to 60 years.

Infrastructure in Railway stations in Tamil Nadu and Kerala to be toned up

The redevelopment plan includes spacious entrance lobby, seamless movement of passengers by separate arrival and departure corridor, and hassle-free access to all platforms. Dedicated Parking lots for streamlined movement of different categories of vehicles and pedestrians in exclusive lanes and multi-level vehicle parking wherever feasible, will also be provided.

The station will be aesthetically designed with facade lighting arrangements, good illumination and will have state-of-the art external façade and landscaping. Provisions are to be made for spacious concourse (Roof Plaza),

waiting halls, acoustically designed and soothing public announcement system and coverage of entire area by CCTV cameras.

With this, the Southern Railway has so far awarded tenders for redevelopment of Nine Railway stations. These include three stations in Kerala - Ernakulam Junction, Ernakulam Town and Kollam; five in Tamil Nadu - Chennai Egmore, Katpadi Junction, Madurai Junction, Rameswaram and One in Puducherry - Puducherry. The Southern Railway has also undertaken feasibility study for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for four stations - Chengannur and Thrissur in Kerala and Kumbakonam and



Chennai Central Railway station

Tirunelveli Junction in Tamil Nadu.

In a parallel move, the Rail Land Development Authority of the railway ministry has undertaken a **feasibility study for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for eight railway stations.** These include Chennai Central, Tambaram, Avadi and Coimbatore Junction in

Tamil Nadu, Thiruvananthapuram Central, Varkala and Kozhikode in Kerala and Mangalore Central in Karnataka.

The Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) is a statutory authority within the Ministry of Railways responsible for railway land development.

India Germany's Natural Partner says itsFrom Page : 3

On Bierbock's arrival in India, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi tweeted, "It is an opportunity to review progress in our strategic partnership and

exchange views on regional and global developments.

In a statement before her departure for India, Baerbock said, the fact that **India has managed to lift more than 400 million people — almost as many**

as people in the EU — out of absolute poverty in the last 15 years, is impressive."

India's relationship with China and the Russian war against Ukraine and its consequences also figured

in the dialogue between German foreign minister Annalena Baerbock's talks with her Indian counterpart .Baerbock began her first visit to India on December fourth against the backdrop

of the global consequences of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. "There is no doubt that India will have a decisive influence on shaping the international order in the 21st century — in the Indo-Pacific and beyond," Baerbock said.

Mundra Port Container Volumes Regain Pace after Slowing Trends

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New exclusive data collected by Container News points to a rebound in box volumes moving via Mundra Port, India's busiest cargo hub, in November.

According to the latest figures, the four Adani Group-controlled Mundra terminals together handled 438,453 TEUs last month, versus 431,334 TEUs during October.

The private harbour also includes a DP World concession, named Mundra International Container Terminal (MICT), which handled 90,781 TEUs

in November, versus 92,908 TEUs in the prior month. That takes Mundra's November combined throughput to 529,234 TEUs, up from 524,242 TEUs in October, according to CN data.

The volume trend-up, albeit modest, at Adani's flagship port is noteworthy, given the current demand pressure.

Container volumes across the Adani port network in India (APSEZ) also edged up last month. The group saw 693,624 TEUs, out of six box-handling locations, up 2.5% from October figures, CN data shows.



Mundra port

In addition to Mundra, APSEZ has container terminals at Kattupalli, Ennore, Krishnapatnam, Hazira and Gangavaram.

APSEZ has also signed a concession agreement for berth mechanisation at Haldia Port, near Kolkata, taking its Indian footprint

to 13 locations.

It is also gearing up for a new harbour at Tajpur in West Bengal, a greenfield site expected to be in five years.

APSEZ has also been actively pursuing investments in global markets. The company

recently signed a US\$1.2 billion deal to secure concession rights for the Haifa port, Israel's second-busiest gateway.

