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Pacific Basin

Tristarr organized a two-day interactive seminar for the Seafarers of Pacific Basin on the 3rd and 4th of December 2022 at Radisson Blu Mumbai International Airport.

The seminar was graced by the presence of many seafarers across the hierarchy. The seminar was interactive and had back-to-back sessions spread throughout the two days period.

The seminar's theme being "Caring for Our Crew" and underlying the same all the talks at the seminar revolved around the twin concepts of Crew and Personal Care & Safety. It was an excellent opportunity for the officers to engage in a lively manner with the owners on their perspectives, expectations, and challenges faced.



Capt. Santanu Ghosh

Tristarr organizes Seminar for the Seafarers of Pacific Basin

Owner Representative, Tristarr Maritime, Capt. Santanu Ghosh welcomed everyone and thanked the Management and Seafarers for their dedicated efforts and commitment and formally set the seminar in motion.



Mr. Harshvardhan Bhave

Further, Pacific Basin, Director, Fleet Management, Harshvardhan Bhave, briefed on the overall performance and expectations of both the seafarers and the fleet. He mentioned Pacific Basin's rapid growth as one of the world's largest owners of handy and supramax bulk carriers which inevitably led to an increase in seafarers, necessitating the company to expand into different crew pools. He also emphasized the importance of training and development of ship staff, with a well-designed and structured training approach between the crew and management for all seafarers in its fleet. He shared the latest achievements and emphasized the

principles and expectations that meet the vision and goal set by the company. "The vision of the company is to maintain the highest standards of safety to facilitate the company's business and trade along with being cost-effective", stated Bhave. Thus, staying true to the theme of the seminar.



Moving ahead, Capt. Vikram Dhingra, General Manager, Marine, addressed the seafarers

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Capt. Vikram Dhingra

about the challenges faced by the industry, and how one can overcome them with the least number of casualties and maximum safety. He elaborated on the various deficiencies and the responsibility for the ship safety that primarily lies with the ship staff, and ship owners/managers. He briefed about the Safety management objectives of the company, establishing safeguards against identified risks. **“We are caring, good-humored, and fair, encouraging**

diversity of opinions and cultures”, he stated while elaborating on the right work culture of the company.

One of the main attractions was the advice given to the seafarers by **Dr. Deepti Mankad from Mind Speak** who brought a lively environment to the room by presenting on Mental Wellness. Through a session of group activities, she highlighted how a person’s mental and physical wellness can directly impact their productivity and output.

Dr. Mukul Madhusudan Arte and Dr. Parag Arvind Pradhan, Sea Bird Medicare Centre, opined on the importance of Health Check-ups, Pre-Employment Medical Examinations (PEME), etc. They highlighted the dos and don’ts for maintaining good health at sea.

Moving ahead, an interactive workshop was conducted as a part of the Team Building Activity with the Ship Staff. Post the session each participant was filled with enthusiasm and it was clear that the team present at the seminar was excellent- both on board and ashore- that is ready to learn and share’s passion for work.

This set the seminar’s tone for Day one and helped align expectations, highlighting the importance of commitment, collaboration, communication, and trust among the team.

The following Day two saw interactive engagements with the free exchange of viewpoints, best practice sharing, and frontline-focused information and context. This was facilitated by **Mr. Sivanand Ray,**



Head of Crew Training, pride and highlighting emphasizing Teamwork and the ethos of professional **Turn to page -3 >>**

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ways to preserve the same with humility thus delivering optimal service to owners while at the same time experiencing personal fulfillment.

There is so much miscommunication that takes place due to the lack of understanding. An elaborate session on Effective communication was addressed by **Mr. Samar Das. "Listening is the key to effective Communication"**, he said.

A Crew RMA by **3 Cube Medicare** was delivered by **Mr. Ravjyot Khuman, Dr. Save, and Dr. Ravani.** They highlighted a new dimension of Remote Medical Assistance whilst on board and how one can

be able to protect their health and have prompt access to medical care.

Mr. Sanjay Relan, General Manager, Optimization & Decarbonization, briefed about the New Regulations coming up in 2023 and shared tips for reducing emissions while on board. The many senior seafarers present also benefited from the various theories of inventory management and also the many optimization tools touched upon by Mr. Relan with unparalleled insight.

Cybersecurity is crucial because it safeguards all types of data against theft and loss. On this note, **Mr. Suresh Moganti** pressed

on the pros and cons of cybersecurity and its Familiarization.

Workshops and brainstorming sessions were arranged and group-based topics were discussed to fully utilize the seminar for the betterment of crew and vessel with special emphasis on the safety and crew care of the marine environment.

Lastly, the management dealt with all the feedback received from the crew and resolved any outstanding concerns in a very transparent fashion. The seminar was brought to a close with the room reverberating to the presence of so many seafarers across the



hierarchy and their personal testimonials exemplified the theme of the Seminar justly.

The seminar was topped

off by a Gala Dinner & Live Music performance which was attended by all the sailing staff and eminent dignitaries from the Industry.

