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ceremony gave the guests a true star treatment. Stunning centerpieces, grand lighting, and beautiful décor offered a wonderful atmosphere to all the guests. Live entertainment featuring singing and stage shows rocked the audience.

Before the opening of the curtain, 2 minutes of silence was observed to pay homage to the security personnel who fought valiantly and made supreme sacrifice in the line of duty on the 26th of November 2008, the terror attack in Mumbai.



Roni Abraham- Founder of Sea Line Group

Sea Line Group, founded by Mr. Roni Abraham hosted a Grand Gala Event Seajob Indian Anchor Awards 2022 on 26th November 2022. More than 140 Shipping Companies, Industry Stalwarts, and seafarers attended the Gala Event. The theme was "Proud to be a Seafarer", which recognized the dedicated service to the seafarers and the Maritime Industry.

A red carpet through the entrance, showered with flowers, and the Indian cultural Tilak



Mrs Grace Roni CEO Sea Line Group

Mrs. Grace Roni, CEO of Sea Line Group heartily welcomed all the distinguished guests and set the event on the move. Ms. Amy Roni, the newly appointed COO of Sea Line Group thanked all



Ms Amy Roni COO Sea Line Group

the sponsors. The event began with the lighting



Lighting of Lamp

of the Lamp ceremony by distinguished guests Ms.

Roya Alipour Orojkandy-Crewing Director Marshal Ship Management, Mr. Pradeep Bajpai Head of fleet ops Tomini Shipping, and Capt. Prakash-Program Head Ganpat University along with Sea Line Team Grace, Roni, and Amy.

Award Categories were in a Large Segment named Sapphires of the Ocean (SC) and in a small

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Segment named **Pearls of the Sea (PC)**. The voting was done on the seajob.net portal where shipping companies nominated themselves and seafarers cast their votes. Coveted titles were honored with deserving awards through the hands of **Shri Deepak Shetty Former Secretary and DG of Shipping, GOI**, and here are the WINNERS with a few Snapshots:



MSC Crewing Services- Best Employer of the Year-SC



Eastaway India- Best Employer for Container Fleet- PC



Seaspan Crew Management India- Fastest Growing Company of the Year-SC



MMS Maritime India - Best Employer for Chemical Tanker Fleet-SC



MTM Ship Mangmnt India- Best Employer of the year- PC



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The Award winners listed in Alphabetical order is as under:

**Admiral Marine Services- Appreciation for CSR Activities-SC**

**AG Maritime- Seafarers Choice Awards-SC**

**Andromeda Shipping India- Seafarers Choice Awards- PC**

**Eastaway India Pvt Ltd- Best Employer for Container Fleet-PC**

**Ganpat University- Best Maritime University-SC**

**Marshal Ship Management- Best Employer for Oil Tanker Fleet-SC**

**Marshal Ship Management- Company with maximum all types vessels-SC**

**MMS Maritime India - Best Employer for Chemical Tanker Fleet-SC**

**MOL Tankship Management- Best Employer for Gas Tanker Fleet-SC**

**MSC Crewing Services- Best Employer of the Year-SC**

**MTM Ship Management India- Best Employer of the Year- PC**

**NYK India- Best Employer for Chemical Tanker Fleet-PC**

**Ocean One- Best Employer for Gas Tanker Fleet- PC**

**SCI- Best Employer of the Year (Indian Flag)-SC**

**Seaspan Crew Management India- Fastest Growing Company of the Year-SC**

**Shoolin Ship Management- Fastest Growing Company of the Year-PC**

**Sinasta Maritime- Company with max all type vessels- PC**

**Suntech Crew Management- Appreciation for CSR Activities- PC**

**Tanger Ship Management- Emerging Company of the Year-SC**

**Teekay India- Best Employer for Oil Tanker Fleet-PC**

**Tomini Shipping- Best Employer for dry Cargo Fleet- PC**

**TW Ship Management - Best Employer for Container Fleet - SC**

**Wilhelmsen Ship Management- Best Employer for Dry Cargo Fleet-SC**

**Yuam Crew Management- Best Employer for Offshore Fleet-PC**

The Seajob Indian Anchor Awards 2022 Magazine was released by Eminent persons Capt. Vivek Bhide- Ex Teekay India Head, Mr. Anil Dalvi- Ex Sarpanch Titwala, Mr. Sandeep- Ex Sarpanch Mankoli Bhiwandi along with Sea Line Team Roni, Grace & Amy.

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**ISC**  
Chittagong, Karachi, Dhaka, Yangon, Colombo, Pangaon

**ICDs**  
Delhi, Ludhiana, Bangalore, Baroda, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Birgunj (Nepal)

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Guest Entry



Entertainment



Maritime Industry August Gathering

The Guests are overjoyed with Bollywood songs /DJ and Cocktails followed by a Multi-cuisine Dinner.

### MARINE NEWS

New Delhi  
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The Prime Minister Gati Shakti Master Plan, which aims to reduce logistics costs in India to levels comparable to developed nations, has garnered international interest and could be shared with neighbouring countries to aid infrastructure planning, a government official said.

**The plan may first be offered to Bangladesh for cross-border infrastructure projects before a separate product is developed for overseas project planning and execution.**

The official said countries looking to get on

## Bangladesh & Japan Evince Interest in PM Gati Shakti

board may also get limited access to the PM Gati Shakti website to experience how projects are brought from the drawing board to execution.

