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Mr. Milind Kandalgaonkar, General Secretary -cum- Treasurer, NUSI.

National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) along with the seafarers and their families gathered in large numbers in New Delhi to protest against the illegal detention of innocent seafarers of MT Heroic Idun in Nigeria.

Furthermore, NUSI Delhi Branch Representative, Bro Prakash Thakur met with the Nigerian High Commissioner in New Delhi and raised the plight

of Indian seafarers onboard MT Heroic Idun. A petition demanding the immediate release of the seafarers was also submitted to the Nigerian High Commissioner recently.

At the ongoing ITF Seafarers Section Committee (SSC) meeting, Bro Sunil Nair, Asst General Secretary, NUSI, and representatives from The Maritime Union of India (MUI) raised and condemned the illegal detention in Nigeria. Resulting in a collective motion been unanimously passed in support of the seafarers of MT Heroic Idun.

On the behest of NUSI, thousands of seafarers have also petitioned the ILO and IMO for the release of seafarers onboard MT Heroic Idun from Nigeria.

“NUSI will leave no stone unturned and shall fight consistently for getting our

seafarers back safely from Nigeria,” said Mr. Milind Kandalgaonkar, General Secretary -cum- Treasurer, NUSI.

On August 12, authorities of Equatorial Guinea detained 26 crew members, including 16

Indians, eight Sri Lankans, one Pole, and one Filipino, of the large crude carrier on a request by the Nigerian Navy. They were suspected of entering the Nigerian Maritime Environment on August 7 without clearance.

According to the ship owners, the Heroic IDUN ship had entered Nigeria's AKPO terminal on August 8 to load a cargo of crude oil, but the loading operation had been delayed.

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However, at night, an unidentified craft claiming to be the Nigerian Navy approached the vessel and asked the crew to proceed with them. Unable to identify the craft due to darkness and fearing for the security of the crew, the ship sailed out of the location at full speed.

Three days later, the ship was detained by an Equatorial Guinean naval vessel on the direction of Nigeria.

The crew ashore in Malabo were presented with a resolution on

September 28 stating the offences committed and the fine to be paid for the same. Hoping an early release of the crew, the ship owners had paid the fine within a week but the crew had been further detained.

The vessel owners complained that despite not engaging in any unlawful activities, and despite paying the fine, the crew and the ship are still kept under arrest.

The next hearing of the trial against the crew is scheduled for January 11, 2023.



MARINE NEWS

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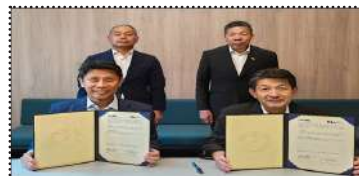
As a global maritime hub connecting regional and global markets, Singapore is ideally positioned to conduct research on ways to increase the cyber resilience of the global supply chain. Now those efforts will move forward. The **Singapore Shipping Association** (SSA) and **ClassNK** have signed an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) to establish a framework for cooperation

Singapore Shipping Association and ClassNK ink cybersecurity MOU

in cybersecurity research activities.

With the signing of the MOU, the two parties will conduct joint basic research on establishing vessel cybersecurity operation centers that will provide crew members with support from onshore in monitoring and responding to cyber events onboard.

Based on expertise and experience gained from this research, SSA and ClassNK will work on drafting a joint white paper on the findings of the research and



Front row: Michael Phoon, executive director, SSA (left); Capt. Naoki Saito, general manager of maritime education and training certification department, ClassNK. Back row: Yasushi Seto, regional manager, ClassNK Singapore Office (left); Teo Teng Seng, board advisor at Pacific International Lines Logistics and Chairman of SSA Digital Transformation Committee (right).

on developing education and training plans for personnel.

“Cyber-risks for ships are growing, as our industry gets more digitally sophisticated, integrated, and automated,” said Michael Phoon, executive

director of the Singapore Shipping Association. “Today, many shipping companies are focused on providing better welfare onboard for their seafarers, such as internet connectivity for them to stay in touch with their family and friends. That means, the ability of onshore personnel to gain access to decisive and strategic cyber threat intelligence and insights is critical. This SSA-ClassNK partnership is timely as it forms the basis for efficient operations of cyber security operation centers aimed at supporting onboard cyber needs”.

Capt. Naoki Saito, general manager of maritime education and training certification department, ClassNK said: “Recognizing that cyber

security is a challenge that should be tackled with a collaborative approach by the industry, **ClassNK firmly believes international frameworks can commit to helping the industry in raising awareness and studying the real-world risks.** In this light,

ClassNK is very glad to expand its partnerships with the driving leader in the sector in Singapore, a global maritime hub. We are committing to take this opportunity to identify the possible measures to establish the best practice on the issue. We hope to bridge the outcome from the MOU to contribute to ensure the regional and global growth of maritime transportation in a secured manner.”

LOGISTICS NEWS

The first freight train leaves the new Paradip Cargo Terminal

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The East Coast Railway on Monday 5 Dec flagged off the first freight train carrying fertilizers from Paradip after completion of a freight terminal under the Centre’s Gati Shakti initiative.

The first Gati Shakti multimodal cargo terminal (GCT) was commissioned near Paradip station by Container Corporation

of India Limited, on the basis of demand from the industry and potential of cargo traffic.

The first freight train from the terminal carried 3,774 tonnes of fertilizers loaded by Indian Farmer Fertilizer Corporation Limited bound for Nakaha Jangal in Uttar Pradesh.

