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## MARITIME PHOTOS 2022 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW



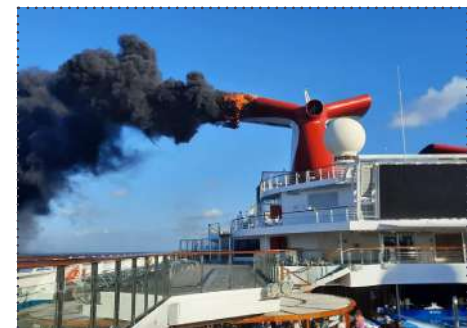
Photo showing the Julietta D abandoned and adrift off the Dutch Coast. The bulk carrier was rescued after a dramatic 24-hour rescue and nearly running aground during Storm Corrie in late January



The Emirati ship Al Salmy 6 is seen sinking 30 miles from Assaluyeh in the Persian Gulf, Iran, March 17, 2022. Iran Ports organization WANA (West Asia News Agency) Handout via REUTERS



A 45-foot Response Boat-Medium underway alongside the grounded container ship Ever Forward in the Chesapeake Bay. The 1,095-foot ship grounded back in March outside the main shipping - stuck over month



A fire burns in the funnel of the Carnival Freedom while docked at Grand Turk Island in Turks and Caicos May 23-The incident entertaining viral videos as the fire burned, guest continue to party

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Felicity Ace badly burned and listing. Felicity Ace sank on March 1, 2022-220 nautical miles off the Azores 2 weeks after suffering fire and developing starboard list while carrying 4000 vehicles.



Smoke billows from a fire on what Ukrainian Ministry of Defence says is a Russian ship, as Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues, at the port of Berdiansk, Ukraine, March 24, 2022

*Wishing you all success & joy in 2023!*

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On March 8th IMO in collaboration with WISTA International and Maritime SheEO announced launch of the Maritime SheEO Leadership Accelerator Programme 2022

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MPA Singapore and IMO jointly launched NextGEN Connect- a database which aims to bring stakeholders and academia and global research centers together to offer solutions on maritime decarbonization



MV Ever Alot. The ship, with a carrying capacity of 24,004 TEU, was delivered by China's Hudong-Zhonghua Shipbuilding in June, becoming first ship in the world to crack the 24,000 TEU mark.



A view of the half-sunk cargo ship OS 35 in Catalan Bay after its collision on Wednesday with an LNG tanker near Gibraltar, September 1, 2022. The bulk carrier partially sank and later broke off.



MSC Tessa under construction at Hudong-Zhonghua Shipbuilding. With a carrying capacity of 24,116 TEU, MSC Tessa will surpass Evergreen's Ever Alot by 112 TEU to take the title of world's largest Con.



Tugboats spray water on the Spirit of Norfolk passenger vessel after a fire broke out near Naval Station Norfolk in Norfolk, Virginia, June 7, 2022. The sightseeing vessel was on a cruise on the Elizabeth River near Naval Station Norfolk when it caught fire with 108 people on board, many of whom were school children on a field trip.



The Ocean Cleanup's System 002 deployed in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. The largest and most ambitious ocean cleanup project in history in July by removing its first 100,000 kg of plastic.



The Panamanian - flagged containership TSS Pearl burns before sinking in the Red Sea in October. All 25 crew members abandoned ship and were picked up by other ships in the area.



The roll-onroll-off ship Ville de Bordeaux trials Airseas' new "Seawing" automated kite system during a transatlantic voyage between Europe and the United States in December 2022.



WISTA International and the Maritime SheEO announced the start of the formal partnership in November initiating the second Maritime SheEO Leadership Accelerator Programme

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## MARINE NEWS



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## NCLT Clears Rs 2,000 Crore Bid for Reliance Naval



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After the company was admitted to insolvency, Reliance Infra — another group company — had submitted its resolution plan. The group took over Pipavav Defence & Offshore Engineering in 2015 and later renamed it as Reliance Naval & Engineering (RNEL). The company was created to undertake defence projects.