“We have had a meeting with Bangladesh hosted by the World Bank. The Japanese side has also shown great interest. The Union government may decide to share the tech used in PM Gati Shakti. Bangladesh certainly wants to plan certain policy interventions, and they tried to learn about these policy interventions to maybe replicate that in their country.

**“Gati Shakti is also relevant for the ministry of external affairs for international cooperation.**



So we’ve had a workshop with the ministry, and two to three things have been identified for taking further, which are international projects for infrastructure related to railways or roadways. Even areas like cargo terminals have been identified to be taken up with different countries, including Bangladesh and Sri Lanka,” the official added.

India’s logistics sector is currently fragmented and

unorganized, resulting in logistics costs that are as high as 14-15% of GDP. The National Logistics Policy (NLP) and PM Gati Shakti aim to integrate the logistics sector and bring costs down to 8% in the next five years.

“Among other types of projects identified for the use of PM Gati Shakti are international projects such as Chabahar Port, if the host country is willing and is keen on cooperating.

We are also considering sharing of technology with other countries, on mutually agreed terms, on a financial or non-financial basis for adoption or development of similar systems by those countries, which can help them plan their infrastructure,” the first official said.

**The plan is to offer the PM Gati Shakti model to countries where India is already implementing projects.** Later, other interested countries could be offered this integrated planning and execution tool. The master plan will be portrayed as a unique product using state-of-the-art technology, which will reform governance, especially project implementation and management.

## World’s Largest Container Ship Sails Light, Signalling Dim Demand

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The 24,004 teu Ever Atope transited the Suez Canal over the weekend on its maiden voyage to North Europe, apparently less than three-quarters full, evidencing the severe contraction in demand impacting the tradelane.

The ULCV was the final ship to be delivered of an order of the ten A24 series design for Taiwanese carrier Evergreen, and along with sister ships Ever Aria and Ever A lot holds the title

of largest containership afloat, in terms of nominal capacity.

The newbuild is being phased into an Asia-North Europe Ocean Alliance loop, but the PR interest of a call at a port hub by the biggest containership afloat will be lost with the arrival of a vessel that is visibly extremely light on deck.

**An ocean carrier will make every effort to maximise the load on a vessel’s maiden call, even topping up the deck with empty containers to**



**But a few months on, carriers are racking up some serious voyage losses on ships that do sail, and bleeding from high overheads with no revenue from the sailings they blank.**

give a fully laden effect, under-utilised, among a raft so the sailing of the ship of other blanked sailings,

shows how badly the market has deteriorated in just a few months.

Indeed, the earlier arrivals of Ever Atope’s sister vessels were greeted with all the normal ceremony surrounding the world’s largest containerships, when they arrived at their first port of call in North Europe, laden to the gunnels.

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## Soren Toft: Emission Trading Could Drive Up Inflation

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During a Lloyd's List podcast, Toft said, "I find it extremely concerning is that the ETS is open for anybody and not just for the companies that are having factual emissions. Any person, any private equity, which wants to speculate can go and buy these carbon credits and trade them."

From 2024, shipping will have to buy carbon allowances to pay for emissions from sailings within the European Union (EU).

Toft continued, "I think this is really concerning



MSC's CEO Soren Toft

because it is leading to one thing—inflationary pricing and that inflationary pricing will have to be passed on to the client. I think that's a very unfortunate and unintended consequence (of decarbonisation). It should be the companies that

are having the emissions that should be able to buy those schemes.

"We want to have a global playing field and now, that didn't happen and it seems not to happen and now, Europe is coming with the tax and we could very

well expect that other parts of the world will come with their taxes and we'll have a lot of regional schemes and it'll become difficult for us and ultimately our customers to navigate this reality."

On another note, Toft asserted that MSC is striving to meet the global target of achieving decarbonisation in 2050, but there is no one-size-fits-all solution.

Toft noted, "The conundrum with the energy transition is there is no single company that can solve this riddle. This really requires strong partnerships across the value chain and it's really a missed opportunity that every single company, ourselves included, have

to become the expert on these things. At the end of the day, we're a transport and logistics company. We're probably not the best experts, the best place to know what the future fuels should be so those are some of the things that are missing."

Nevertheless, MSC is retrofitting some of its ships to be ready for alternative fuels.

Toft pointed out, "Energy efficiency has been important but it will be important in the next many years because the cost of fuel will only go one way. If you think about the next 10, 20 years and that's up, so the notion of energy efficiency is still very much important."

## MINISTRY NEWS

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Taking a major step to boost exports, Centre on 7 Dec 2022 further expanded the scope of RoDTEP Scheme (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products) by including the exports made from the Chemical sector, Pharmaceuticals sector and exports of articles of iron & steel under chapters 28, 29, 30 and 73 of ITC(HS) schedule of items.

The expanded list of items will be applicable

## RoDTEP scheme extends its list to boost exports

for exports made from 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2022. This was a long-standing demand of the industry which has been accepted and will go a long way in boosting our exports and competitiveness in the global markets, generate employment and contribute to the overall economy. The expanded list of eligible export items under Appendix 4R will increase from current 8,731 export items (8 digit tariff lines) to 10,342 export items (8 digit tariff lines).