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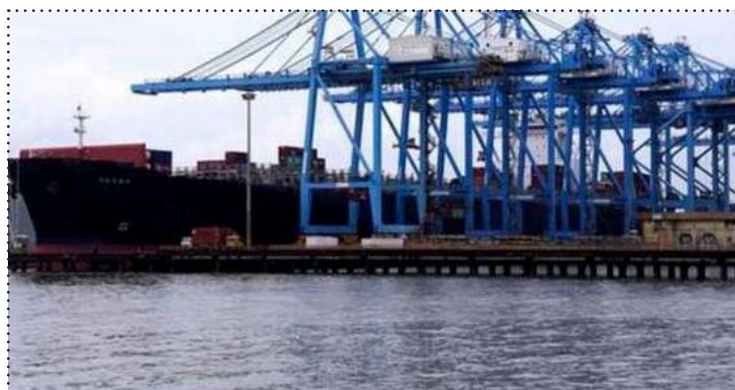
State-owned IIFCL has sanctioned Rs 8,244 crore loans to about 20 projects to help add 836 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of ports capacity, which is one-fourth of

India's total cargo volumes, a top company official said.

India's total port capacity is about 2,600 MTPA. Of this, 12 major ports' cargo handling capacity stood at 1,598 MTPA as of March 2022.

"The latest is the Ramayapatnam port,

IIFCL Has Sanctioned Rs 8,244 Crore Loans to Develop 20 Ports



India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL) has been extending its financial support to many strategic port projects, including the Paradip Port, Essar Vizag port, Tuticorin, Krishnapatnam, Karaikal

which reinforces our belief in this very important sector and the potential it holds to improve connectivity, bring down logistics costs, and provide a boost to the economy," IIFCL Managing Director P R Jaishankar told PTI.

With investment in three upcoming ports including Ramyapatnam and Bhavanapadu, he said, the capacity would touch 1,000 MTPA with these

ports going on stream in a couple of years.

Ramayapatnam Port in Andhra Pradesh is expected to commence operations next year in December with four berths with 34 MTPA capacity.

"IIFCL, till date, has provided financial assistance of Rs 8,244 crore to the port sector. Of this, Rs 787 crore was sanctioned to

various terminals in 5 major ports and Rs 7,465 crore was sanctioned to 15 minor port projects. Most of the projects are operational and presently 3 non major ports are under construction," he said.

IIFCL has been involved in development of 5 out of 12 major ports and 15 non-major ports in India.

IIFCL in the past has been supporting the sector and will continue to explore opportunities to fund for development of port infrastructure and support the government's vision of making India a developed nation by 2047, he said.

So far, the state-owned infrastructure financing firm has sanctioned around 650 projects with a total outlay of Rs 11.5 lakh crore and out of them, 500 are public private partnership (PPP) projects



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

A.P. Moller - Maersk and SunGas Renewables sign strategic green methanol partnership

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As part of its strategy to decarbonize customers' supply chains, A.P. Moller - Maersk (Maersk) has entered a green methanol Letter of Intent with U.S. based SunGas Renewables, Inc., a spin-out of GTI Energy, and a leader in providing technology and equipment systems for large-scale production of renewable fuels.



This is Maersk's 9th such partnership to drive the acceleration of global production capacity for green methanol.

The Letter of Intent of green methanol from covers the production multiple facilities to be

developed by SunGas in the United States from which Maersk intends to offtake full volumes of green methanol.

The first facility is expected to begin operations in 2026 and have an annual production capacity of approximately 390,000 tonnes.

Securing green marine fuels at a global scale within this decade will require rapid scale up of green methanol production capacity using a variety of

technology and feedstock pathways. "We are very pleased to welcome SunGas Renewables as a strategic partner in our efforts to achieve our goal of net zero greenhouse gas emissions in 2040 across our entire business, and to ensure meaningful progress is made within this decade in line with the Paris Agreement," said Emma Mazhari, Head of Green Sourcing and Portfolio Management, A.P. Moller - Maersk.

Cargo Evacuation through Mormugao Port Hit by Residents Protest

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Evacuation of bauxite and coal cargo by road from Union government owned Mormugao Port has ground to a halt since 15 December as residents oppose the movement of these commodities by trucks through Vasco city citing pollution concerns, multiple sources said.

"Some 1,00,000 tonnes of bauxite cargo belonging to customers such as Hindalco Industries Ltd and UltraTech Cement Ltd (both owned by the Aditya Birla Group) are



Residents protest truck movement through Vasco City.

lying inside the port. The agitating residents are not allowing any material to move by road through the two export-import gates of Mormugao port. About 30,000-40,000 tonnes of cargo were expected to be moved out of the port

by road in the last three days. The port will soon face a logjam," a port official told ET Infra.

The State government machinery is not doing anything to resolve the situation which is a law-and-order issue,"

he said, asking not to be named.

Bauxite cargo arriving at the port on big ships are moved to the customers premises by road only. About 10-20 percent of the coal shipped through the port is evacuated by road and the rest by rail, which has not been affected by the agitation.

With rising focus on cruise ship movements, the port authorities decided that bauxite and coal movements through Gate No 1, which is closer to the cruise terminal at the port, will be stopped and such cargo will be fully diverted

through Gate No 9 when a cruise vessel is docked at the port.

Evacuation of cargo through Gate No 9 by trucks involves travelling a 1.5 km stretch inside Vasco city to connect to the nearest highway, triggering the protest from residents.

Blaming the State government authorities for not taking any action to settle the law-and-order issue, the ship agent said that the protest is not only hurting Mormugao port but is also a "loss to the nation".

"Yet the problem has not been solved. If the agitation continues, ships will be forced to divert to other ports," the ship agent added.

Pacific Ocean's Plastics Cleanup Hindered by Trade Barriers

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The cleanup of the world's oceans is being hindered by visa requirements, tariffs on equipment, and restricted access to local ports and waste management facilities, according to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation.

While the decades-long clean-up of beaches remains the most advanced of all efforts, plastic collection from rivers



Ocean plastics cleanup

which feed garbage into coastal waters and the open ocean lag behind, the 21-nation group focused on

open trade and investment said in its latest bulletin.