Keeping the PM’s vision of Gati Shakti in mind, the railway ministry launched the GCT to boost investment from the

industry in development of additional terms for handling rail cargo.

GCTs are being developed by private players on non-railway land or fully/partially on railway land for handling rail cargo.



First ECR freight train leaves new Paradip Cargo Terminal



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

Tata group earmarks \$90 billion investments in 5 years

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The Tata group has lined up an investment of \$90 billion over the next five years across its existing and new businesses, including semiconductor manufacturing and electric vehicles. In an interview with *Nikkei Asia* in Tokyo on Thursday 8 Dec, Tata Sons' Chairman Natarajan Chandrasekaran said **the group is in the process of starting up new businesses such as the manufacture of EVs and EV batteries, production of renewable energy.**

Chandra has been spearheading Tata group's transformation since he took over as its Chairman in 2017. Recently, the group launched a super app called Tata Neu in a bid to provide a single platform for consumers to buy



N Chandrasekaran, Chairman, Tata Sons | Photo Credit: PAUL NIORONHA

various Tata products. In the auto segment, Chandra has guided Tata Motors to unveil its first pure electric car concept Avinya, with an eye on the global market. Aviation is the other big area where the Tatas are investing heavily after acquiring Air India.

In February, Chandra was reappointed by Tata Sons to continue as the Chairman for the second term of five years following Tata Group patriarch Ratan Tata expressing satisfaction with the progress and performance of the diversified conglomerate.

Going forward, Chandrasekaran told *Nikkei* that the Tata group will "look into the possibility of eventually launching an upstream chip fabrication platform."

India has been trying to attract investments into the semiconductor manufacturing segment for several years as it is a critical component in the electronics hardware ecosystem. However, so far there have not been any real investments into this area. This could change if the Tatas were to set up a semiconductor manufacturing unit in the country.

Chandra had earlier said that there is \$1-trillion market opportunity for high-tech manufacturing of electronics and Tata group has already taken steps to seize the opportunity.

Power giant NTPC to build nuclear fleet to aid climate goal chase

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NTPC Ltd., India's top power producer, is planning to build a massive nuclear fleet that'll aid the nation's push to shift away from coal and curb emissions to hit net-zero by 2070.

The state-run company aims to install 20 to 30 gigawatts of nuclear capacity by 2040, according to a person familiar with the plans, who said the target remains tentative. India currently has 22 operational reactors with about 6.8 gigawatts of capacity.

NTPC is considering deploying small-scale modular reactors, known as SMRs, as part of the strategy, according to multiple people with knowledge of the company's plans. The producer has an overall power fleet of 70 gigawatts,



A view of the NTPC Simhadri Thermal Power Station in Visakhapatnam | Photo Credit: DEEPAK KR

of which more than 80 per cent is coal-fired.

The company will also keep pursuing larger projects in a joint venture with state-run Nuclear Power Corp. of India Ltd. — which currently operates all of India's atomic generation capacity — the people said. NTPC has assembled a 15-member team in Mumbai to drive its nuclear ambitions, according to one of the people.

Nuclear power is undergoing a renaissance as Asian and European countries look to decarbonize, deal with a squeeze on natural gas and other fuels following

Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and aim to bolster their energy independence. China, Japan and South Korea are all looking to build more reactors

SMRs are still very much in their infancy, however, with hardly any projects worldwide... The economic competitiveness of SMRs is still to be proven in practice, despite lower upfront capital costs, the agency said.

A new embrace of nuclear comes as India, the world's third-biggest emitter, moves toward its net zero target. The country's corporate heavyweights including Reliance Industries Ltd. and Adani Group are pumping billions of dollars into clean energy projects, including solar, wind and green hydrogen.

NTPC is aiming to reduce the share of fossil fuels to nearly 50 per cent of its overall capacity by 2032.

Passing out Parade at Naval Air station at Arakonam



CHENNAI
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A Passing Out Parade was held to mark the graduation of 99 Helicopter Conversion Course (HCC) at Naval Air Station – INS Rajali, Arakkonam.

Nine officers of the Indian Navy were awarded the prestigious Wings by Rear Admiral Vikram Menon, Flag Officer Naval Aviation and Flag Officer Commanding Goa Naval Area. Additionally, the Indian Navy has, for the first time, undertaken Stage One Training of helicopter pilots, which hitherto used to be carried out with the Indian Air Force. The officers underwent rigorous flying and ground training for 22 weeks at the Indian Naval Air Squadron 561, the alma mater of all helicopter pilots of Indian Navy.

The newly qualified pilots will be appointed to various units across the Indian Navy to carry out missions such as Reconnaissance, Surveillance, Casualty evacuation, SAR and anti-piracy patrols along. The officers who have successfully completed Stage One Training will be retained in the Squadron for Stage Two training.

During the course, the trainee pilots are introduced to several nuances of helicopter

flying. The pilots undergo a challenging syllabus which includes navigation, night flying, formation flying and Search and Rescue operations over sea. At the end of the course, the trainees are awarded for their performance.

The Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command Rolling Trophy for the trainee pilot standing first in order of merit in Flying was awarded to Lt Satishraj Pradhan. The Sub Lieutenant Kunte Memorial Book Prize for standing first in order of merit in ground subjects was awarded to Lt Rupesh B Hingase. The Governor of Kerala Rolling Trophy for standing first in overall order of merit in 99th HCC was awarded to Lt Satishraj Pradhan.