RoDTEP is based on the globally accepted



principle that taxes and duties should not be exported, and taxes and levies borne on the exported products should be either exempted or remitted to exporters. The RoDTEP scheme rebates/refunds the embedded Central, State and local duties/taxes to the exporters that were so far not being rebated/refunded. The scheme is

being implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 and the rebate is issued as a transferable electronic scrip by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) in an end to end IT environment.

It may be noted that Government is leaving no stone unturned to support domestic industry and make it more competitive in the international markets. Export centric industries are being reformed and introduced to better mechanisms so as to increase their competitiveness, boost

exports, generate employment and contribute to the overall economy. This will go a long way in achieving our vision of building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

In the present times, when exports are facing headwinds on account of signs of recession in some of the developed markets & supply chain disruptions on account of Russia-Ukraine conflict, extension of RoDTEP to uncovered sectors like Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals & Articles of Iron & Steel is likely to enhance the export competitiveness of these sectors.

## IMO NEWS

New Delhi  
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Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) was granted consultative status by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to support the shipping industry and countries to move in the right direction on climate.

This makes EDF one of few environmental non-governmental organizations

## IMO welcomes new consultative partner to support shipping decarbonisation

able to contribute with its expertise to the United Nation's specialized agency for shipping.

**With consultative status, EDF will observe and provide expert input to IMO discussions in an effort to tackle shipping decarbonisation.**

"Environmental Defense Fund steps into its consultative status at a

pivotal moment, when climate science trajectories show that global shipping emissions must peak and decline within this decade," said Mark Brownstein, Senior Vice President of Energy at EDF.

"The International Maritime Organization has the opportunity – and the obligation – to guide the international shipping industry toward a

cleaner, more sustainable future," said Marie Hubatova, Director of Global Shipping at EDF.

"The agency's current emissions reduction goal is a good start, but due to the urgency of the climate challenge, it must adopt more ambitious climate policies as soon as possible."

International nonprofit organization EDF creates

transformational solutions to the most serious environmental problems. To do so, EDF links science, economics, law, and innovative private-sector partnerships. The organization encompasses more than 3 million members and offices in the United States, China, Mexico, Indonesia, India and Europe.



## Russian Oil Exports to Europe Shrinking Fast

New Delhi  
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**A** European Union ban on seaborne imports from the country is now in effect, shutting off a market that was taking more than 1.5 million barrels a day before Moscow's troops invaded Ukraine in late February.

**The flow dropped to less than one-fifth of that volume in the four weeks to Dec. 5, and will fall close to zero once the sanctions really bite.**

So far, the displaced shipments have been diverted to Asia, with a flotilla of tankers steaming around Europe and through



Russia's crude oil shipments to Europe are shrinking fast.

the Suez Canal to deliver cargoes to India and China. That route has become more expensive as the EU ban and a linked \$60 a barrel price cap on sales carried on the bloc's ships or seeking insurance and other services through its companies have loomed.

**Higher shipping costs have undermined the price of Russian crude at its Baltic export terminals, which has been trading more than \$30 a**

barrel below international benchmark Brent. That will have an impact on future inflows to the Kremlin's war chest, with the falling prices set to be reflected in the level of oil export duty payable on shipments loading in January.

**Tankers hauling Russian crude are becoming more cagey about their final destinations.** The volume of crude on vessels leaving the Baltic and showing their next destination as Port Said or the Suez Canal jumped to more than 750,000 barrels a day. It remains likely that most of these vessels will begin to signal Indian ports once they pass through the canal.

Two more tankers began to signal the United Arab Emirates as their destination. The Elza and the Coatlicue both began to show Fujairah as their next port of call, though it remains unclear what will happen with their cargoes once they get there.

### Crude Flows by Destination:

On a four-week average basis, overall seaborne exports recorded their biggest drop since September, falling by 153,000 barrels a day and declining below 3 million barrels a day for the first time in eight weeks. Shipments to Europe hit a new low for the year, while those to Asia were little changed.

**Europe:** Russia's seaborne crude exports to European countries fell to

309,000 barrels a day in the 28 days to Dec. 2, taking them to less than one-fifth of the levels seen before the invasion

**Asia:** The total volume of crude expected to end up in Asia remained at 2.28 million barrels a day on a four-week rolling average basis, including 89,000 barrels a day on tankers whose point of discharge is unclear.

Cargoes heading for Asia that were bought at a price above \$60 a barrel at the point of loading will have to be delivered before Jan. 19, if they are to retain their International Club insurance.

**Alternative insurance arrangements will need to be made for any cargoes that are discharged after that date.**

## MARITIME INSTITUTION NEWS

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**T**he Academy of Maritime Education and Training (AMET), Deemed to be University, established in India in the year 2007, conducted its 12th Annual Convocation on 5th December 2022 at Anna Centenary Library Auditorium.

Dr. J. Ramachandran, the Founder-Chancellor of the University, presided over the Convocation and conducted the graduation ceremony.

Col. Dr. G. Thiruvassagam, the Vice-Chancellor of the University introduced the Chief Guest and other dignitaries. He also welcomed the participants and presented the Annual Report.