This has led the convergence of floating

debris in three major "gyres" in the Pacific, where winds and currents pulverize microplastics into a peppery soup which eventually sink to the sea floor.

It's a problem that will grow 2.6 fold by 2040, according to a study cited by APEC.

While the economic impact of plastic on marine and coastal ecosystems, as also on industries that rely on those ecosystems, is challenging to calculate, a 2020 study

by APEC estimated that the direct impact of marine litter on various industries had increased considerably in recent years. Previously, it had estimated the cost on tourism, transport and aquaculture at \$10.9 billion.

APEC, in its November policy brief, recommended lifting of trade restrictions between the forum's 21 Pacific economies to support SME and non-profit business models to make remediation more cost effective, including standardization of data and technical standards.



Reinsurers Could Prohibit Black Sea Voyages Starting January 1st

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The Joint Coordination Centre officials board cargo ship Mehmet Bey as she waits to pass the Bosphorus strait off the shores of Yenikapi during a misty morning in Istanbul, Turkey, October 31, 2022. REUTERS/Mehmet Emin Calsikan

Insurers may refuse to cover planes flying to Ukraine or ships sailing through the Black Sea as reinsurers – who insure the insurers – propose excluding the region from policies from next month, four industry sources said.

Reinsurers typically renew

their 12-month contracts with insurance clients on Jan. 1, meaning they have the first opportunity to scale back exposure since the war in Ukraine started, after being hit this year by losses related to the conflict and from Hurricane Ian in Florida.

A proposed contract clause being circulated by reinsurers excludes war-related claims for planes or ships in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia, the four sources told Reuters.

Without the backing of the reinsurers, insurers themselves may be unwilling to provide cover for the region, they added.

Reinsurers are particularly concerned about the loss of planes owned by aircraft leasing companies that are stuck in Russia and have already generated \$8 billion in legal claims.

As they operate on an “aggregation” basis with marine and aviation war risk insurance, totting up the losses as one, claims in one area make reinsurers wary about the whole war risk sector, David Smith, head of hull and marine liabilities at broker McGill and Partners said.

“They don’t care if it’s a ship or a plane, it’s all dragged along in the aggregation.”

While major reinsurers Hannover Re HNRGn.DE, Munich Re MUVGn.DE and Swiss Re SRENH.S declined to comment, Chris McGill, head of cargo at insurer

Ascot, said the issue extends to the whole sector.

Around 90% of the war risk market for marine and aviation is insured in Lloyd’s SOLYD.UL and the wider London commercial insurance market, the sources noted.

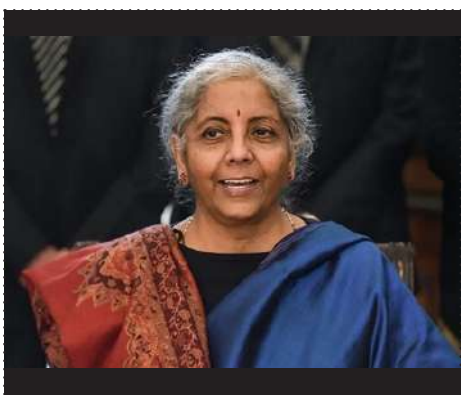
Although the sources said negotiations between insurers and reinsurers over next year’s contracts and the exact wording of the clause are ongoing, insurers fear the worst.

Reinsurers are also wary of other war risks, the original sources added, including claims for ships stuck in Ukrainian ports, triggered after 12 months, and a Chinese attack on Taiwan.

EXIM NEWS

Exporters Seek Support Measures in Budget to Boost Shipments

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The Budget for 2023-24 is scheduled to be presented on February 1 by the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

Exporters have sought support measures like waiver of electricity duty and easier availability of credit in the forthcoming Union Budget to boost the country’s outbound shipments.

According to exporters, the finance ministry needs to provide reasonable funds to the Department of Commerce not

only for the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme reimbursement but also for export promotion and other initiatives.

They have also suggested certain tweaks in customs duties and availability of credit at affordable rates to boost exports and create jobs.

Mumbai-based exporter and chairman of The Bombay Textile Research Association S K Saraf said exports are key drivers to promote the country’s economic growth and the Budget should address issues being faced by the sector.

Exports provide high quality employment, and promote induction of technology, quality consciousness and infrastructure development, he said.

The Budget for 2023-24 is scheduled to be presented on February 1.

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SCI's final hearing to obtain demerger approval on December 29

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The Shipping Corporation of India, in its latest filing, has provided an update on its demerger into **Shipping Corporation of India Land and Assets Limited**.

“The Final hearing before the Ministry of Corporate Affairs in New Delhi for obtaining sanction on the Scheme of Arrangement for demerger is fixed on Thursday,



SCI's final hearing on demerger on 29 Dec.

December 29, 2022, as held on 16th December per the directives of MCA 2022,” said the filing by the shipping company.

The update on the demerger fuelled a rally in the stock. In Monday's trade, 19 Dec the stock at around 3:20 pm traded higher by 9% at Rs 140.8 per share. Earlier in October, the company received backing of its secured and unsecured lenders in respect of the demerger that involves transferring Rs 1,000 crore from the firm's surplus cash to the non-core company spun off from the listed business.

Shipping Corporation

is a multibagger stock that generated 123% return in the last 3 years, while its last 1-year return has been in the negative to the tune of over 1%. There is one analyst recommendation on the counter with a 'hold' rating, Trendlyne data showed.