Additionally, the group has an ongoing terminal development at Sri Lanka's Colombo Port. The West Container Terminal (WCT) is targeted for completion in 2025 under a two-phased development, able to provide an annual capacity of 3.5 million TEUs when fully operational.

"APSEZ remains committed to its philosophy of ensuring sustainable growth in partnership with our key stakeholders," APSEZ CEO Karan Adani said in a recent statement.

SEAFARER NEWS

NEW DELHI
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Georgia will adopt a new law on labour of sailor professionals to improve conditions of Georgian seafarers sailing under the flags of other countries and secure additional social guarantees for them, Economy Minister Levan Davitashvili announced on Monday 5 Dec.

Davitashvili said the adoption of the law stemmed from the Government's decision to join the 2006

New sailor labour law looks to improve conditions of Georgian seafarers sailing under foreign flags



Georgia will adopt a new law on labour of sailor professionals to improve conditions of Georgian seafarers sailing under the flags of other countries and secure additional social guarantees for them, Economy Minister Levan Davitashvili announced on Monday. Photo: Nino Alavidze/agenda.ge

International Convention on Maritime Labour, which brings together 1,200,000 seafarers and protects their social and labour rights.

I think this will improve the conditions of Georgian seafarers sailing under the flag of different countries, create and secure additional social guarantees, and also protect the rights of those working on vessels sailing under the flag of Georgia. **This will further increase**

the reputation of our flag and also increase the demand for and prestige of Georgian seafarers", Davitashvili said.

Davitashvili said qualifications of Georgian seafarers were currently recognised by almost 80 different nations including 20 European countries, adding the profession was "quite in demand".

He also added about 14,000 seafarers were registered in Georgia, with their contribution to the economy "quite large" at over \$200 million "according to various estimates".

TERMINAL NEWS

NEW DELHI
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Logistics company DP World will increase its headcount in India to 700 by June next year from 500 currently, its Chief Technology Officer Pradeep Desai has said.

Desai further said that DP World has handled nearly 28 per cent of India's export-import volume, through its terminals.

DP World to Increase India Headcount to 700 by June 2023



India headcount to increase from 500 to 700 by June 2023

"... So, there's a massive amount of infrastructure capital that has been infused on the business side and there is robust hiring at an operational level," he told a group of visiting Indian journalists.

Desai said there is a lot of job creation that is happening on the business side.

"In technology, we aim to have about 700 people (in India). Currently, we have 500, and we plan to add another 200 people," he said.

According to Desai, there's probably three or four markets where DP World would find enough supply of talent, of which, **India happens to be a**

cost-effective market and language is also not a barrier for the workforce.

"As part of DP World's agenda, we do want to grow Dubai as a tech hub as well," he added.

Desai said, in India, DP World has inland container depots and terminals.

He pointed out that **DP World is one of the biggest operators of rail in India, after Indian railways.**

In India, DP World has been operating container

terminals since 1997. The Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal (NSICT) at JNP was the first ever PPP project in India's port sector.

DP World has expanded its portfolio of container port terminals adding Chennai Container Terminal (CCT) in 2001 and the Mundra International Container Terminal (MICT) in 2003. It is also building 3 Free Trade Zones in Mumbai (Nhava Sheva), Chennai and Cochin.

LOGISTICS (ROAD/RAIL/AVIATION)

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

OM Logistics Inaugurates Warehouse in Anantapur

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Om Logistics Ltd, a market leader in the segment, in order to accelerate its door-to-door express service and further strengthen its warehousing network, has recently inaugurated a new warehouse at Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh (South Zone) and a new transport hub at Hodal, Haryana (North Zone). **Anantapur and Hodal are two strategically important locations for the organization as per**



The company's prime focus is to optimize cost and time with efficient door-to-door express deliveries.

the growing industrial area developments.