Some of the most noteworthy outcomes that he stated were –

A) AMET has implemented the Fully Flexible Choice Based Credit System (FFCBCS) from this academic year.

## AMET University Conducted Its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation Ceremony



Mr J Ramachandran, Chancellor, AMET University is distributing degree to a graduate in the 12th convocation ceremony

B) AMET is keen in implementing National Educational Policy 2020 by introducing mandatory MOOC courses for all students, Academic Credit Bank, Registering all students in DigiLocker portal, Online examination and evaluation system, Skill based training programme, Dual degree and Join degree, Twinning Degree and additional degree programme in collaboration with Indian and foreign Higher Educational Institutions etc.,

C) The University

signed MoU's and LOI for academic collaborations like Students exchange and Faculty exchange programs with Edge Hill University, United Kingdom, James Cook University (Singapore Campus) and INTI International University, Malaysia. Collaborations with another 11 Universities across the globe are in the progress.

D) AMET is establishing an Off-Campus, at Thenpattinam, Chengalpattu District, Tamil Nadu. This new campus of AMET is going to be an exclusive

Maritime Knowledge Park for providing state of the art facilities for the internationally renowned shipping companies who are going to have academic, training and research collaborations with AMET.

Shri. Kishore Rajvanshy, Co-Founder and Managing Director, M/s Fleet Management Limited, A Caravel Group Company graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate Degree (Honoris Causa) and Citation in recognition of his meritorious service and rich contribution to the Maritime Sector by the Chancellor.

Shri. Kishore Rajvanshy delivered the Convocation address in which he shared his Maritime experience and pointed out success mantras for future dreamers "Today as you seek to make your own castles, I can share that there are so many careers within shipping. From constructing a ship, surveying a ship, commissioning, fixing

ships, or even running and insuring a ship. The challenges and therefrom the opportunities that arise are endless! Yes! There is no shortcut to success. Having a vision is essential: it should be a vision that is subject to adjustment in the face of a changing environment. Goals, on the other hand, remain constant, as does the work needed to achieve them. Finally, stay excited and aim for quality. Excitement will ensure that your day will never be tedious and with quality comes growth."

A Felicitation Address was delivered by Dr. Rajesh Ramachandran, the Pro-Chancellor of AMET.

The Chancellor distributed degrees to 1033 Graduates following which he also administered the Pledge, conferred the Degrees and signed the Register of Graduates. Finally, he announced the Dissolution of the Convocation and the National Anthem was rendered.

# SEAFARER NEWS



"Worrying will never change the outcome"

## 'When it matters, shipping speaks as one': industry-union pact to keep pandemic cooperative spirit alive: ITF

New Delhi  
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Unions representing seafarers and maritime employer groups have come together to sign a new memorandum of understanding (MOU) to take forward the 'spirit of cooperation' that marked the shipping industry's joint efforts throughout the pandemic.

### The MOU's signatories are:

- ITF – the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF); ICS – the International Chamber of Shipping; IMEC – the International Maritime Employers' Council

The MOU is the beginning of a process of deepening dialogue, with the signatory organisations hopeful that more partners would join the common cause in months and years to come.

"Even with all the chaotic stories of supply chain issues during the pandemic, seafarers kept the world supplied with food, fuel and medicines at a critical time. **Because of seafarers and other key workers, we were able to beat back the worst of the crisis and begin the long road to economic and health recovery.** However, in too many cases, crews had their international and national rights blindly disregarded by national governments," said **David Heindel**, chair of the ITF Seafarers' Section. Priorities for the group include lobbying governments on improving training and career pathways, pushing for better recognition of seafarers, and securing support for the proposals put out recently in the Maritime Just Transition Task Force's **action plan**. The plan will be showcased at the upcoming IMO MEPC



environment meeting taking place 12 December in London as the UN's key maritime body grapples with setting a new carbon reduction target.

ICS Secretary General **Guy Platten**: "This MOU helps to take our important policy discussions to the next stage – industry action. Together, we are more effective at getting the practical commitments needed to drive decarbonisation."

"This MOU is about showing seafarers, as much as anyone else, that our industry has not lost sight of what can be achieved on their behalf if we put aside small differences, stand back, and advocate together on crew's behalf. **In short: when it matters, shipping speaks as one.**" IMEC chairman **Captain Belal Ahmed** also welcomed the memorandum. "The signing of this MOU sends a clear signal that these important maritime communities are once again engaged in the kind of dialogue that brings strength of voice and stability to our sector's future," Capt. Ahmed concluded.

## TERMINAL NEWS

### PSA MUMBAI COMMENCED Phase 2 Wharf & Approach Trestle Construction AT BMCT

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On 5th December 2022, PSA Mumbai Phase 2 Wharf & Approach Trestle Construction and first Pile drilling was launched at BMCT by Mr. Sanjay Sethi, IAS, Chairman JNPA

"We will be doubling the capacity to 4.8million teus and proud to be associated with JNPA- Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority, the Best Performing Port" said Mr.Gobu Selliaya, Managing Director, PSA India, in the press release



Mr. Sanjay Sethi, IAS, Chairman JNPA, (Second from Left) who launched the Commencement of Wharf and Approach Trestle Construction with Mr.Gobu Chelliah , Managing Director , PSA India (First from Left)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

(To Read Full News Please go to [www.sagarsandesh.in](http://www.sagarsandesh.in))

### Marine Log launches new event with focus on ship repair and maintenance

Marine Log is adding a new shipbuilding repair and maintenance event, "Ship Repair USA," to its lineup, with a focus on decarbonizing fleets and how shipyards can benefit from the push to go greener via conversions and more.