As the country's premier shipping line, the company owns and operates around one-third of the Indian tonnage, and has operating interests in all areas of the shipping business – servicing both national and international trades.

LOGISTIC NEWS

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For the Indian pharmaceutical industry to scale the innovation challenge, it would require a strong research-push from the government, backed by regulatory reform, says Dr Reddy's Laboratories Chairman Satish Reddy, outlining the challenges for domestic drug makers in 2023.

“If India has to be at the cutting edge of innovation, our regulatory system also needs to undergo reforms.

It needs to be reflecting the new kinds of work that goes on in this industry,” said Satish Reddy, who

Pharma industry needs govt's research-push to scale innovation challenges: Satish Reddy



Satish Reddy, Chairman, Dr Reddy's Laboratories

was also President, Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA 2019-2021 and 2013-2015).

IPA is a platform for large domestic drug makers.

Companies are growing because there is a market

in India and outside, but for the pharma industry to remain competitive and move into the next level, the government's support and intervention is critical, Reddy has said..

He hoped that Budget 2023 outlines research incentives for the sector.

It could be by way of funding support through allocations in the Budget or infrastructure by way of research-oriented clusters and innovation hubs, he said on interventions needed to incentivise industry to invest in research.

Seeking a comprehensive approach towards supporting innovation efforts of the estimated ₹4 lakh crore Indian pharma industry, Reddy explained that going through multiple agencies for an approval, especially for a biotech product, required reform because “the whole process takes enormous time.”

On the clinical development side, “Phase I trials are being carried out for new molecules by most of the companies outside of India, and the single reason for that is the amount of time it takes for approval. These are things that can't wait and can easily be done in India,” he said.

Logistics Cost to reduce from 16% to 9 % by end-2024: Nitin Gadkari

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Addressing the annual convention and 95th AGM of FICCI, Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari promised that logistics cost, which is 16 per cent of GDP presently, will fall to single digits, up to 9 per cent of GDP by the end of 2024.

It is going to help us get more exports», the Minister said, adding now is the time to increase

our business and presence in the international market.

The Minister further stated that before the end of 2024, India's road infrastructure would be equal to the American standard.

Minister Gadkari added India is on the path to building an inclusive Bharat by following the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi by boosting



Minister Gadkari

investment, economic growth, and employment creation to achieve sustainable development. However, “we need to have cooperation, coordination and communication

between all stakeholders”, he said.

He added that the government aims to double the automobile sector to Rs.15lakh crores. “This will create new jobs and make India one of the biggest automobile manufacturers in the world”, he said. Moreover, underscoring the importance of sustainability in the construction sector, he noted, “we are trying to minimise the use of cement and steel in

construction work by adopting substitutes like fly ash, oil slag, waste plastics, demolition waste.

Minister Gadkari invited FICCI to prepare a comprehensive growth plan for the next fifty years for all sectors.

On occasion, Mr Sanjiv Mehta, President, FICCI, noted that the “all-inclusive, all-pervasive, and all-round development initiatives” of the government are transforming India, with each step bringing the nation closer to Aatmanirbhar Bharat.”



Steps Taken by Govt to Cater to Increased Water Requirements

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In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Central Government provides technical and financial assistance to them through various schemes and programmes.

Government of India, in partnership with State, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to make provision of tap water supply to every rural household of the country by 2024.

Government of India has launched AMRUT 2.0 on 1st October, 2021, covering all the statutory towns of the country to ensure universal coverage of water supply & make cities 'water secure'.

To ensure optimum utilization of water, Government of India has been implementing Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojna (PMKSY) from 2015-16 onwards.

Under PMKSY-Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), 99 ongoing major/medium irrigation projects



MoS for Jal Shakti, Shri Bishweswar Tudu

were prioritized during 2016-17, in consultation with States. The extension of PMKSY for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 has been approved by Government of India, with an overall outlay of Rs. 93,068.56 crore.

The Command Area Development and Water Management (CADWM) Programme has been brought under PMKSY - Har Khet Ko Pani from 2015-16 onwards. The main objective of taking

up CAD works is to enhance utilisation of irrigation potential created, and improve agriculture production on a sustainable basis through Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM).

"Sahi Fasal" campaign was launched to nudge farmers in the water stressed areas to grow crops which are not water intensive, but use water very efficiently; and are economically remunerative; are healthy and nutritious; suited to the agro-climatic-hydro characteristics of the area; and are environmentally friendly.

Atal Bhujal Yojana, a World Bank aided Central Sector Scheme of the Government of India with an outlay of Rs 6000 crore, is being implemented with a focus on community participation and demand side interventions for sustainable ground water management in identified water stressed areas. The scheme is being taken up in seven states, viz. Haryana, Gujarat, Karnataka,

Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

The Mission Amrit Sarovar was launched on National Panchayati Raj Day on 24th April, 2022 as a part of celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav with an objective to conserve water for future. The Mission is aimed at developing and rejuvenating 75 water bodies in each district of the country.

Jal Shakti Abhiyan-I (JSA-I) was conducted in 2019 in 1592 blocks out of 2836 blocks in 256 water stressed districts of the country...

The important steps taken by the Central Government to control water depletion and promote rain water harvesting/conservation are available at the URL: http://jalshakti-dowr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Steps%20taken%20by%20the%20Central%20Govt%20for%20water_depletion_july2022.pdf

This information was given by the Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Shri Bishweswar Tudu in a written reply in Rajya Sabha on 19 December 2022.