**In 2020, the Navy cancelled its contract with Reliance Naval owing to the delay in delivery of the vessels.**

## Longest river cruise from Varanasi to be inaugurated by PM Modi on Jan 13

NEW DELHI  
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**P**rime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the world's longest river cruise, which will travel from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh to Dibrugarh in Assam via Bangladesh on January 13th luxury boat will travel 4,000 kilometers along 27 river systems in India including the Ganga-Bhagirathi - Hooghly,



River cruise

Brahmaputra, and West Coast Canal in 50 days.

50 significant tourist

destinations will be covered throughout the journey, including some

historical monuments, the iconic Varanasi Ganga Aarti, and protected areas like Kaziranga National Park and the Sundarbans Delta during the cruise.

In Bangladesh, the trip will cover over 1,100 kilometers. The cruise run by a private player would be a regular fixture, according to a senior official of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), the organisation in charge

of National Waterways (NWs).

**According to officials, the planning of the cruise service was significantly influenced by the growth of the India-Bangladesh Protocol route.**

Sarbananda Sonowal, Minister of Shipping and Waterways, said the government's top priority is the growth of coastal and river shipping, particularly cruise services.

## TERMINAL NEWS

### Global Ports to consolidate Russian terminals

New Delhi  
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**G**lobal Investments Ports PLC has announced that it had entered into binding agreements with CMA Terminals on cash free shares swap.

In exchange for 25% of Multi Link Terminals Ltd Oy, Finland, Global Port will receive 25% of CD Holding Oy, Finland, and 25% of Multi Link Terminals Ltd, Ireland, which own Yanino Logistics Park (LP)



and Moby Dik (MD) respectively.

According to Global Ports, this will allow the Russian port and terminal operator to concentrate its full control over Russian terminals

and to ensure its flexibility in creating value in the rapidly changing Russian stevedoring market.

The company's share in Finnish Ports will decrease from 75% to 50%.



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## MARINE NEWS



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## Majority of the islands in Lakshadweep out of bounds for tourists

KAVARATI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Amidst reports of rampant drug smuggling in the Arabian Sea, Lakshadweep administration has declared 17 out of 37 islands out of bounds for visitors citing public safety concerns, it was officially announced on December 29th.

The Sub-Divisional Magistrate of the island administration must provide authorization for entry into the 17 Union Territory uninhabitable isles. In this regard, a proclamation under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) was made by the



Lakshadweep islands

District Magistrate (DM) of Lakshadweep. To stop terrorist or smuggling activities on the uninhabited islands where labourers who gather coconuts live in temporary constructions, the proclamation was decided upon.

According to the administration, this decision was made because there might be individuals involved in unlawful, anti-social, and anti-national actions. "As there are temporary structures on some

uninhabited islands for the purpose of housing laborers to harvest coconuts, it cannot be ruled out that along with these laborers there are persons who engage in illegal, anti-social and anti-national activities such as smuggling, seeking shelter or hideout for hiding weapons or narcotics," the order read.

The decree stated that preventative measures were required in light of the risk of terrorist groups or organizations assaulting and vandalizing significant and vital institutions of the nation and populated locations.

"I find it appropriate to prohibit entry without

prior written permission in the 17 uninhabited islands of Lakshadweep," the DM wrote in the order. **These steps were taken to prevent fear and terror among the people through terrorism, violence, and the possibility of anti-national, smuggling, illegal, and anti-social activities as well as attacks on important military and paramilitary, industrial, and religious places of the country, endangering public safety,** said the order.

The order said the violators will face penalties under section 188 of the IPC (disobedience to order properly proclaimed by public servant), which calls for a jail sentence of one to six months or a fine.

## India seen among top 10 in global maritime trade: Sonowal

New Delhi  
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With giant strides taken by the government for modernisation and capacity building in the maritime sector, India can be among the top ten countries in the global ranking of maritime merchandise trade, said Mr Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister for Ports,



Shipping Minister Sonowal

Shipping and Waterways, while speaking at the 121st annual general meeting of the Merchants' Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Kolkata.

Projects such as Sagarmala and PM Gati Shakti are delivering results and will bring sea change after all the programmes are rolled out in the next few years.

The Centre is carrying out development in a sustainable way to meet the 2070 Net Zero emission target. In 2014, cargo handling capacity in ports was 800 million tonnes; in 2022, it is 1,600 million tonnes. In inland waterways, capacity has grown to 109 million tonnes from a mere 16 million tonnes in 2014, the Minister highlighted, as per a report.