### India holds up export of 27,000 Vivo phones in clash with China

Indian authorities have prevented Vivo from exporting some 27,000 smartphones for more than a week in a setback to the Chinese company's plan to ship devices from India to neighbouring markets.



### India to become a hub for drone technology

India will become a hub of drone technology and will require at least 1 lakh drone pilots by next year, says Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur.



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## PORTS (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)

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

### Ambedkar Memorial day observed at Chennai Port

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**The 66th Memorial Day of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar was observed in Chennai Port Authority on December Sixth.**

Chairperson of Chennai Port Authority Sunil Paliwal, Deputy chairman S. Balaji Arunkumar, Deputy Chairperson, Mr S. Murali Krishnan, IDAS, Chief Vigilance Officer and HODs, Officers and Staff of Chennai Port Authority were present.



Shri Sunil Paliwal, IAS, Chairperson, Chennai Port Authority is offering floral tributes to the Portrait at Anchor Gate building at Ambedkar Dock inside Harbor

They paid floral tributes to the Portrait of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, at Anchor Gate building (opposite to Chennai Collectorate) and Bust Ambedkar Dock inside Harbor.

### VOC port Tuticorin does well in cargo handling but container volumes drop in Nov

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VOC Chidambaram Port, Tuticorin, has handled 24.70 million tons of cargo in the first 8 months of the current fiscal from April-November 2022, registering an increase of 6.64 per cent.

The main cargoes contributing to the increase were coal 15.63 per cent,

limestone 34.04 per cent, fertilizer 231.26 per cent and fertilizer raw 14.55 per cent according to a release.

The containers handled at the port had seen a sharp fall during November this year. The two container terminals of the port have together handled 49105 TEUs during November lesser than the container terminal at cochin which was 55,776



Dakshin Bharat Gateway terminal

TEUs during this period.

The turn-over of Dakshin Bharat Gateway terminal was 37,015 TEUS at least ten thousand TEUs less compared to previous months. The volumes handed by Tuticorin container terminal managed by PSA continued to remain low at 12,090 TEUs according to industry sources.

### TERMINAL NEWS

CHENNAI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The container terminals in the Chennai region have handled 2,25,999 TEUs during November this year according to industry sources.

The terminals include two from Chennai port and one each at Kamarajar (Ennore) and the Adani port owned Katupalli.

**The two terminals in Chennai port owned by Dubai ports and PSA**

### Volumes handled by in Chennai region's container terminals

**Singapore together have handled 1.24,543 TEUs, registering the bulk of the container handling in the region.**

While PSA Singapore terminal handled 75,202 TEUs, the one owned by Dubai ports turn-over was 49,341 TEUs during this period.

The nearby Kamaraj

port's container terminal operated by the Adani ports handled 58,155 TEUs while the Adani ports owned Katupalli terminal volume was 43,301 TEUs.



Ennore Container terminal, Chennai

### Breakthrough expected in ending the stalemate over resumption of work at Vizhinjam port project

TIRUVANANTHAPURAM  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

In a major breakthrough Kerala government was able to force the protesting fishermen and the church to give up their demand for stoppage of construction of Vizhinjam Port and instead focus on rehabilitating fishermen affected by coastal erosion.

With both Kerala government and anti-seaport protesters softening their stance, the cabinet sub-committee will hold talks with the Latin Catholic Church-led agitators from December sixth.

The committee which was formed by the chief minister if its discussions succeed in breaking the deadlock, work on the Vizhinjam port project which remained stalled for the past four months could resume.

The progress came in the form of setting up of a monitoring team to evaluate the day-to-day progress of the rehabilitation work of fisher-folk who lost houses and land to coastal erosion. A three-member panel led by the chief secretary will be formed.

The Church had floated the proposal during their meeting with the state chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan last week and the CM agreed. Trust deficit over rehabilitation had

been one of the major issues before agitators.

"The Latin Archdiocese has sought time to discuss the proposals. The government is willing to cooperate. Some minor issues remain now and within two or three days, both parties can reach an agreement, according to sources. Earlier in the day, the CM had held discussions with the cabinet sub-committee to talk to the protesters. However, a meeting with the agitators did not materialize.

One of the major sore points for the protesters is the government's quantum of contribution fixed for shifting people living in camps and inclusion of a coastal representative in the expert team to assess the port's impact. The government had fixed Rs 5,500 as aid for each family, which the protest council feels is low. Though the government had agreed to raise it to Rs 8,000, the council had raised an objection that it should be met from state's funds with no financial involvement from Adani Ports..

Vicar-General of Thiruvananthapuram Latin Archdiocese Eugene H Pereira said they wanted the issue to be resolved at the earliest. "We are ready for talks. The government should view the issue realistically," the vicar-general said.



Vizhinjam port





## Protests against Vizhinjam Port Project called off temporarily

TIRUVANANTHAPURAM  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Latin Church that spearheaded the anti-seaport agitation in Vizhinjam has called off the 138-day-long stir on December Sixth though the state government did not yield to their demands in any of the disputed issues.