Om Logistics has commenced operations of its new warehouse, further empowering door-to-door express services at Anantapur, especially to cater for the automobile

industry clients. Similarly, **Hodal is the new transportation hub of North zone.** The new multipoint hub is associated with a 50,000 square feet warehousing facility to cater to the increased express transportation needs. The company is currently handling 500 to 600 tons of cargo per day which is expected to be doubled shortly.

The **Anantapur warehouse is divided into two phases**, the first phase warehouse facility which is currently operational is spread over a covered area

of 30,000 square feet and the company has worked efficiently to provide state-of-the-art warehousing services to its niche clientele. The warehousing facility has an inbuilt capacity to load or unload up to 20 vehicles at once, using hydraulic machinery and wood and fibre pallets.

The company's prime focus is to optimize cost and time with efficient door-to-door express deliveries.

The organization strongly follow all necessary and universally recognized standards in its warehouses and has followed six basic warehousing procedures in this warehouse which

include receiving, physical quality check, storage, picking, packing, and shipping. Currently, 30 to 40 tonnes of cargo per day is being successfully handled at Anantapur, which is expected to be doubled in the coming time.

The second phase of the warehouse, which is expected to come up by the beginning of the new year, will have almost the same covered area. The ongoing expansion of warehousing facilities and a transportation hub would be very helpful in swiftly moving the door-to-door express services of Om Logistics Ltd.

Status of Pamban Bridge

CHENNAI
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Around 84 per cent of work has been completed on India's first vertical lift railway sea bridge – the new Pamban Bridge, Railways Ministry said in a tweet on December 1.

The 2.07 km long Pamban Rail Sea Bridge in Tamil Nadu will connect the holy Rameswaram on Pamban Island to mainland India. It is also expected to be a boon for pilgrims travelling to Rameswaram and Dhanuskhodi as well as enhance tourism.

Railways Ministry said in its tweet that **the track laying work is in progress, while the**

fabrication of the vertical lift span girder is about to be finished. "Assembling platform for vertical lift span on Rameswaram end of the bridge is getting ready.

Built at the cost of around Rs 540 crore, the new Pamban Bridge will facilitate the movement of ships across the railway bridge. The new link will replace the iconic Pamban bridge which was India's first-ever sea bridge opened in 1914.

Developed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), the new bridge is being constructed parallel to the old railway bridge. The Railways had said earlier that the middle portion rises

in the new bridge to allow ships to pass through. The work on the bridge began in February 2020. The new bridge, which is 12.5 meters above ocean level, will be 3 meters higher than the old one and will have 100 spans across the sea.

The bridge will allow two ships to cross it simultaneously. The 72-metre-long vertical lift span can be elevated to enable the movement of ships or steamers.

The old bridge using the Scherzer rolling lift technology that is manually operated and opens horizontally to let the ships pass through. Ships moving from north to south Tamil nadu coast and vice versa have to wait for days together for the lift to be operated by the railways leading to indefinite delays.



The 2.07 km long Pamban Rail Sea Bridge in Tamil Nadu

With the commissioning the new bridge the passage of small ships will be smooth.

The navigational span can be lifted up to a height of 17 meter using an electro-mechanical system, unlike manual operations in the old one. While the old bridge is a non-electrified track, the new one will be an electrified railway track. The trains will be able to run at a faster speed on this dual-track state-of-the-art

bridge. It will also allow trains to carry more weight.

The new bridge will solve the problem of speed restriction of 15 kilometers per hour with the old bridge.

The bridge 100 years old and has a lot of corrosion. The new bridge will have a speed limit of 65 kmph". The double track in the new bridge's substructure can accommodate "future doubling".

Next VandeBharat from Nagpur to Bilaspur

NEW DELHI
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Maharashtra will get the Second Vande Bharat when the sixth super fast train will be introduced from Nagpur to Bilaspur in Chattisgarh from next week. The state has a service from

Mumbai and Ahmedabad. Early next year another Vande Bharat train is likely to be introduced between Secunderabad and Vijayawada, media reports quoting railway sources said.