## India supports proposal on digitisation in the next Strategic Plan of IMO

New Delhi  
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India favours the adoption of a maritime single window system proposed by the UAE in digitising all ship certifications and

commercial documents required under the Conventions of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), said Dr Sanjeev Ranjan, Secretary for Ports, Shipping and Waterways. The IMO is currently preparing its Strategic Plan for the six years 2024 to 2029, which will be adopted at the 175-nation global organisation's 33rd Assembly to be held in December next year

Exchanges between the UAE and India, including support for the UAE's digitisation and single window initiatives, are in the context of preparing the new Strategic Plan, as per a report.



Dr Sanjeev Ranjan, Secretary for Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

## Coastguards seize sea cucumber off Pamban coast



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RAMESHWARAM  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Coastguards seized 300 kilograms of Sea Cucumber worth Rs 1.35

crore in Attangarai sea shore near Pamban two days ago.

The smugglers fled the scene on sighting the Coast Guard team. The action was based on intelligence input by the coastguard station in Mandapam

Sea Cucumbers play an important role in maintaining balance and biodiversity in marine ecosystem and are listed as endangered species under schedule 1 of wildlife protection Act of 1972.



A sailing ship is no democracy; you don't caucus a crew as to where you'll go anymore than you inquire when they'd like to shorten sail. - Sterling Hayden

# Russian ship with Nuclear Power Plant cargo banned from Bangladesh

New Delhi  
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Russian cargo ship **URSA MAJOR** arrived at Mongla Outer Anchorage,

Bangladesh, Bay of Bengal, on Dec 24, with cargo destined for **Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant**.

The ship, however, was rejected entry by direct **Bangladeshi Government**

order, because **URSA MAJOR** is under **USA** sanctions, as **ex-SPARTA III** ship, probably sanctioned because of participation in military activities in Syria.

Russian Ambassador demanded ship's entry on Dec 22, but MFA rejected his request. Bangladeshi Government decided, that ship's acceptance might be too much trouble.

**URSA MAJOR** remains at anchor as of Dec 29, with status "Waiting for order".



Russian ship URSA MAJOR denied entry by Bangladesh govt.

# Mobile phone exports worth ₹ 1 lakh crore: PM Modi's vision for 2023

New Delhi  
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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision for 2023 is to have mobile phone exports with the segment featuring in the top 10 export category from India, Minister of State for Electronics and IT Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar said.

While speaking with PTI, the minister said that the government will take all the measures that are required for boosting the electronics manufacturing ecosystem in the country and in 2023 will look at widening the manufacturing base beyond mobile phone manufacturing.

Mobile phone exports from India was around ₹45,000 crore which was dominated by Apple and Samsung.

The minister said that the government is working to broaden the electronic manufacturing ecosystem beyond mobile phones to increase global share in wearables and segment, IT hardware, electronic components etc.

While the minister did not elaborate on the specific measures, official sources have shared that the government has plans to come up with a production linked incentive

scheme for wearables, wearables as well as an upgraded PLI scheme for IT hardware and electronics components to boost their local production.

"We are going to complement our mobile phone successes by



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broadening and deepening the ecosystem. The deepening strategy has been there in semiconductor space. It is very clear we want to do more in our component industry. In the broadening, while we are growing in mobile phone space, we want to do well in IT server and hardware space, wearable and hearable space. These are all areas that are fast growing globally," the minister said.

Indian brands like Imagine

## EXIM NEWS

Marketing (BoAt) and Fire-Bolt now figure in global top selling

brands in the wearable and hearable category.

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## LOGISTICS (ROAD/RAIL/AVIATION)

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

# Center allocates Rs 5000 crores to states under Gati shakti program

NEW DELHI  
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**Finance Ministry has approved about Rs 5,000 Crore to States under Gati Shakti Projects.**

The disbursements are part of 'Scheme for Special Assistance to the States for Capital Investment for 2022-23' which was unveiled in April by the Ministry of Finance.

**The scheme seeks to provide assistance to the states with a total allocation of Rs. 1 lakh crores in the form of 50-year interest free loan for capital investments.**

The Department of



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Expenditure under the Ministry of Finance has approved disbursement of over Rs. 4,000 crores to states for undertaking various infrastructure projects, which conform to the principles and

objectives of PM Gati Shakti Mission.