The decision to end the protest was announced by Eugene Pereira, Vicar General of the Latin Church, after a closed-door meeting with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

The protest is being called off not because we are satisfied with the steps taken or promises



The Latin Church has called off the strike at Vizhinjam

made by the government... The protest has reached a certain stage... and we are calling it off," Mr Pereira told reporters after the meeting.

**However, he hastened to add that it's only a temporary truce.**

The protestors met the Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan after two rounds of talks - first with the chief secretary and later with the cabinet Sub Committee. At the meeting with the chief minister, the protesters stressed on the need to include a local

community representative in the expert committee constituted by to study possible coastal erosion due to port construction.

The agitators also demanded that an **additional amount of Rs 2,500 should be given from state exchequer**, to meet the rent expenses of those who lost their house and property.

However Pinarayi turned down both demands. Pointing out that an expert panel has already been formed, he assured the protestors that the committee will consult them too. On the extra rent amount, he said a government order has

already been issued and hence their demand cannot be met.

Pereira said they don't want to accept the CSR funds from the Adani Group. And the agitators decided to go by the earlier rent amount of Rs 5,500.

The CM guaranteed that a chief secretary level monitoring committee in which the port secretary is also a member, will monitor the rehabilitation process. The agitators can consult the committee any time.

**With the strike withdrawn, Adani Group has announced its decision to resume the construction work without delay, so as to meet the deadline of December 2023.**

NEW DELHI  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

Stating that the state government is determined to complete the first phase of Ramayapatnam port trust by 2023, district collector KVN Chakradhar Babu has promised to extend fullest support to the project displaced families (PDFs), who sacrificed their lands for the construction of port.

He said **the district would witness faster**

development, thanks to the Ramayapatnam port as it would bring more employment and economic growth to the region.

The collector said the **state government would not ignore the sacrifices of the locals.** District collector, along with Kandukur legislator Manugunta Mahidhar Reddy, laid foundation stone for the rehabilitation colony for the oustees of Gudlur mandal on Sunday.

## Ramayapatnam Port Phase-I to Be Ready Next Year



The district collector says the port it would bring more employment and economic growth to the region.

Addressing the meeting, collector said the state government is fully geared

up to launch the port for operations in a span of 12 months. "We have acquired land from the residents of Mondivaaripalem, Avulapalem, Ravulapalem and Karlapalem villages of Gudlur mandal. We will provide fullest cooperation to the families in building the resettlement and rehabilitation colonies," assured Chakradhar Babu.

Legislator Mahidhar

Reddy said CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has directed the district administration not to ignore even a single family from getting their due benefits under R&R package. He said the port would spur exports and imports of agriculture and mining products which would generate employment.

## Tamil Nadu Ports prepared to face cyclone Mandous

CHENNAI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Ports in the Chennai region including Chennai Kamarajar have replaced the Distant Cautionary signal number 1 with Signal number Five in preparation for the arrival of cyclone Mandous expected to strike Tamil Nadu coast on December Eighth.

**The Katupalli port situated next to Kamarajar port however has hoisted signal number Six**

Cuddalore and

Nagapatinam ports have hoisted signal number Five. The Puducherry port has signal number Seven while Karaikal port has signal number Eight. The Pamban port has hoisted signal number Nine indicating the closeness of the cyclone to the particular port as on December seventh.

In case any particular port falls within the landfall point of the cyclone, the concerned port administration would direct the ships to leave the berths and move to the midsea to avoid damage

of hitting the berth. **Such decisions will be taken by the port administration a few hours before the core of the cyclone nears the concerned port**

The Depression over southeast Bay of Bengal moved West-Northwestwards with a speed of 12 kmph during past 06 hours, intensified into a Deep Depression and lay centered at 0530 hours IST on December 7th over Southeast & adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal, near latitude 8.6°N and longitude 86.4°E, about



The cyclone intensifies

570 km east of Trincomalee (Sri Lanka), about 710 km east-southeast of Jaffna (Sri Lanka), about 770 km east-southeast of Karaikal and about 830 km southeast of Chennai.

It is very likely to move West - Northwestwards and intensify further gradually into a Cyclonic Storm around December 07th evening and reach

Southwest Bay of Bengal off north Tamil Nadu-Puducherry and adjoining south Andhra Pradesh coasts by December 08th morning. It will continue to move west-northwestwards towards north Tamil Nadu-Puducherry & adjoining south Andhra Pradesh coasts during subsequent 48 hours.

## MARINE NEWS



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

## Beijing Ready for 'Life Again' as Lockdowns Lift across China

NEW DELHI  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

China's capital Beijing further eased Covid curbs on Tuesday, 6 Dec ending the requirement for people to show negative tests to enter supermarkets and offices.

"Beijing readies itself for life again" read a headline in the government-owned **China Daily** newspaper. People were "gradually embracing" the slow return to normality, it added.

This is the latest in an easing of curbs across the country following last month's historic protests that marked the biggest show of public



People line up at a nucleic acid testing site to get tested for Covid-19 in Beijing, China. Photo: Reuters

discontent in mainland China since President Xi Jinping took power in

Analysts at Nomura estimate that areas now under lockdown equate to around to be 19.3% of China's total GDP, down from 25.1% last Monday.