The Helicopter Training School was originally setup at Kochi in 1971. In 1992, it was shifted to INS Rajali, Arakkonam which is one of the largest military airfields of the country and is presently commanded by Commodore R Vinod Kumar. The prestigious Helicopter Training School is commanded by Captain Pranay Kumar Pandey who is a Qualified Flying Instructor. It has trained 795 pilots of the Indian Navy, Coast Guard as well as friendly foreign nations.



IHC Dredging signs contract with Cochin Shipyard for design & hardware package of locally built TSHD for DCI

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IHC Dredging and Cochin Shipyard have signed an agreement for a design and engineering, hardware and support package for the licensed construction of a Beagle 12 trailing suction hopper dredger (TSHD). The 12,000 m capacity TSHD will be built by Cochin Shipyard for the Dredging Corporation of India (DCI).

The new dredging vessel



IHD and Cochin Shipyard sign agreement for a TSHD

will be used by DCI for safeguarding and improving the accessibility

of the ports and waterways of India.

Ronald van Son,

Director Dredging Custom Vessels at IHC Dredging, said, "We are proud to be part of the 'Make in India' Initiative by working together with DCI and Cochin Shipyard, India's finest shipyard, on the first Indian built dredger of this size and capacity. With support being organised from our local office and workshop in Mumbai."

IHC Dredging has been active in India for almost 100 years, building the first dredger in 1926. Ronald van Son said, "This new order underlines the good and longstanding relationship with DCI. We

have built all 10 trailing suction hopper dredgers in their fleet."

With the construction of this new TSHD for DCI, IHC Dredging will be a technical partner of Cochin Shipyard. Ronald van Son said, "This partnership speaks to the expertise and experience we have in designing and engineering TSHD's and state-of-the-art equipment, also partly locally build at IHC Dredging in Mumbai. In this way we are able to support DCI in the growing demand for (port) maintenance and dredging services with sustainable solutions."

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MARINE NEWS

Indian Navy at International fleet Review in Bangladesh

The Indian Navy delegation led by Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta, the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command and three warships of the Indian Navy participated in the maiden International Fleet Review (IFR) hosted by Bangladesh at Cox's Bazar on December 07th.

Bangladesh Prime Minister Ms Sheikh Hasina, reviewed the International Fleet comprising ships from Bangladesh Navy and eight ships from six foreign



Bangladesh Prime Minister Ms Sheikh Hasina

countries. With three ships, the Indian Navy contingent was the largest amongst the participating foreign navies in this International Fleet Review. The other five participating ships were from China, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and USA.

The three ships representing the Indian Navy, the Guided Missile Destroyer INS Kochi, Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette INS Kavaratti and Offshore Patrol Vessel Sumedha are all indigenously designed and constructed warships. The presence of these ships at this multinational event at Bangladesh contributed towards showcasing the indigenous shipbuilding capabilities of Indian Shipyards.

On the sidelines of the

IFR, VAdm B Dasgupta called on Admiral M Shaheen Iqbal, the Chief of Naval Staff of Bangladesh Navy. He also held bilateral interactions with heads of delegations from Iran, Maldives, Myanmar, RoK and USA.

This was the first International Fleet Review to be hosted by Bangladesh. The IFR complements the celebrations of 50 years of liberation of Bangladesh and the 'Swarnim Vijay Varsh' as well as the

'Maitri Diwas' celebrated on 06 December every year, marking the establishment of formal diplomatic relations between India and Bangladesh.

The presence of the Indian Navy at the maiden IFR hosted by Bangladesh was thus an apt reiteration of strong bilateral relations between India and Bangladesh and the role of the Indian Navy in strengthening defense cooperation in the maritime domain.

LOGISTICS NEWS

SALEM
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Rail Post Gati Shakti Express Cargo Service will be introduced in Salem Division of the Southern Railway to provide end to end Logistics service to Parcel customers. This service will be beneficial for MSMEs, Industrialists and Traders.

The first-mile connectivity and the last-mile connectivity will be provided by India Post and the intermediate

Rail Post Express Cargo Service introduced in Salem division



connectivity from station to station will be done by the Railways in this service. The 'Joint Parcel Product' aims to target the business-to-business and business-to-customer markets by offering a full parcel handling solution – picking up from the sender's premises, booking

and door-step delivery to the recipient.

The 'Joint Parcel Product' of India Post and the National Transporter Railways is being developed with the intention of reducing time and cost in transportation of goods. Bringing down the cost of logistics will help the economic growth of the country.

A meeting on 'Joint Parcel Product' was held by Railways and India Post at Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry,

Coimbatore held last week. A meeting was organised by India Post and Indian Railways at the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Coimbatore to introduce this service to customers.

A large number of industrialists, representatives of MSMEs, entrepreneurs and traders attended the meeting. As the scheme was introduced, the customers evinced keen interest and expressed their requirements. Officials of the Postal & Railway

Departments assured them that the departments will provide economic and efficient door-to-door parcel services.

Mr G.V.L. Satya Kumar, Executive Director/Strategic Planning & Implementation, Railway Board, Ms. Sumitha Ayodhya, Post Master General/Western Region, Tamil Nadu, MrR. Murugaraj, Chief Commercial Manager/Freight Marketing, Southern Railway and Mr E. Harikrishnan, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Salem Division participated in the meeting.



EXIM TREND

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

All the districts in the country have Export potential for Agricultural Products

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Commerce Ministry has identified agricultural products with export potential in all the 733 districts of the country under the district as export hub project (DEH) Minister of State for Commerce Anupriya Patel informed the Parliament.