It is an overnight journey from Nagpur to Bilaspur but

the distance will be covered by Vande Bharat in five and half hours. The service will commence from December 11th. The train will leave Bilaspur at around 6.45am and reach Nagpur at around 12.15pm. Similarly, the train will leave Nagpur at 2pm to reach Bilaspur at



7.35pm. The train will stop at Raipur, Durg and Gondia and will be operated by Southeastern railway.

The Railways aims to inaugurate 75 Vande Bharat trains by August next year.

Samir J. Shah elected Vice Chairman of Customs Affairs Institute - FIATA

Ahmedabad
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Mr Samir J. Shah, Advisor Federation of Freight Forwarders Association of India, partner in the 67-year-old JBS Group, has been elected as the Vice Chairman of the Customs Affairs Institute – FIATA (International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations).

FIATA is an international body of freight forwarders founded in 1926. It has a membership of more than 150 countries and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.



Samir J. Shah

The Customs Affairs Institute works towards leveraging the partnership between global Customs authorities and forwarders in protecting trade and industry

from Customs-related fraud and security threats to improve productivity and revenue. It observes, examines and influences all Customs security policies and works with WCO, WTO, UNECE, UNCTAD, ICC, IRU and other relevant bodies to promote and encourage closer coordination with Customs authorities.

Mr Samir J. Shah is a veteran of the industry, having passed his Customs exam in 1984. He has extensive work experience not only in Customs but also Sea Cargo and Air Cargo Forwarding. He is known for his passion in

spreading knowledge in all these verticals, which he takes as his mission. He is a recipient of the World Customs Organization's Certificate of Merit for rendering exceptional service to the international Customs community. He has received numerous other awards and certificates for work done till date.

Besides EXIM Logistics, he also works extensively on various associations like Gujarat Chamber of Commerce, TiE, FICCI, CII, Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, US-India Importers Council as per a release.

Domestic Cargo Terminal at Raja Bhoj Airport

NEW DELHI
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Keeping in view an increase in the cargo movement, the airport authority is constructing a new domestic cargo terminal at Raja Bhoj airport. It is proposed to be inaugurated with the beginning of the year 2023, said officials. The authority is spending around Rs eight cr on the construction of the terminal which is being built in an area of about four acres.

Four years ago, the authority had established a cargo terminal in Bhopal. **Only a part of the old airport terminal was converted into a cargo terminal.** Its annual capacity is only 3000 metric

tonnes. The need for its expansion was being felt, said officials. The new terminal is being constructed near the old airport building. Its capacity is 29, 300 metric tonnes annually.

The authority has decided to fully equip the under-construction cargo terminal with CCTV cameras from the point of view of security. From the point of view of security, many modern security equipment including X-ray machine and explosive trace detector will be installed here.

The baggage will be thoroughly checked before being loaded onto the aircraft. The cargo unit will be operated by the Airport Authority of

India's subsidiary company Cargo Logistics & Allied Services. The domestic cargo terminal will start functioning after getting security clearance from the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security. The authority has applied for this. The target is to complete the work by the last week of



tonnes. Due to increase in inward and outward movement of goods,

December. It will be inaugurated in January 2023, said officials.

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

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



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

EXIM TREND

Abu Dhabi seeks Indian investments, invites start-ups to establish hubs

NEW DELHI
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In its bid to diversify Abu Dhabi's business activity beyond hydrocarbons, the UAE's capital city is seeking more investments from India which will not only benefit the local economy but also allow Indian firms to use it as a platform to grow their footprints around the world.

Abu Dhabi has identified priority sectors including agritech, tourism, healthcare, pharma and financial



A general view of the Abu Dhabi skyline. REUTERS

services, where Indian enterprises can invest.