MARINE NEWS

Ecommerce Majors Amazon, Flipkart to Join ONDC Soon



We have initiated conversations with all of them and initial indications are that they will join: DPIIT secretary

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The ONDC is now being tested across 85 cities

Earlier this week, logistics unicorn Delhivery went live on ONDC platform

Ecommerce majors Amazon and Flipkart may go live on Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) soon, DPIIT secretary Anurag Jain reportedly said.

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Govt plans to install scanning devices at 'vulnerable' ports to check drug smuggling

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The Centre is examining the feasibility of installing electronic scanners at vulnerable seaports since illicit drugs worth over ₹27,000 crore smuggled to India via maritime routes have been seized by domestic agencies in the past five years, people familiar with the development said.

Although the details are not yet known, the official said X-ray scanners for containers are likely to be installed soon at all ports



As much as 70% of illegal drugs in India are now being sent through sea routes

so that every incoming or outgoing shipment can be checked for contraband.

India's Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) alone seized heroin worth ₹1,274 crore last year, in which 11 foreigners were arrested, official data

show. It seized heroin and morphine worth ₹2,460 crore in 2017 at seaports, in which 13 Indians were arrested. Various drugs including ketamine and methamphetamine worth ₹1,136 crore were seized in 2019 and the bureau arrested 12 foreigners in separate cases. In 2020, heroin and amphetamine type stimulants worth ₹206 crore were seized and seven foreigners were arrested..

As much as 70% of illegal drugs in India are now being sent through sea routes, especially in the western region, according

to the latest annual report of NCB.

"Recovery of drugs worth ₹27,000 crore from seaports is just the tip of the iceberg," said Shreya Upadhyay, a strategic affairs expert and assistant professor at Christ University, Bengaluru. "There are consignments which go untraced and then there are huge batches coming via the land borders, air route and through courier parcels. This requires urgent attention of all agencies and governments."

The central

government is also revamping the NCB in three phases – by creating 1,781 more posts for it (682 posts to be created in the first phase), creation of four new regional offices at Amritsar, Guwahati, Chennai and Ahmedabad, and a drug intelligence wing.

The National Investigation Agency, too, is focused on investigating international cartels involved in large amounts of smuggling at the behest of Inter-Services Intelligence, the Pakistani spy agency.

Port employees stage protest against privatisation proposals in Visakhapatnam

New Delhi Sagar Sandesh News Service

Adharna was staged by port employees, under the aegis of All party Trade Unions, at the Administrative Office Building (AOB) of Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) here on Monday 19 Dec.

United Port and Dock Workers Union (CITU) honorary president V.S. Padmanabha Raju demanded that the Central government revoke its decision on privatisation

of major ports. He sought implementation of wage revision without any pre-conditions and withdrawal of the National Monetisation Pipeline. He also opposed the privatisation of the Port Hospital, Port lands and buildings and Kalyana Mandapams.

The leaders of other unions demanded withdrawal of the Public Private Partnership proposal in PSUs. They alleged that the Centre has already handed over the Gangavaram Port



All party trade unions of Visakhapatnam Port staging a protest in Visakhapatnam on Monday. | Photo Credit: K.R. DEEPAK

to the Adani Group and in Visakhapatnam Port measures were being taken to hand over berths the same group. They also alleged that the Centre was

planning to privatise PSUs like Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP), LIC, BSNL and Railways. They said that such measures would result in unemployment and sought that they should be withdrawn.

AITUC State leader J.V. Satyanarayana Murthy, AITUC general secretary B Ch Masen, HMS general secretary D.K. Sarma and CITU leaders B. Jagan, Ch. Trinadha Rao, B. Lakshmana Rao and Chandu were among those who participated.

India, Sri Lanka to start passenger ferry service between Puducherry, Kankesanthurai port in Jaffna district next month

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The ferry service will connect the Kankesanthurai port in Jaffna district and Puducherry. Sri Lanka's Ports and Shipping minister Nimal Siripala de Silva said that the Indian government had extended consent for the service. The passenger ferry service is likely to boost the tourism sector

as well as strengthen the cultural ties between the two countries.

The service is being started in view of several demands to improve connectivity.

Sri Lanka's Ports and Shipping minister Nimal Siripala de Silva said that services will also be started from Southern India to Trincomalee and



Passenger ferry service is slated to commence from next month between India and Sri Lanka.

Colombo in Sri Lanka. The minister has asked the officials to develop infrastructure related to

customs, immigration and emigration, and other facilities at the Sri Lankan ports.

The vessels under the new service will carry 300 to 400 passengers on a trip that would take about three and half hours.

Ferry owners suggested that they would have to charge 60 dollars equivalent to 5,000 rupees per passenger for a single journey and that each passenger could carry up to 100 kg of luggage.

PORTS (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)

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Ports' Container Dwell Fee Program to End January 24

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The San Pedro Bay ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles will phase out the option to collect a "Container Dwell Fee" on Jan. 24, 2023.

Since the program was announced on Oct. 25, 2021, the two ports have seen a combined decline of 92% in aging cargo on the docks.

While the executive directors of both ports have had the authority from their respective harbor commissions to implement the fee, it was never



Port of Long Beach

activated because cargo owners were able to clear their long-dwelling cargo off terminals.

"This fee was conceived as an incentive to ease congestion, keeping

imported goods flowing to stores across America," said Port of Long Beach Executive Director Mario Cordero.

"Measured by this standard, we can all

appreciate the policy's success, and best of all, the fee was never implemented. We thank cargo owners and terminal operators for working with us to make operations more efficient, and of course dockworkers for their dedicated labor."