The salient features of the policy include diversification of export basket, destinations and boost high-value and value-added agricultural exports including focus on perishables.

The other elements of the policy are to promote novel, indigenous, organic, ethnic, traditional and

non-traditional agricultural products exports, To provide an institutional mechanism for pursuing market access, tackling barriers and deal with sanitary and phyto-sanitary issues, to strive to double India's share in world agri exports by integrating with global value chain at the earliest and to enable farmers to get benefit of export opportunities in overseas market.

Promotion of Exports of agriculture products is an ongoing exercise.

Country and product-specific action plans have also been formulated to promote exports. The Government is also in the process to utilize the



Minister of State for Commerce Anupriya Patel

proposed District as Export Hub Initiative to achieve the objectives of Agriculture Export Policy. Under the DEH initiative, products including agricultural products with export potential have been identified in all 733 districts across the country. State

Export Strategy has been prepared in 28 States/UTs.

The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous organisation under the administrative control of Department of Commerce, has the mandate to promote exports of agricultural and processed food products. APEDA has been providing assistance to the exporters under various components of its Export Promotion Scheme.

The Department of Commerce provides financial assistance to promote exports, including exports of agricultural products through Market Access Initiatives (MAI)

Scheme, Export Promotion Schemes of APEDA and Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) etc.

Further, a Farmer Connect Portal has been developed for providing a platform for farmers, Farmer - Producer Organizations (FPOs) and cooperatives to interact with exporters. Buyer-Seller Meets (BSMs) have been organized in the clusters to provide export-market linkages. Regular interactions, through video conferences, have been held with the Indian Missions abroad, to assess and tap export opportunities. Country specific BSMs, through Indian Missions, have also

November records highest auto retail sales at 23.80 lakh units

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The total vehicle retail has grown 26 per cent with all the categories in the industry closing in green, as robust registrations across segments including passenger vehicles, two-wheelers and commercial vehicles took place during the month.

According to the monthly retail sales data shared by Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations

(FADA) on Friday, 9 Dec, sales of passenger vehicle grew by 21 per cent y-o-y to 3,00,922 units during the month, as compared with 2,48,052 units in the corresponding month last year.

The commercial vehicle sales grew by 33 per cent y-o-y to 79,369 units in last month as compared with 59,765 units in November 2021.

Similarly, two-wheeler sales also grew by more than 23 per cent to 18,



The auto industry in November has clocked the highest retail sales in history on year-on-year (YoY) basis

47,708 units in November as against 14,94,797 units in same month previous year.

Led by electric vehicles, the three wheeler retail sales grew by 80 per cent y-o-y to

74,473 units in November as against 41,296 units in corresponding month last year.

The total sales across all categories were recorded at 23, 80,465 units during the month as compared with 18, 93,647 units in November 2021.

In the meantime, most manufacturers are announcing price hikes. But, to counter this, and for the lower end of the pyramid, manufacturers

have also started announcing discounts for slow moving products, lower variants and to clear their year-end stocks. This may help year-end sales to remain healthy, he said.

The China lockdown may play spoiler by slowing the supply of semi-conductors. This may act as a speed-breaker and add to supply-demand mismatch which was showing improvement over the last few months, said Manish Raj Singhania, President, FADA.

TERMINAL NEWS

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The development of the port, under the Sagarmala programme, is taking place in 3 phases; over 90% of the first phase has been completed, informs Minister for Ports, Sarbananda Sonowal.

Cargo movement from Puducherry Port is expected to commence in

Puducherry Port to Commence Cargo Operations from Next Month



Puducherry Port

January, 2023, Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal has informed the Lok Sabha.

Replying to a question by Member of Parliament V. Vaithilingam in the Lok Sabha on Friday, 9 Dec, the Union Minister said 91% of the capital dredging work in the Puducherry Port has been completed.

The Centre planned

to develop the port under the Sagarmala programme. The project has three phases: under the first phase, the Ministry had taken up dredging and construction of a barrier between the drainage channel and navigation channel in the Port, said the MP's office in a release, quoting the Minister in Parliament..

"The dredging work

commenced in February, 2021. 91% of the work has been completed and after monsoon, the cargo handling operation is expected to commence by January, 2023 in Puducherry port. .

The Centre has released a sum of ₹24. 70 crore in two instalments to the Puducherry government for the works, the release said.

The New Passenger Terminal at Chennai airport in next two years

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Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia announced that the new terminal of the Chennai International Airport is expected to be completed by 2024. Speaking in the Lok Sabha, Scindia added that a new location for the second airport in Chennai, Parandur, has been chosen out of the four sites put forth by the Tamil Nadu government.

“We have a very aggressive plan for the



Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia

Chennai airport. We are spending almost Rs 2,895 crore for the Chennai airport expansion plan. The probable time of completion of the work is somewhere in 2024. As soon as that is completed,

we will inaugurate it,” he said during Question Hour.

Meanwhile, the Civil Aviation Minister also confirmed that the government has chalked out a plan along with all stakeholders to ease congestion at the country’s airports, which have been witnessing heavy traffic in recent days, and the results will soon be visible, Civil Aviation Ministry Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Thursday.

Scindia also said in the Lok Sabha that the increase in traffic is due to the

resurgence of traffic and also partly because of the “democratisation of civil aviation” and expansion of the network across the country. “I have had a detailed meeting not only with airport operators but with the immigration, the CISF, and others. I told them that **we must have a plan for peak-hour departures and arrivals.** Not on the basis of an airport’s capabilities of take-off and landing. On the basis of our peak hour traffic, we can manage our departures and arrivals,” he said during the Question Hour.