The total allocation earmarked for state projects under the scheme which conform to Gati Shakti framework is Rs. 5,000 crores.

All 28 states have submitted about 190 projects amounting to about Rs. 5,000 crores. "Post April, after the notification, we have considered more than 190 projects from 28 states of value more than Rs. 5,000 crores total and these projects have been recommended to the Department of Expenditure for approval and disbursement of funds to the respective states as per their share.

A special screening committee was constituted within the DPIIT, which evaluated whether the 190 odd projects submitted by the states were in conformity with the

principles and objectives of Gati Shakti and they were recommended to the Ministry of Finance. The Department of Expenditure have given approval to most of them.

They have considered all 191 proposals and some of them have been cleared and to the extent of more than Rs. 4,000 crores have already been approved by the Department of Expenditure for disbursement among the states

**Among the states, allocation to Andhra Pradesh is at Rs. 202 crores, Bihar at Rs. 500 crores, Chattisgarh at Rs. 170 crores, Gujarat at Rs. 174 crores, Haryana at Rs. 55 crores, Jharkhand at Rs. 165 crores.**

# Govt to Prepare National Coal Logistic Plan for Eco-Friendly Coal Evacuation

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

The Ministry of Coal is working on the development of National Coal Logistic Plan to ensure efficient and environment-friendly coal evacuation in future.

It will include First Mile Connectivity through railway sidings near coal mines and strengthening of rail network in coalfields, said the Ministry on Monday 2 Jan.

**The Ministry of Coal will be taking up additional 19 First Mile Connectivity**

**(FMC) projects for Coal India Ltd (CIL) and SCCL with a capacity of 330 Million Ton (MT) and these projects will be implemented by FY26-27.**

It has already undertaken 55 FMC projects (44 - CIL, 5 - SCCL & 3 - NLCIL) of 526 MTPA capacity with an investment of Rs 18000 crore.

Out of which eight projects (6-CIL & 2-SCCL) of 95.5 MTPA capacity have been commissioned and the remaining will be commissioned by FY2025.

**The Ministry has set a**



**Eco-friendly coal evacuation**

**target to produce 1.31 billion Ton coal by FY25 and 1.5BT in FY30.** In this context, development of coal transportation that is cost efficient, fast and environmental friendly manner is important.

loading system under FMC projects.

**Coal Handling Plants (CHPs) and SILOs with Rapid Loading Systems will have benefits like crushing, sizing of coal and speedy computer aided loading.**

Study was undertaken through National Environmental Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur in 2020-21 which has established yearly carbon emissions saving, reduction in truck movement density and diesel savings of Rs 2100 crore per year.

# Airport worker dies sucked into the engine

NEW DELHI  
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An airport worker died at the Montgomery regional airport in Alabama after being sucked into a plane's engine in a horrific incident, New York Post reported.

**The worker was sucked into the Embraer 170's**

**engine on December 31** in the freak accident where the plane had its parking brake set, the report said.

While the aircraft was parked following a flight from Dallas, one of its engines was still running. The worker was ingested into the engine at the time.

"We are saddened to

hear about the tragic loss of a team member of the Airlines," the airport's executive director, Wade Davis, said in a statement.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time," he added.

We are focused on ensuring that all involved



**A ground worker was killed after getting sucked into the engine of an American Airlines jetliner at Montgomery Regional Airport in Alabama, officials said.**

have the support they need during this difficult

time," American Airlines told New York Post in a statement.

Meanwhile, the airport reopened after an immediate shutdown following the accident that shocked everyone. **Currently, the incident is under investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board.**

**CONTAINER TERMINAL NEWS**



“Worrying will never change the outcome”

**With Colombo Port faltering, transshipment traffic improves in VOC port Tuticorin**

TUTICORIN  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

With the V. O. C. Port Authority initiating timely action to develop the infrastructure required to handle the latest and future container vessels of capacity ranging from 22,000-24,000 TEUs, the port is set to become a most preferred gateway for container cargo.