Abdulla Abdul Aziz Alshamsi, Acting Director General of Abu Dhabi Investment Office (ADIO) pitched for Indian

companies to use Abu Dhabi as a platform to grow their footprints around the world, and added that their presence will benefit the local economy as well.

He cited the recently

signed Free Trade Agreement with India for economic collaboration, saying it will not only help in trade of goods and services, but also help in knowledge sharing.

India and the UAE have shared trade links through the centuries. The India-UAE trade is valued at USD 72.8 billion in 2021-22, making the UAE India's third largest trading partner after China and US, according to the Ministry of External Affairs.

The UAE is the second largest export destination of India (after the US)

with an amount of nearly USD 28 billion for the year 2021-22.

Alshamsi said 'Fresh to Home', an Indian company, was among the earliest to set up a base in Abu Dhabi. Their presence is focused on research and development and also to help gain access to the US market.

On the availability of the talent pool in Abu Dhabi, Alshamsi said, "Not only do we have a talent pool, but we are also making it easier for international talent to establish themselves in Abu Dhabi and retire in Abu Dhabi."

EU Agrees to Price Cap of \$60 As Ban Begins on Russian Seaborne Oil

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After weeks of back-and-forth negotiations, and some last-minute holdouts, the EU confirmed that a deal has been reached to establish a price cap on Russian oil. **It was a key step ahead of the import ban on Russian seaborne oil due to go into effect on December 5,** and being hailed as a demonstration of western resolve for the sanctions against Russia in retaliation for the war in Ukraine, but questions remain on how it will impact the shipping industry.

The Czech Presidency of the Council of the European



Everything is due to be finalized with everyone closely watching for the publication of the official procedures.

Union, which is due to expire this month, Tweeted out the first news confirming that an agreement had been reached. Gertrud von der Leyen, president of the European Commission, also released a brief video statement **hailing the**

deal as a sign of the EU resolution to strengthen the effect of the sanctions.

She said the deal would diminish Russia's revenues while stabilizing the global energy markets. She said a critical element was to

ensure that emerging and developing countries would continue to have access to oil at limited prices.

Many questions emerged about the price with analysts noting that while it is significantly below the current level of the global benchmark Brent oil, it is actually above the current price for Russian crude.

Russia has previously said that it might not sell to countries observing the cap. However, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said in his comments that the price cap level was irrelevant.

Left unanswered is how the cap will be enforced and what role the shipping

companies will take in the program. **Everything is due to be finalized with everyone closely watching for the publication of the official procedures.**

The initial agreement reached by the EU ambassadors needs to be finalized and is due for adoption on Monday. The G-7 also needs to approve as the next step in expanding the limits on Russian oil. **The nations of the G-7 have promised to stop Russian oil imports by the start of 2023, while the EU is poised to expand its bans to Russian oil products in February as the war in Ukraine marks its first year.**

UAE emerges as one of the top importers of Indian tea

KOLKATA
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United Arab Emirates (UAE) emerged as the second largest importer of tea from India after the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) as a block, according to the latest data released by Tea Board.

UAE has imported

28.58 million kilograms of tea from India during January to September 2022, a rise of 159 per cent from the similar nine-month period of 2021.

CIS countries imported 38.06 million kilograms during that period in 2022, up from 33.34 million kilograms in the corresponding period of 2021.

Besides Iraq, shipments to another major buyer Iran are also suffering due to economic sanctions imposed by the US and also because the Iranian importers are not lifting the commodity due to non-issuance of invoices to the Indian exporters. Exports to the CIS are also in limbo due to



Darjeeling tea gardens

the armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine which had affected shipments owing to logistics issues, exporters said.

During the nine months from January to September

2022, total exports of Indian tea stood at 165.58 million kilograms, higher than 142.55 million kilograms in 2021 in the same period. **Indian Tea Association (ITA), the apex body of planters, has predicted that exports of Indian tea would touch 230 million kilograms in 2022,** as compared to 196 million kilograms in 2021 according to media reports.