21 Greenfield airports are under construction in the country

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Ministry of Civil Aviation Gen. (Dr) V. K. Singh (Retd)

The Civil Aviation Ministry has accorded ‘In-Principle’ approval for setting up of 21 Greenfield Airports in various parts of the country Minister of state for civil aviation General V K Singh informed the Lok sabha in a written answer.

The Greenfield airports under construction include Mopa in Goa, Navi Mumbai, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, Hassan and Shivamogga in Karnataka, Dabra (Gwalior) in Madhya Pradesh, Kushinagar and Noida (Jewar) in Uttar Pradesh, Dholera and Hirasar in Gujarat, Karaikal in Puducherry, Dagadarthi, Bhogapuram and Oravakal (Kurnool) in Andhra Pradesh, Durgapur in West Bengal, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kannur in Kerala and Donyi Polo, Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh across the country.

Out of these, 9 Greenfield airports Durgapur, Shirdi, Kannur,

Pakyong, Kalaburagi, Orvakal (Kurnool), Sindhudurg, Kushinagar and Donyi Polo, Itanagar have been operationalized

The Central Government has granted ‘In-Principle’ approval to State Government of Gujarat for development of two Greenfield Airports at Hirasar (Rajkot) and Dholera (Ahmedabad). The State Government has collaborated with Airports Authority of India (AAI) for development of the Hirasar airport at a project cost of Rs. 1405 crore.

As regards development of Dholera Greenfield Airport at a project cost of Rs. 1305 crore, a Joint Venture Company comprising AAI, Government of Gujarat (GoG) and National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT) holding equity in the ratio of 51:33:16 respectively has been formed to oversee its implementation

Development of a Greenfield airport is governed under the Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008. As per the Policy, a State Government or an Airport Developer, willing to establish an airport, is required to send a proposal to the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) for 2-stage approval i.e. ‘Site-Clearance’ followed by ‘In-Principle’ approval. Such proposals are considered by MoCA as per the procedure stipulated in the GFA Policy. The responsibility of

implementation of airport projects including funding of the projects rests with the concerned airport developer including the respective State Government (in case the

State Government is the project proponent).

This information was given by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation Gen. (Dr) V. K. Singh (Retd) in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha.

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PORTS (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)

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

A Green Port initiative by Jawaharlal Nehru Port

MUMBAI
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Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), organized a workshop on 'Green Port Initiative.' The workshop was inaugurated by Mr **Unmesh Sharad Wagh, Dy. Chairman, JNPA** in the presence of all the HODs and JNPA officials. The objective of the workshop was to create awareness about green shipping, the use of alternative fuels, and sustainable development.

Speaking at the occasion, Mr **Wagh** stated, "JNPA has taken several green initiatives with a view to reducing carbon footprints which includes the use of solar power supply, e vehicles, Shore

Power Supply, etc. It is essential that investments are made in green infrastructure, including zero-carbon energy zones linked to the port and shipping sector. JNPA is committed to sustainable development. We also have a tree plantation drive on a large scale for carbon sink."

In the workshop, experts from the industry took seminars on green shipping, the oil spill response system at JNPA, the Environmental Monitoring Plan of Jawaharlal Nehru Port, and Green Port initiatives at JNPA. During the workshop, it was highlighted that there is a need to use alternative fuels like LNG, Hydrogen,

methanol, etc. for green shipping.

Under the Maritime India Vision 2030, JNPA intends to use 60 per cent of renewable energy. JNPA is developing an integrated Common Rail Yard Facility inside the Port for facilitating Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) rake handling, including construction/modification of ROB for the terminals. JNPA commissioned e-RTGCs to improve export efficiency and faster loading operation. This initiative has reduced diesel consumption and air pollution. We have taken up lakes rejuvenation project. There are 4-5 lakes in the JNPA area which we will be revitalizing using biological techniques.



The workshop was inaugurated by Mr Unmesh Sharad Wagh, Dy. Chairman, JNPA

JNPA provides shore power supply to tugs and port crafts, and many such initiatives. JNPA has installed solar panels at JNPA inducted electric vehicles. JNPA Port has prepared an action plan covering all activities of the Port including cargo handling, storing, evacuation, and many other activities related to environmental

protection. Adoption of Multi Fuel (CNG/Electric / LNG), Shore Power, LNG Bunkering, Energy Efficiency Smart Lightning, Green Belt Cover, Water Conservation / Sewage Treatment, Upcoming solar plants of 2.5MWp. The Port takes adequate measures to maintain ecological balance for a green, sustainable and better tomorrow.

AD Ports Group won seven prestigious Harvard Business Council International Awards

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AD Ports Group is proud to announce that we have won seven prestigious Harvard Business Council International Awards.

Achieving this honour demonstrates our extraordinary resilience and limitless vision that enables AD Ports Group to breed success after success and be at the forefront of global trade.

AD Ports Group's Ports cluster was presented with the **Diamond Level Organisational Award**; this is the highest award



Representatives from Harvard Business Council visited AD Ports Group HQ to present the accolades and celebrate success in achieving top winner status for the 2022 awards second cycle.

that can be bestowed on to any entity by the Harvard Business Council.

The Gold Level

Dealing with Covid-19 Award was given to Economic Cities and Free Zones cluster for ensuring

business continuity and growth despite the sudden challenges faced.