"I said when we launched this program that I hoped we would never collect a dime because that would mean that containers were moving off our docks. And that's exactly what occurred," said Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Gene Seroka. "I'm grateful to the cargo owners and all our waterfront workers for all their successful efforts to improve the efficiency of our operations."

Under the temporary policy, ocean carriers could be charged for each import container dwelling nine days or more at the terminal. Fee implementation has been postponed by both ports since the start of the program.

The Long Beach and Los Angeles Boards of Harbor Commissioners both extended the fee program through Jan. 24, 2023.

Neither port plans to extend the program beyond that date.

The policy was developed in coordination with the Biden-Harris Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force, U.S. Department of Transportation and multiple supply chain stakeholder.

The Suez Canal Authority Signs a Memorandum of Understanding with The MACN Anti-Corruption Network

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The Suez Canal Authority signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN) to provide a framework for cooperation in common fields, affirming the Authority's keenness to interact with international institutions to ensure transparency and enhance

integrity procedures and standards of maritime transactions and related port operations.

The MoU aims to establish an official communication channel between the Authority and the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network.

For his part, Admiral Osama Rabie, Chairman of the Suez Canal Authority, stressed that **the Authority spares no effort to work**

on the stability and sustainability of global supply chains to facilitate traffic in the Suez Canal amid a package of effective measures that guarantee transparency and impartiality, with the Authority's readiness to provide all capabilities and overcome all obstacles to activate cooperation with all partners and organizations working in the field of maritime transport.



SCA MACN Signing

Cecilia Müller Torbrand, CEO of the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network, thanked the Chairman of the Suez Canal Authority Admiral Osama Rabie, and the Authority's work team,

stressing that the Suez Canal occupies a special place in the maritime community, highlighting the need for cooperation to promote effective and safe trade.

SEAFARERS NEWS

New Delhi
Sagar Sandesh News Service

It provides step-by-step guidance for treating crew onboard.

Fully downloadable, it can be used without a signal mid-ocean and in remote parts of a ship. It is available free of charge to all seafarers.

Seafarers do an outstanding job and deserve investment to ensure they feel safe and get the best possible health care at sea. Developing a free digital



The Mariners Medico Guide is a unique app, designed and tailored for seafarers.

medical guide to improve medical treatment onboard, and potentially save any seafarer's life, feels like a big step forward for healthcare onboard.

Medical professionals use symptom-led questioning to gather

information to be able to diagnose and treat illness and injuries effectively. That is why the app is built around guiding the user through their symptoms as a navigation tool. **It has been designed and written by doctors specialised in maritime medicine and working in Radio Medico.**

Guidance is set out in simple steps and language for users with limited medical experience. The app also aims to lower the threshold for seeking professional support from

doctors ashore, guiding the user when to seek support from telemedical assistance services.

During launch week, several thousand downloaded the app, with more than 10,000 visits to the Mariners Medico Guide. Users have been overwhelmingly positive about the app, over 90 per cent of those surveyed have said that they are very satisfied/satisfied:

We believe the app will improve medical treatment

onboard as well as save lives

It is more important than ever to safeguard seafarers' health and wellbeing.

During 2018 to 2021, the number of Gard claims relating to crew illness and death increased by almost 75 per cent. An important feature of the Mariners Medico Guide is **the increased inclusion of mental health symptoms and advice.** After all, wellbeing includes both physical and mental components.

TRADE BODY NEWS



"Worrying will never change the outcome"

Trade bodies protest against hold up in Delhi airport

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Chamber of Trade and Industry (CTI) has written a letter to Union civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, apprising him of how business activities in Delhi are getting affected due to passengers who are getting



stuck in queues for hours at the Delhi airport. Brijesh Goyal, said in the letter sent on Friday 16 Dec that various big concerns, the trade association's chairman, exhibitions, fairs, business seminars, deals, tours, and

different types of business programmes take place in the national capital.

"For these, people from different parts of the country come to Delhi in the morning by flight and return in the evening. Now if the businessmen are stuck at the airport for 3 to 4 hours, then the very purpose of coming to Delhi will be futile," the letter read.

"For a flight of 45

minutes to 1:30 hours, one has to wait for 4-5 hours at the Delhi airport. Cities like Chandigarh, Dehradun, and Jaipur can be reached faster by car than by air," it added.

The trade body has demanded an increase in entry gates and security checkpoints, besides waiting for display boards to be installed at the airport. The DigiYatra system that was installed at the airport is "not working properly."

IMO NEWS

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The International Maritime Organization, UN's global regulatory body for shipping, will soon introduce its first set of emission regulations despite controversies surrounding its Carbon Intensity Indicator which comes into force in 2023.

From January 2023, companies operating ships of 5,000 gross tons or more will need to collect voyage and fuel consumption data to calculate the carbon intensity of their vessel operations.

"This is IMO's first venture into regulating the commercial operation of ships," consultancy MarEcon's Director Martin Stopford told S&P Global Commodity

IMO to bring carbon intensity rules online despite ongoing CII controversies



CII calculation as it is, requires 'correction factors' industry says

Insights, describing the indicator as "an experiment."

While recognizing the IMO's willingness to tackle emissions should be appreciated, several major flag states and trade bodies have slammed what they perceive as flaws in its calculation methodology for CII, while environmentalists criticized its lack of punitive measures.

In October, Bahamas and Liberia teamed up with the International Chamber of Shipping, BIMCO, INTERTANKO, World Shipping Council and Interferry to call on the IMO to revise the indicator's formula in a filing.

For each ship, CII is calculated as its annual CO2 emissions per sailing distance multiplied by vessel capacity in

deadweight or gross tons, and the organizations argued that "correction factors" should be applied to ships with short voyages and long port stay.