The severe economic crisis gripping Sri Lanka for the past one year has also blunted the competitive edge of Colombo port in attracting



VOC port

transshipment cargo. The port used to be the leader in attracting transshipment cargo. Container throughput has been boosted by attracting transshipment traffic. This will help enhance the volume of trade and cut the additional logistics cost incurred by Indian EXIM cargo at

transshipment hub ports located in other countries in the Asian region, said a release.

V. O. Chidambaranar Port, Tuticorin, located on the South of the Indian peninsula and close to the international sea route (about 90 nautical miles), serves the EXIM trade more efficiently at competitive cost with the use of ultra-modern technology in filing EGM and in availing Duty Drawback to get the full benefit of Ease of Doing Business, the release highlighted.

The port has the natural advantage of working 24 by 7 given its safe location protected by the land mass on the west and the Sri Lankan Island on the

East. Unlike other ports, one-time capital dredging at V. O. C. Port would sustain its depth forever without the need for maintenance dredging in the future.

With all its advantages of much sought-after port connectivity, well-established port ecosystem, availability of efficient workforce and peaceful working atmosphere, it is at the forefront in offering cost-effective & value-added services to exporters and importers.

The deep-sea container berth planned at the port is expected to attract international shipping lines and make it the most preferred International Transshipment Port in the region, the release added.

**Chinese shipping line enters the Chabahar port**

TEHRAN  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The first container ship departing from China docked at Iran’s key port of Chabahar on December 31st, marking the establishment of the first direct shipping line between China and Iran’s southeastern seaport. The announcement on Chinese shipping line making the port as its base was made by Amir Moghadam, the managing director of the Chabahar Free Zone Organization, Tasnim news agency of Iran reported.

India has taken two terminals in Chabahar port on a long term lease and had called it a strategic deal. With the Chinese



Shahid Kalantari terminal

shipping line entering the port the strategic character will get diminished according to industry sources. Chinese ships previously unloaded in Bandar Abbas, the capital city of the southern province of Hormozgan, with their cargos then being transferred to Chabahar in Sistan-Baluchestan Province via smaller ships. With the establishment of the direct shipping line between China and Chabahar, cargos are delivered in Iran ten days earlier, while the cost of

loading and unloading is reduced by 400 per container, the official explained.

In addition, the establishment of the mentioned shipping line plays a great role in the development of transit via Chabahar Port, he added. As Iran’s only oceanic port on the Gulf of Oman, Chabahar port holds great significance for the country both politically and economically. Iran has taken serious measures for developing this port in order to improve the country’s maritime trade. In this regard, the Islamic Republic has been welcoming investors from all over the world to take part in the development of this port and benefit from its distinguished position as a trade hub in the region.

Chabahar port consists of Shahid Kalantari and Shahid Beheshti terminals, each of which has five berth facilities. The port is located in Iran’s Sistan-Baluchestan Province and is about 120 kilometers southwest of Pakistan’s Baluchistan province, where the China-funded Gwadar port is situated. In May 2016, India, Iran, and Afghanistan signed a trilateral agreement for the strategically-located Chabahar to give New Delhi access to Kabul and Central Asia. Based on an agreement with Iran, India is all set to install and operate modern loading and unloading equipment including mobile harbor cranes in Shahid Beheshti Port in Chabahar.

**SEAFARER NEWS**

COLOMBO  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

There are 15,000 seafarers in Sri Lanka who bring 500 million US dollars to the Island Nation and that this can be increased if the number of effectively trained seafarers

**Sea farers could make a nation says Sri Lankan company**

can be increased, Executive Chairman Ceyline Group Ajith Peiris who was speaking during an event held to recognize and reward its employees was quoted by the Sri Lankan media.

“We are negotiating with the government to

increase the number of Sri Lankan seafarers to 50,000. At the moment, one per cent of the global seafarers are Sri Lankans,” he said. It was revealed that the 36 international ships are completely handled by Sri Lankan seafarers at the moment.

Seafarers could contribute towards the revival of Sri Lanka’s economy if their quantity and quality is improved, chief of a private company which manages ships said.

Ceyline Group is engaged in managing ships and training seafarers. The

company has produced around 1,000 seafarers to date.