This marks the first decline in Nomura's closely-watched China Covid lockdown index since the start of October, nearly two months ago.

China may further announce 10 new easing nationwide

measures as early as Wednesday, two sources with knowledge of the matter told Reuters

That has sparked optimism among investors for a broader reopening of the world's second biggest economy.

The shift comes as top officials softened their tone on the severity of the virus, bringing China closer to what other countries have been saying for more than a year.

But some experts have warned that China's Covid-related death toll could rise above 1 million if the exit is too hasty.

There is also concern about the strain the loosening could put on

China's fragile health system. Many people remain wary of catching the virus, especially the elderly, many of whom remain unvaccinated.

**Chinese officials, however, continue to downplay the dangers posed by the virus.**

"The most difficult period has passed," the official Xinhua news agency said in a commentary published late on Monday, citing the weakening pathogenicity of the virus and efforts to vaccinate 90% of the population.

Analysts predict China may now re-open the economy and drop border controls sooner than expected next year, with some seeing it fully open in spring.

## Bill against Sea Piracy moved in Parliament

NEW DELHI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will move a bill to make Special provisions for the

repression of piracy on High Seas and to provide for punishment for the offense of Piracy on the opening day of the winter session of parliament commencing on December seventh.

The winter session will last till December 29, with 17 sittings over 23 days.

**The day's proceedings began with parliamentarians paying homage to leaders who lost their lives this year.**

Minister for Personnel



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar

Jitendra Singh, made a statement regarding the status of implementation of the recommendations

contained in the 360th Report of the Department-related parliamentary standing committee on science and Technology, environment, forests and climate change on demands for grants (2022-2023) pertaining to the department of Scientific and industrial research, ministry of science and technology.

## MSC Announces New Line Connecting India with West Mediterranean

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

The purpose of this direct connection between the two regions for the Swiss/Italian container carrier is to reduce transshipment for customers and provide expedited transit times.

**The service will offer Mundra to Genoa in 19 days, Valencia in 23 days and NhavaSheva to Barcelona in 16 days, with no transshipment required between load and discharge ports, according to MSC's announcement.**

The first sailing will be with the 4,800 TEU container vessel MSC Shanghai from Abu Dhabi on 19 December.

**The port rotation of the new service is the following:**

Abu Dhabi (UAE) – Jebel Ali (UAE) – Mundra (India)– NhavaSheva (India) – Djibouti (Africa)– GioiaTauro (Italy)– Genoa (Genoa) –Barcelona (Spain)– Valencia (Spain)– Salerno (Italy)–GioiaTauro (Italy)– Marsaxlokk (Malta)– King Abdullah (Saudi Arabia)– Jeddah (Saudi Arabia) – Abu Dhabi (UAE).



The new service has no transshipment between load and discharge ports



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# Establishing connectivity with central Asian countries a key priority for India

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Speaking at the conclave of top security officials of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan in Delhi, Mr Doval said that **“peaceful, secure and prosperous” Central Asia is in our common interest.**

“We meet at a time of great churn and international relations, and uncertainty about the future. A peaceful, secure

and prosperous Central Asia is in our common interest,” he said at the first India-Central Asia meeting of the National Security Advisers/Secretaries of Security Councils.

He also spoke on the security situation in Afghanistan and said that it is an important issue concerning us all. “India’s concerns and objectives with regard to immediate priorities and the way forward are similar to those

of many of us around the table,” Doval said.

A number of Central Asian countries share land borders with Afghanistan and there have been concerns by them ever since the Taliban seized power in Kabul in August 2021.

In an apparent message to Pakistan, Doval said that **“we should honor all UN members to fulfill obligations enshrined in relevant counter-terror conventions and refrain**



National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval said that the connectivity with Central Asian countries remains India’s **“key priority”**

from providing support to entities involved in terror attacks.”

It is the first time that India is hosting the top security officials of the central Asian countries.

The meeting, notably, coincides with the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between India and the Central Asian countries.

# 1<sup>st</sup> phase of Mumbai Nagpur expressway to be commissioned on Dec 11 by PM

NAGPUR  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The first phase of the Mumbai Nagpur eight lane express way between Nagpur and the temple town Shiridhi a distance of around five hundred kilometers will be declared open by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**No time line has however been finalized for the completion of the entire expressway from Mumbai to Nagpur.**

A week before Mr Modi is set to inaugurate the first phase of the Mumbai-Nagpur Samruddhi eight lane Expressway in the winter capital of the state, chief minister Eknath Shinde and deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis went on a ‘test drive’ to review the expressway on December fifth. The Samruddhi

Mahamarg is 700 km long and its first phase stretches between Nagpur and Shiridi.

**Once opened, one can drive at a speed of 120km/h on this Super Communication corridor,** which is expected to bring massive growth to the drought-prone regions of Vidarbha and Marathwada. The new expressway would be a game-changer for the backward region of Vidarbha as the road would link to Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mumbai within 8 hours from Nagpur.

Meanwhile, the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC) has decided to make land parcels around the expressway constructed by it available to private players for commercial use without any tender or auction. The price of the land will be decided by the MSRDC.