In some scenarios, those vessels will achieve worse ratings than their counterparts with the same technical design even when their absolute emissions are lower, according to the organizations' analysis.

Sharing a similar view, INTERCARGO, another industry group, said in a separate filing that the IMO should amend the methodology to address such issues.

"Incentives for compliance and penalties for non-compliance could be improved," said Antonio Santos, federal climate policy director at the non-governmental organization Pacific Environment. "CII

is likely ... not cutting emissions in the first half of the 2020s."

To achieve a continuous reduction in carbon intensity, the IMO plans to lower the CII scores needed to achieve each rating progressively. The 2023 thresholds are set to achieve a 5% cut from the 2019 levels of carbon intensity, followed by a 7% cut in 2024, 9% in 2025, and 11% in 2026.

Prior to 2026, IMO member states have promised to review the CII regulation and confirm the reduction trajectory from 2027 onward.

"It's a very weak policy," Tristan Smith, director of consultancy UMAS, said Sm. "It's all pointing to the need for much more effective regulation and improvements in CII."

Ecommerce Majors Amazon, Flipkart to Join From Page 7

"The conversations with the top four are in various stages, and by and large they seem interested," Jain said as quoted by Financial Express.

Jain also noted that ecommerce penetration in the country is roughly 5-7% and a large number of sellers and buyers remained outside of the ecommerce ecosystem.

To expand ONDC's

reach in smaller towns and onboard local kiranas and merchants, the ONDC is now being tested across 85 cities, managing director and chief executive officer T Koshy said.

The ONDC is taking initiatives including a one-time incentive programme that was rolled out starting Thursday. With this incentive programme, ONDC plans to scale its

current network of more than 700 merchants across India in F&B and groceries to more than 20,000 merchants across various categories.

Earlier this week, logistics unicorn Delhivery went live on the government's ONDC platform. The logistics major plans to enable sellers to leverage its extensive network of

more than 18,000 pin codes in India..

As per ONDC's website, players including IDFC Bank, Kotak, Paytm, PhonePe, Shiprocket, and Dunzo are live on the platform.

The ONDC platform went live for beta testing in September this year and it is being touted as the UPI of the ecommerce industry.

To ensure correct disbursement of payments to right entities, ONDC has

developed a framework to support reconciliation and settlements, which is expected to go live by January 2023.

According to an Inc42 report, India's ecommerce market is estimated to reach a size of \$400 Bn by 2030 from \$100 Bn currently. The total number of online shoppers in the country is projected to rise to 350 Mn by 2025 from 165 Mn currently.

LOGISTICS (ROAD/RAIL/AVIATION)



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

Northern and western India corner most of the future bullet train projects

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Seven cities mostly in Northern and Western India will have the next round of bullet train projects and Detailed Project is being undertaken by the Railway board in this regard railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw informed the Rajya sabha in a written answer. Most of the vande bharat trains are

also being run in this part of the country.

The preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the following seven (7) High Speed Rail (HSR) corridors has been undertaken. They include Delhi Varanasi, Delhi Ahmedabad, Mumbai Nagpur, Delhi Chandigarh Amritsar, Varanasi Howrah. The only alignment for a bullet train for the south



Railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw will be between Bengaluru and Chennai

Further, the Government has given "in-principle" approval for pre-investment activity for two Semi High Speed Rail (SHSR) Projects. They include Thiruvananthapuram to Kasargod Semi High Speed Rail (SilverLine) Project on Standard Gauge; and Pune-Nasik Semi High Speed Rail Project on Broad Gauge Line.

Both the Semi High Speed Rail (SHSR) projects are to be executed by Joint Venture company naming Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited (KRDC) and Maharashtra Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (MRIDC) of the State Governments of Kerala and Maharashtra respectively

The first bullet train project is being implemented from Ahmedabad to Mumbai.

Hydrogen-Powered Trains to go on track by 2023 end: Ashwini Vaishnaw

New Delhi
Sagar Sandesh News Service

The Indian Railways has developed the design of the Hydrogen-powered passenger train. And, if everything goes as per plan, the Indian Railways will conduct its 'trial run' by the end of 2023.



Union Railway Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw

the world's first commercial Hydrogen-powered passenger train. He said that a lot of work required to develop the Hydrogen-powered train has been done. This will be in addition to India's indigenously developed high-speed Vande Bharat and the upcoming bullet train services in the country.

In reply to a specific query, the Railway Minister said that there would not be any requirement to have additional separate tracks to run the Hyperogen-powered trains. "The Indian Railways has enough tracks and technical capability to run such train with our own technology," he said.

He said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi wants to have world-class train services and a lot of work is being done in the country. He also said that India will soon become the fourth country after Germany and the other two to have the technology to run the Hydrogen-powered train.

"Our focus is not only making new trains. But also working hard track management, technology advancements in rail transportation and bringing new innovation in services to emerge as world's one of the most developed and technology-driven train services," he claimed, adding that PM Modi has envisioned the new concept for Indian Railway.

Confirming this to this newspaper, Union Railway Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday 17 Dec said: "The Indian Railways has developed the design of Hydrogen-Powered Passenger Train, which will be first of its kind in India with indigenous technology".

In 2018, Germany introduced

The Railway Minister said that the Hydrogen-powered passenger train will be a small train having 6 to 8 coaches, but its technology will be extremely brilliant and indigenously as Indian engineers have designed it meticulously.

VESSEL SCHEDULES

For the benefits of our Readers the Schedules will be available in the form of a comprehensive map with a hyperlink to the web portals of Respective Ports and their Terminals.