Seafarers

## PORTS (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)

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

# Paradip Port handles high ever Cargo Volumes in Dec 2022

NEW DELHI  
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The New Year 2023 began at Paradip Port with a bang as Team Paradip Port Authority signed off 2022 by clocking highest ever monthly cargo throughput in the history of all Major Ports in the country, with all time record cargo handling of

12.6 Million Metric Tons in December, 2022.

Mr P.L. Haranadh, Chairman, PPA congratulated the Team PPA for this magnificent performance. **The New Year 2023 is going to augur well for the Port, as it is all set to cross the coveted 100 Million Metric Ton cargo handling mark, in the month of January itself.**



Paradip Port

The Port is poised to set all time record cargo handling of more than 125 Million Metric Tons in current fiscal. Till December, 2022 PPA has handled 96.81 Million Metric Tons cargo against 83.6 Million tons in the corresponding period of previous fiscal. Various system

improvement measures introduced by the port during this year, fuelled growth to the tune of 15.5 per cent over last year. Coastal Thermal Coal handling has shown a remarkable 58.11 per cent growth in comparison to previous fiscal and it also constitutes about 31.56 per cent of total cargo volume handled at the Port.

**Paradip port is emerging as a coastal shipping hub of the country** and has plans even to coastal ship thermal coal to power houses, located in Rajasthan, UP and Haryana.

## LOGISTIC NEWS

New Delhi  
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Efforts are ongoing to convert Saidpur Airport in Nilphamari into an international airport, since making it a vital transit point will improve connection between Nepal, Bhutan, and India's Seven Sister states.

The northernmost airport in Bangladesh is located on 136.56 acres of land, approximately 260 kilometers from Dhaka

## Bangladesh Boosts Air Connectivity with Nepal, Bhutan

by air, with flights taking around 48 minutes to reach the city.

**Saidpur airport, which began operations as a domestic airport in 1979, has since grown to become one of the country's busiest landing strips, with around 30 planes per day flying the Dhaka-Saidpur-Dhaka route.**

The 6000-foot-long runway is used



Saidpur airport to boost connectivity with Nepal and Bhutan.

by national flag airline Bangladesh Biman as well as commercial carriers US-Bangla Airlines and Novoair, according to Suplob Kumar Ghosh,

manager of Saidpur airport. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina announced intentions to prepare Saidpur airport for international flights in 2018, and construction work is presently underway.

**When completed, it would be the country's sixth international airport,** he said.

Official estimates place the journey time from Saidpur airport to Nepal, Bhutan, or the Seven Sister States of India at 30 to 50 minutes.

## EDFC: Successful trial run of freight train between New Karchana and New Sujatpur

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

The trial run of a freight train consisting of 53 wagons loaded with coal was conducted successfully on Wednesday between **Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor's New Karchana and New Sujatpur stations.**

The freight trains will now be run bypassing

Prayagraj city. This section of EDFC has a route length of 62.65 km and includes an important bridge of about 1 km length over the Yamuna river.

With this, all connections of EDFC with Indian Railways between Chunar and Kanpur stations (route length of 322.353 km) including four link lines -Cheoki Link Line, Iradatganj Link

Line, Sujatpur link line and Rooma link line have been completed.

**In this section Road Under Bridges and Road Over Bridges have been provided at all level crossings for safety of public and unhindered movement of goods trains.**

With the commissioning of this DFC detour, all the



Freight train trial run

goods trains which were passing through Prayagraj Junction, Cheoki and Naini stations of Indian Railways will now move through this DFC detour.

This will help the

North Central Railway by relieving the congestion at these stations.

**The punctuality of passenger carrying trains will also improve significantly.**



# All time record handling of shredded scrap in a single day set by chennai port

CHENNAI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

On 31.12.2022 Chennai Port has achieved the all time record of importing 11,486 Tons of Shredded Scrap on a single day by M.V. PAN AMBER at

Jawahar Dock 5 surpassing the previous record handling of 9,300 Tons from M.V. GLORIOUS SUNSHINE on 13.01.2017.

Shri. SUNIL PALIWAL, I.A.S, Chairperson, Chennai Port Authority has appreciated

the synergy exhibited by various importers, the Steamer Agent M/s. Ben Line Agencies India Pvt. Limited, the Stevedore M/s. BMP Steels Private Limited and the Port officials for the above achievement.