The **Gold Status Organisational Health & Safety Award** was given to the Logistics Cluster for the innovative and efficient systems implemented to monitor and prevent threats and hazards in the workplace. An additional gold prize was awarded to the Logistics Cluster for the Business Communication Award.

Three individual awards were presented to AD Ports Group's employees; **Maysoon Hijazi**, Executive

Excellence Program, was presented with the **Diamond Level Professional Award** for her contribution to the remarkable achievements of the Ports Cluster. **Hosam Sheikhani**, Commercial & Business Development Manager, achieved the Gold Level Professional Award for his engagement in several successful projects that brought great financial value to the organisation. **Fatima Al Matrooshi**, Business Support Specialist, was given the Women Leaders Award for her role in introducing innovative ideas to Khalifa Port's offices.

LOGISTICS NEWS

CHENNAI
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Tamil Nadu has prepared a blue print for generation of 20,000 MW of Solar power in the next eight years

State electricity board (TANJEDCO) Chairman

Rajesh Lakhoni submitted a presentation at the Tamil Nadu Climate Summit 2022 wherein he said the state would have **20,000 MW Solar power stations and 10,000 MW battery storage by 2030**

As of November 30,

a total of 5,755MW of Solar power have been commissioned under utility-scale projects. We have also planned to set up solar power plants in each district. In the first phase, Tangedco will establish solar parks with a combined

capacity of 4,000MW and battery storage of 2,000MW," he added. He said, as of now, rooftop solar capacity stood at 354.7MW (for both HT and LT consumers). Besides, they have received 1,585 applications for rooftop

-solar-panel installation so far.

On Wind energy and pumped storage, Rajesh Lakhoni said TN started out by installing a wind power plant in Tirunelveli way back in 1986.

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Vizhinjam port will be completed on time despite work stoppage

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Kerala Ports minister Ahamed Devarkovil informed the state assembly that the Vizhinjam International Seaport project would be completed on time despite the coastal protest resulting in a loss of 100 work days. According to him the speed of work would be enhanced so that the first ship would dock at the port during Onam next year.

project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2023.

He said the construction company has agreed to increase the number of rocks to be brought in and the number of barges for the construction of breakwaters. A 400-meter berth will be completed immediately.

"The port is likely to bring indirect economic growth. It will pave the way for more warehouses, hotels and residential buildings. The company has agreed



Vizhinjam seaport project would be completed on time despite losing 100 working days due to protests says Kerala port minister.

to hire mostly the local population for the work," said Devarkovil.

The government has completed the work of

building to provide skill training to the youth in order to make them employable. The survey for a logistic park that has the

potential to provide jobs for over 10,000 people, has started.

Even when the activist alleged that the port would not make any economic sense the minister said the port would attract more mother ships which hitherto used the Colombo port.

"At present, 75 per cent of the containers for India are handled at Colombo. The entrepreneurs spent Rs10, 000 per container for bringing containers unloaded at foreign ports. Besides, the Vizhinjam port will enhance the potential of ports in Kollam and Beypore," said the minister.

The first phase of the

LOGISTICS NEWS

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Asian Development Bank approves \$250 Million loan to strengthen Logistics sector in India

stimulating private investments in the sector.

India's recently approved National Logistics Policy and the Prime Minister Gati Shakti-National Master Plan provide transformative institutional and regulatory frameworks for holistic development of the logistics ecosystem in the country and lays the foundation for building a modern and efficient logistics sector.

"Efficient movement of goods from production and distribution centers to both domestic and external markets is critical to lowering costs and enhancing productivity and competitiveness. Manufacturing, services, and trade in India stand to benefit immensely from the significant reforms in the logistics undertaken by the government," said ADB South Asia Department Director of Public Management, Financial Sector and Trade Sabyasachi Mitra.

To facilitate multimodal logistics, the subprogram promotes the facilitation of cargo movement through coastal shipping and inland waterways to strengthen multimodal transport.

The program also supports the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's initiatives to issue

standards for warehousing, which would encourage operational efficiency and private sector investment.

ADB is committed to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. Established in 1966, it is owned by 68 members—49 from the region.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$250 million policy-based loan to support the Government of India's wide-ranging reforms that aim to strengthen and modernize the country's logistics infrastructure, improve efficiency, and lower the cost in the logistics sector.

The loan will finance the first subprogram of the Strengthening Multimodal and Integrated Logistics Ecosystem Program, which supports the government's efforts to create a comprehensive policy, planning, and institutional framework at the federal, state, and city levels. This will rationalize India's high cost of logistics and reduce greenhouse gas emission.

The program will help to strengthen supply chains by simplifying external trade logistics and domestic cargo movements, modernizing warehouses, improving business processes with integrated digital platforms, and

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SEAFARER NEWS

"Worrying will never change the outcome"

China eases anti-covid measures for seafarers and port workers



Following major anti-Covid policy adjustments, China is loosening Covid-control measures for seafarers and workers from the port sector.

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According to the latest guidance released by Ministry of Transport, crew members will not need to provide Covid-test to port operators before the vessel berthing at the port and will no longer need to prepare a negative Covid-test within two days or a health code.

There will be no

requirements for port workers onboard the inland trading vessel and seafarers entering into the port operation area.

In addition, port staff except those from high-risk positions will not need to do regular Covid-test anymore.

Port operators should work out emergency back-up plans in case of large-scale infections happened

to ensure the port will maintain normal operation.

With the easing of Covid-19 quarantine policy, the asymptomatic infections and the people with mild symptoms can stay at home, seafarers and port workers can change shifts and return to home easily.