To know the details for any Port or Terminal. You are just required to log on to www.portport.in and click the tool vessel position / Ports and terminal.

Please Click on the Respective Ports & Terminals in our website www.portport.in to view the Vessel Schedules

WEST COAST

- AMCT - Adani Mundra Container Terminal
- SICTPL - Adani International Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd.
- MICT - Mundra International Container Terminal
- ACMTPPL - Adani CMA Mundra Terminal Pvt. Ltd.
- KICT - Kandla International Container Terminal
- NSICT - Nhavsheva International Container Terminal
- NSIGT - Nhavsheva International Gateway Terminal
- JNPCT - Jawaharal Nehru Port Container Terminal
- GTI - Gateway Terminals India
- SMCT - Bharat Mumbai Container Terminals
- ICTT - International Container Transshipment Terminal

EAST COAST

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



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EXIM TREND

More countries open rupee trading accounts

NEWDELHI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

After Russia, banks from Sri Lanka and Mauritius have also opened special rupee trading accounts in local branches in India to avoid trading through US dollars and Euros.

So far 18 foreign banks have opened special rupee Vostro accounts with

11 local bank branches in India, according to sources.

State Bank of India has also opened rupee trading accounts of Sri Lankan and Mauritius banks. Among other Indian banks, Indus Ind Bank has opened 6 Vostro accounts of Russian banks. Uco Bank, HDFC Bank, Canara Bank and Union Bank of India



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have one Vostro account for

each of the Russian banks. Indian Bank has opened three Vostro accounts of Sri Lankan banks, while two local branches of Russian banks – Sberbank and VTB – have also opened rupee trading accounts.

A Vostro account is a corresponding account a local bank maintains for a foreign bank. Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO) and Indian Banking Association (IBA) will

organize a sensitization meeting for bankers as well as exporters so that there is greater awareness about special Vostro accounts and how they operate.

SBI has opened rupee trading accounts of Sri Lankan and Mauritius banks. The bank in the past expressed its reluctance to open rupee trading accounts for Russian entities citing the risk of sanctions from the US and other European countries

Free Trade Agreement with Australia to come into force from Dec 29th

NEWDELHI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement will come into force on December 29th, Minister of state for Commerce Ms Anupriya Patel said in a written answer to the Rajya Sabha.

India has already entered into a Free trade agreement with United



Minister of state for Commerce Ms Anupriya Patel

Arab Emirates and likely to sign agreements with United Kingdom and Canada early 2023. With United States averse to free trade agreement with any country, the deal with European Union will take some more time to materialize

With the agreement with Australia coming into force by the end of this month, Indian

exports will benefit from preferential zero duty market access in Australia for 100 per cent of its tariff lines, which will benefit India's labor-intensive sectors such as gems and jewellery, textiles, leather, footwear, furniture, food, and agricultural products, engineering products, medical devices, and automobiles.

On the other hand, India has provided preferential access to Australia on over 70 per cent of its tariff lines, which are primarily raw materials and intermediaries such as coal, mineral ores etc., which are required for our domestic manufacturing industry.

Moreover, Australia has also provided additional market access and mobility facility for Indian professionals including chefs and yoga teachers.

Lack of clarity on broken rice holds up export consignment

CHENNAI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Hundreds of containers carrying par boiled rice is held up in various ports in southern India following the Central government's decision to ban export of broken rice three months ago. **There is absolute chaos due to lack of clarity in the notification regarding what constitute the broken rice whose exports have to be stopped according to industry sources.**

The government had also imposed export duty at 20 per cent on certain varieties of rice, barring basmati rice as well as parboiled rice. Rice traditionally exported as 'idli rice' from TN and other southern states is nothing but parboiled rice.



Broken rice

The chaos stemmed from different interpretations of what is broken rice and what is parboiled rice by field officers in the absence of appropriate guidelines.

While the export of 'broken rice' was banned, how a consignment of rice is to be treated as shipment of 'broken rice' was not clarified. Second, transitional measures were not put in place in respect of consignments already brought inside the ports or where documents for export were filed with customs or

where the buyers abroad have opened irrevocable letters of credit in favor of the Indian exporters.

After two weeks of these changes, the government came out with a fact-sheet in an attempt to clarify its export policy. It clarified that export of 'broken rice' is being banned to meet the domestic requirement of 'broken rice' 'under ethanol blending program and to ensure availability of 'broken rice' for domestic poultry sector, as it is used as poultry feed.

It said the imposition of 20% export duty was to keep any possible price rise in domestic market due to the likely shortfall in production of paddy for the kharif season 2022. It also clarified simultaneously that there is no change in the export policy for basmati rice as well as par boiled rice.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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Sri Lanka to Sell Plots in Colombo Port City for Bunkering

Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation, Nimal Siripala de Silva said that they have also called for expression of interest to start an aviation fuel storage facility.



SCI Acquires New and Used Ships

As on date, the number and details of the fleet of Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) are as given in the table below:



India in Collaboration with Saudi Aramco & ADNOC, To Build Several Refineries

Aramco and ADNOC joined a consortium of Indian state-run firms in 2018 to set up a 1.2 mn barrels-per-day coastal refinery and petrochemical plant in western Maharashtra, seeking a reliable outlet for their oil.



LIC increases stake in IRCTC to 7.278%

Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India has increased its stake in Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) from 5.005 per cent to 7.278 per cent.



India's first ever surety bond launched

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari launched one of India's first-ever Surety Bond Insurance product from Bajaj Allianz.