Chennai port

## Status of Port connectivity projects

NEW DELHI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Road transport and highways Ministry will award 15 port connectivity projects with total length of 352 km during the fourth quarter of 22-23, and 17 more with length of 474 km during the next financial year 2023-24, an official said.

**Currently, 55 port connectivity projects with a total length of 2,772 km are being undertaken by the ministry.**



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The projects that are to be awarded in the current fiscal include four-laning of Kakinada Anchorage Port-Uppada beach road connecting NH-16 in East Godavari district (41 km) with a total cost of Rs 1,394

crore; construction of six-lane road to Krishnapatnam Port from Naidupeta in Andhra Pradesh ( 35 km) at Rs 1,399 crore; and four to eight-laning of NH-53 connecting Paradip port (77km) at Rs 3,600 crore.

The projects to be awarded during the next financial year include four-laning of the road from Nellore city to Krishnapatnam port to NH 5 (24 km) at a total cost of Rs 700 crore; road connectivity to Dhamra port (four-laning of Jamujhadi Dhamra road) (58 km) at Rs 1,148 crore; and road connectivity from

Cuddalore port to NH-45A connecting the port with Puducherry in the North and Karaikal in south with RC overbridge at a total cost of Rs 125 crore. Both Puducherry and Karaikal have full fledged portsw.

So far, the ministry has completed 11 major port connectivity projects and six to eight-laning of NH-4B- SH-54 and Amra Marg (44 km) to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal, road connectivity of Visakhapatnam port trust to NH-16 -Phase II (4 km); and six-laning of Pune-Satara section of NH 4 (140 km) at JNPT.

### EXIM NEWS

NEW DELHI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

A third of the global economy will be in recession this year, the IMF chief has said, and warned that 2023 will be "tougher" than last year as the US, EU and China will see their economies slow down.

Kristalina Georgieva, the chief of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) made these grim assertions on Sunday 1 Jan during a US TV program

Her assertion comes in

## IMF presents a grim picture of global economy in 2023



Kristalina Georgieva, the chief of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)

the wake of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine showing no signs of abating after more than 10 months, with spiraling inflation, higher interest rates and the surge in coronavirus infections

in China fuelled by the Omicron variant.

"We expect one-third of the world economy to be in recession," Georgieva said on the news program. The year 2023 will be tougher than last year because the economies of the US, the EU and China will slow down, she said. "Even in countries that are not in recession, it would feel like a recession for hundreds of millions of people," she explained.

In October last year, the

### IMF trimmed its growth forecast for 2023.

"Global growth is forecast to slow from 6 per cent in 2021 to 3.2 per cent in 2022 and 2.7 per cent in 2023. This is the weakest growth profile since 2001 except for the global financial crisis and the acute phase of the COVID-19 pandemic," it said.

For the next couple of months, it would be tough for China, and the impact on Chinese growth would be negative, the impact on the region will be negative, the impact on global growth will be negative," she added.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

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## OECL Shipping and Logistics forays into rail transportation

OECL Shipping and Logistics Pvt. Ltd has forayed into rail transportation, with its first full wagon having 40 racks being flagged off from Walajabad station to Greater Noida. It was loaded with full capacity of 40 excavators belonging to a world leader in manufacturing construction and mining equipment.

OECL Shipping and Logistics is a Singapore-based global freight forwarding and logistics solutions provider having its own representation in the region and with a network of experienced and trusted agents worldwide.....



## TRADE BODY NEWS



"Worrying will never change the outcome"

### GCCI unanimously re-elects office bearers for 2023

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

A Managing Committee meeting was held last week to elect the new office bearers of The Gandhidham Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) for 2023. All the office bearers of 2022 were re-elected unanimously as under:

1. Mr TejaKangad - President
  2. Mr AdilSethna - Vice President
  3. Mr Mahesh Tirthani - Hon. Secretary
  4. Mr Jatin Agrawal - Hon Jt. Secretary
  5. Mr Harish Maheshwari - Treasurer
- President Mr Teja Kangad thanked the Managing Committee members and all the general members for their support and cooperation in 2022, and expressed hope for continued support in the coming year, said a release



GCCI building

## MINISTRYNEWS

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

India's coal production increased impressively by 16.39% to 607.97 MT during Apr-Dec'22 as compared to 522.34 MT produced during the same period of FY 22. CIL reported coal production of 479.05 MT up to December of FY 23 as compared to 413.63 MT during the same period of FY 22, representing an increase of 15.82%.