The policy changes signal a shift away from zero-covid following protests in major cities recently.

IMO NEWS

Newest group championing women in maritime meets in Senegal

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The newest group set up with the support of IMO to champion the place of women in the maritime sector has held its first conference since being inaugurated in Dakar, Senegal. Women in Maritime of West and Central Africa (WIMOWCA) is part of IMO's Women in Maritime programme, WIMA. **WIMOWCA is the eighth regional body to be**

formed in line with IMO's strategy of promoting the contribution of women as key maritime stakeholders.

The theme of the conference, held as a hybrid event over two days (6-7 December), was "Transitioning to Decarbonized, Digitalized and Sustainable Shipping". Fourteen countries were represented: Cameroon, Congo, Cote D'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo,

Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo.

Representing IMO were Mariana Noceti, Dallas Laryea and Edwige Ogoula. Other organizations that took part were Women in Maritime Eastern and Southern Africa (WOMESA), Network of Professional Women in Maritime and Port Sectors of West and Central Africa (NPWMP-WCA), Women



Women in Maritime of West and Central Africa (WIMOWCA) is part of IMO's Women in Maritime programme, WIMA.

in Shipping and Trade (WIMAFRICA). Several Associations (WISTA), and Senegalese government agencies also attended.

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MINISTRY NEWS Production of Pulses and Oilseeds in the Country

As per the 4th Advance Estimates of 2021-22, the production of pulses and oilseeds is 27.69 million tonnes and 37.69 million tonnes respectively.

The production of pulses increased from 23.03 million tonnes to 27.69 million tonnes and oilseeds increased from 33.21 million tonnes to 37.69 million tonnes during 2021-22 compared to 2019-20.

The National Food Security Mission (NFSM)-Pulses programme is being implemented in 28 states and 2 Union Territories (i.e, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh) and NFSM-Oil



Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar

seeds in 25 states and 3 Union Territories (i.e, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh and Puducherry) of the country.

The assistance is being provided to the farmers through state governments on latest crop production technologies, distribution & production of new varieties of pulses &

oilseeds, integrated nutrient and pest management techniques, farm implements, water saving devices, capacity building of farmers through trainings etc. Further, seed mini kits of high yielding varieties of pulses and oilseeds are provided free of cost to the farmers. Under NFSM-oilseeds, assistance is also given on the purchase of breeder seed and production of foundation seeds.

This information was given by the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar in a written reply in Rajya Sabha, 9 December 2022.

Tamil Nadu sets a modest target for solar power plants..From Page - 08

Currently, the installed capacity stood at 9,932MW, and repowering was being planned for 15.375MW of old private wind power generators and Tangedco's wind turbines of 41.575MW, he said.

"Solar energy is clean, but not cheap. Hence, our focus is on establishing pumped storage hydroelectric projects with a total capacity of 14,500 MW at a cost of Rs 73,293 crore. Instead of getting loans, the government plans to find investors," he said.

The power utility



State electricity board Chairman Rajesh Lakhoni

started implementing its green initiative by promoting renewable energy, which has high potential in TN. Given India's 2070 net zero commitments, the power sector was of strategic importance and was currently positioned for next-level transitions

LOGISTICS (ROAD/RAIL/AVIATION)



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

1000 million ton mark on Freight achieved by Rlys on December 6th itself for the FN year

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The Railways have achieved a major milestone in freight transportation by crossing 1000 Million Tons (MT) mark in current Financial Year (FY) on December sixth itself. Till date, IR has loaded 1002 Million Tons of freight in the current year.

In revenue terms, the Railways freight revenues stood close to Rs. 1, 08,593 Cr. in the current year vis-a-vis Rs. 93,532 Cr during last year till December 06th, thus



Indian Railways freight train

showing an improvement of 16.10 per cent .

Coal, the biggest commodity (48 per cent) railway transports, contributed 485 Million Tons in this 1000 MT

mark as against 425 Million Tons during last FY, thus showing 14.25% improvement. Coal is also the biggest contributor to incremental volumes with 60 MT of incremental traffic in the period.

The second biggest contributor to incremental volumes this year has been, Balance other goods segment (a basket of commodities like stone, ash, bauxite, metals, automobiles, Gypsum salt, salt etc) which has shown 10 per cent improvement (83 MT in current FY as vis-à-vis 75 MT in last FY) in loading resulting in 19 per cent increase in revenue.

Third biggest contributor to this growth has been Cement and clinker group, showing 8 per cent improvement

in volume (94.7 MT in current FY vis-a-vis 87.7 MT in last FY) followed by Fertilizers which registered a growth of 13.9 per cent with incremental volumes of 4.7 MT.

Following the Mantra, "Hungry For Cargo", the Railways have made sustained efforts to improve the ease of doing business as well as improve the service delivery at competitive prices which has resulted in new traffic coming to railways from both conventional and non conventional commodity streams.

Kudangulam Nuclear Power Station will reach its full capacity of 6000 MW in 5 years

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Kudangulam Nuclear Power Station

The full capacity of Six Thousand MW at Kudangulam Nuclear Power Station in South Tamil Nadu Coast will be commissioned in the next five years Minister of state for atomic energy Dr Jitendra Singh said in a written answer to the Rajya Sabha

The Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant Units 1 and 2 of 1000

MW capacity each are already in operation and the remaining four units of 1000 MW each are under construction. On their progressive completion, the full capacity of Kudankulam site of 6000 MW is expected to be reached by the year 2027, the minister said.