Mumbai Nagpur expressway

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



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  - AICTPL - Adani International Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd.
  - MICT - Mundra International Container Terminal
  - ACMTPPL - Adani CMA Mundra Terminal Pvt. Ltd.
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  - NSICT - Nhavsheva International Container Terminal
  - NSISCT - Nhavsheva International Gateway Terminal
  - JNPCT - Jawaharlal Nehru Port Container Terminal
  - GTI - Gateway Terminal India
  - SMCT - Bharat Mumbai Container Terminal
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## EXIM TREND

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

### Renewables to double next 5 years

NEW DELHI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

China, the United States and India are all set to double their renewable capacity expansion in the next five years, accounting for two-thirds of global growth in renewable energy.

**In India, new renewable energy installations are set to double by 2027,** led by solar energy and driven by competitive auctions implemented to achieve Centre's target of 500 GW of non-fossil energy capacity by 2030, according to a report

by International energy agency.

**The Ministry of Power and New & Renewable Energy has a domestic goal of installing 500 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030.** India has updated its nationally determined contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement on August 26 with two broad quantifiable goals—reducing emissions intensity of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 45 per cent from 2005 levels by the year 2030, and achieving about 50 per cent cumulative electric power installed capacity



According to IEA, this massive rise in the renewables sector is 30 percent higher than the amount of growth that was forecast just a year ago. (Shutterstock)

from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030.

**India also has a long-term goal of reaching net-zero emissions by 2070.**

New policies in the United States and India can lead to more diversified global solar PV (photo

voltaic) manufacturing, although China will continue to dominate manufacturing until 2027. China's share in global manufacturing capacity could decrease from 90 per cent currently, to 75 per cent by 2027.

Renewables are likely to be the largest source of global electricity generation in the next three years, surpassing coal, the global agency said the report said.

Solar PV manufacturing investment in India and the United States is expected to reach almost 25 billion US dollars in the next five years, a sevenfold increase compared to 2017-22, the report projected.

India's dedicated PLI scheme for incentivizing solar panel manufacturing as well as host of initiatives for a boost in the country's aggregate manufacturing capacity are expected to yield significant benefits for India.

### Energy transition will not happen without material transition: Aramco CEO

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

Global energy transition will not happen without a corresponding material transition, the CEO of Saudi Arabian Oil Co. insisted as he set out the path for his company to achieve its net-zero target by 2050.

Speaking at the Gulf Petrochemicals and Chemicals Association Forum in Riyadh, Amin Nasser said that more durable and sustainable materials should be used to

ensure an environmentally friendly future.

**He said the company is strengthening its focus on materials transition, and cutting-edge research and development, innovation and investments are necessary to achieve the target.**

Nasser added that establishing an advanced materials center in Saudi Arabia could strengthen and complement existing programs and push the boundaries of innovation through global collaboration.



Amin Nasser said that more durable and sustainable materials should be used to ensure an environmentally friendly future (File/Reuters)

"A viable materials

transition in parallel with a viable energy transition is urgently needed to build a new world made to last," he added.

**The executive pointed out that emissions from concrete are projected to total almost 4 gigatons of carbon dioxide by 2050 because of the growth in demand.**

The iron and steel sector accounts for more emissions than the whole of road freight, and global demand for steel alone is expected to rise by more than a third by 2050.

Nasser said: "To help reduce emissions in this growth environment, more durable and more sustainable materials must be the building blocks of 21st-century life.

"Just imagine a future where skyscrapers, bridges, planes, cars – including electric ones – and even World Cup football stadiums are built with these advanced materials."

**Nasser also added that the chemical industry should also strengthen and accelerate its innovation efforts to develop sustainable materials in a cost-effective manner.**

### FIEO reacts to Repo Rate Hike

NEW DELHI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Federation Of Indian Exporters Organization has described the Reserve Bank of India's decision to increase the Repo rates by 35 basis points to contain inflation is on expected lines its president Dr A Sakthivel said in a statement. **He also expected further hikes in US Fed rates**

The FIEO President said that global trade is passing through a difficult phase



FIEO president Dr A Sakthivel

owing to rising inflation, reducing the purchasing power, and countries entering into recession and high volatility in currencies.

**In the given scenario, we have to ensure that further increase in export credit rates should not blunt our competitive edge as we are losing out to our competitors in countries with reduced rates of interest and deep depreciation of their currencies.**

FIEO Chief requested RBI to extend "Export Refinance Facility" to banks. Under such a mechanism, banks may be encouraged to provide export credit in Rupee to exporters and the same

amount can be refinanced by the RBI at the Repo Rate. Such a mechanism will bring down the interest cost for export credit providing much needed competitiveness to our exports amidst headwinds in the global economy.

Dr Sakthivel also requested the Government to increase interest subvention under the Interest Equalization Scheme (IES) from 3 per cent and 2 per cent respectively to 5 per cent (to all MSME manufacturers) and 3%

(to all other eligible categories) as interest rates have already crossed the pre-covid level by a high margin when the Interest Equalization Scheme was provided for 5 per cent and 3 per cent for subvention.

At the same time, **FIEO advised Exporters to opt for foreign currency denominated credit** which is available at LIBOR+150-200 basis points and provide a comfort, during the extreme volatility in dollar, without any hedging cost.