Kerala has a firm allocation of 266 MW from the first and second units of Kudangulam nuclear power station apart from the unallocated quota.

Presently Kerala has a share (firm plus unallocated) of 13.48 per cent from KKNPP-1 (1000 MW) & 13.30 per cent from the second unit.

With regard to the allocation of power from units under construction, the Power Ministry will take a decision.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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58 airports identified for air transportation of perishable goods

As many as 58 airports have been identified under the Krishi Udan scheme by the Airport Authority of India focusing on transporting perishable food products from Hilly areas, North Eastern states and tribal areas of the country, Minister of state for civil aviation General V.K Singh said in a written answer to the Lok sabha on December eighth.



ADB funding micro-aquafeed plant in India

The Asian Development Bank and ABIS Exports India Private Limited (ABIS) have signed a sustainability-linked debt facility worth USD 16 million (EUR 15.3 million) to build a micro-aquafeed plant in India.



Work from home allowed for employees of Special Economic Zones

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VESSEL SCHEDULES



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

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EXIM TREND

Customs act day observed

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Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) under Ministry of Finance held an event at New Custom House in Mumbai on December 7, as part of the nationwide celebrations of 60 years of Customs Act which came into vogue in 1962.

An exhibition on '60 years of Customs and valuable items seized by Indian Customs over the years' organized by Mumbai Customs was inaugurated by CBIC Chairperson Vivek Johri.

The Chief of Staff of Western Naval Command Vice Admiral Krishna

Swaminathan, Mumbai Port Trust Chairman Rajeev Jalota and Mumbai's Commissioner of Police Vivek Phansalkar were also present on the occasion, along with officers and staff of Mumbai Customs. The guests garlanded photo of Mumbai Customs official Babu Laxman Lamkhade, the first Customs officer to be conferred the President's Award in 1964, who was equally feared by smugglers and revered by officers of Customs.

Inaugurating the event, the CBIC Chairperson said that the Customs Act, 1962, is a well-written, simple and short law that has served us well. Further



CBIC Chairperson Vivek Johri.

recounting journey and history of the Act, he said "Today's celebration is about the Act which we live and swear by. The Act was an amalgamation of three different Acts which were in use prior to independence. Despite several amendments, which should be made to organic law, the fundamentals

of the Act have been preserved, this is the beauty of the Act."

Speaking about the adaptation of modern technology by Customs Department, the CBIC Chairperson said that Indian Customs was one of the first government departments to computerize processes. "Now our orientation is on how quickly we turn cargo, while exercising relevant controls. We have done 4 or 5 generations of computer reforms and our work processes are completely automated end-to-end. Almost 85% - 90% of our cargo is facilitated without any intervention by Customs. I keep telling our officers that our true test lies in the balance 10% - 15% - in carrying out

the requisite checks while allowing cargo to move quickly".

Throwing light on various facets of customs work, the CBIC Chairperson said: "While we have come a long way in facilitating cargo, and our focus on revenue collection has been overtaken by other priorities, preventive or anti-smuggling operations are still a very important part of border management and border control, in different locations of the country. The exhibition put up today beautifully showcases our work. Our methods have changed over the years. With the use of technology, our targeting is much sharper and profiling of passengers is better."

Gujarat Maharashtra Tamil Nadu lead country's Exports

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Gujarat Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have emerged as three major exporting states under District level Export program launched by the Commerce Ministry Union Minister Piyush Goyal informed the Rajya Sabha

These three states account for seven of the ten top districts in the country in exports as per



Gujarat and Maharashtra are the top-notch centers for segments like petroleum products, engineering goods, gems and jewellery, drugs and pharmaceuticals.

the data compiled by the April to September last Ministry for the period year.

Currently, these three states together account for more than 55 per cent of the country's Merchandise exports. In the last financial year, when India's exports touched an all-time high of 422 billion US dollars, Gujarat accounted for about 30 per cent of the total exports at 127 billion US dollars, followed by Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu at 73 billion US dollars and 35 billion US dollars, respectively.

These three states lead in the production of the goods which are among the most-exported products of the country and account for 81 per cent of the country's exports.

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The fact that these were Port states have given them historical advantage in terms of developing infrastructure for promoting overseas trade.

China buys Russian oil at multi-month low discounts, brushes off price cap

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China is paying the deepest discounts in months for Russian ESPO crude oil amid weak demand and poor refining margins even

though the effective prices refiners pay could exceed a price cap imposed this week by Western countries.

The \$60 per-barrel cap, set by the Group of Seven (G7) nations, the European Union and Australia, took effect on Monday 5 Dec to

limit Moscow's power to finance its war in Ukraine, though Russia has vowed to defy it.

China, Russia's top oil buyer, has not agreed to the price cap. Traders said they were doing business as usual.

But the Chinese government's zero-COVID policy has weakened the country's economy and demand for crude.

At least one December-arrival ESPO cargo was sold last week to an independent refiner at a discount of \$6 per barrel against the February

ICE Brent price on the delivery-ex-ship (DES) basis, according to four traders with knowledge of the deal. That compares with a premium of about \$1.80 per barrel three weeks ago. At current Brent levels, the \$6 discount implies a price of \$68 a barrel including freight and insurance costs.

"They (independent plants) don't really care about the price cap. All they do is crunch the numbers to see if the delivered prices make good profit or not," said a trading executive with one independent refiner.



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"Domestic refining margins are still struggling," the executive added.

With the price cap in place, China, India and Turkey could have more bargaining power, the analysts added.