Ministry of Coal has paved the way for releasing additional coal in the market by greater

### Coal Production Touches 607.97 Million Ton during April-December 2022



With an objective to enhance coal production capacity, Ministry of coal has put 141 new coal blocks for commercial auction

utilization of mining capacities of captive coal blocks which has led to increase in production of coal by Captive and Other companies by 31.38% to 81.70 MT during Apr-Dec'22 as compared to 62.19 MT produced during the corresponding period of FY 22. The Ministry has also amended the Mineral

Concession (Amendment) Rules, 1960 under MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2021 to allow lessee of captive mines to sell coal /lignite up to 50% of the total excess production after meeting the requirement of the end-use plants.

The Ministry is taking steps to augment infrastructure for all major mines under PM Gati Shakti to ensure faster evacuation. As a result, the total coal despatch have been to the tune of 637.51 MT during Apr-Dec'22 as compared to 594.22 MT

during same period of FY 22 representing a growth of 7.28 % which shows steady and efficient amount of coal despatch to various sectors across the nation.

With an objective to enhance coal production capacity, Ministry of coal has put 141 new coal blocks for commercial auction and has been engaging regularly with various coal companies in the country and monitoring their production. The all-round efforts made to increase the domestic production and despatch have shown extremely good results.

## LOGISTIC NEWS

NEW DELHI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU



Minister Goyal

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, reviewed progress of Gati Shakti at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi with senior officials

### Gati Shakti Projects reviewed

from 8 infrastructure Ministries.

Since its launch in October 2021, infrastructure projects approved by the Cabinet have either been completed or are already under implementation.

The Network Planning Group (NPG), under the Gati Shakti institutional structure, has held 41 meetings in the last one year. 61 project proposals pertaining to road, railways, natural gas, ports and urban infrastructure have been evaluated in terms of optimizing PM GatiShakti principles and recommended by NPG for implementation in the coming years.

Industry sources said the ministry is scarce on transparency on where these projects are being executed since they are implemented in select and chosen

areas of the country. This is bound to create chronic imbalance in infrastructure between various regions of the country according to them

He appreciated the progress made by Central Ministries and States, and emphasized that Gati Shakti needs to play a proactive role for planning and in sound decision making.

Ministries were requested to identify attributes for data layers which will further enhance the NMP Platform. Ministries have developed necessary mechanisms for validation and standardisation of data on their respective portals. This is helping in optimum planning and sound decision making across all layers of governance.

It was informed that 12 Social Sector Ministries namely MoHUA,

D/o of School Education & Literacy, D/o Higher Education, M/o Women & Child Development, M/o Tribal Affairs, M/o Panchayati Raj, M/o Health and Family Welfare, D/o Sports, D/o of Youth Affair and Sports, M/o Rural Development, M/o Culture and D/o of Posts are in advanced stages of data integration in the NMP Platform

With India now holding the G20 presidency 2023, creating a resilient and efficient logistics ecosystem and promoting seamless multimodal international transportation and transit is being put on international priority. As part of the Trade and Investment Working Group (TIWG), "Logistics for Trade" has been identified as one of the priority issues.

The Ministries that participated in the review were- M/o Railways, MoRTH, MoPSW, MoCA, Power, DoT, MoPNG, MNRE, Textile and Steel.



# Trap installed at Ahmedabad airport to check bird movement

AHMEDABAD  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport in Gujarat's Ahmedabad has installed a solar-powered Farrow's Light Trap (FLT) to check bird movement.

Insects like crickets, pentatomidae bugs, moths, syrphid flies, and earwigs get caught in the recently

introduced FLT, reducing the movement of birds, according to a release from the Adani group which manages the airport. "This system mainly restricts and reduces activity for birds like Rosy Starlings, Mynas, Swallows, and Swifts. These are primarily large flocking birds seen at SVPIA," the statement said.



The FLT is also FLT to check bird movement at the airport

designed to catch grasshoppers along with other insects "because of its colour and light. These insects and grasshoppers are the main diets for many birds frequently seen around the airport", the release said.

**The FLT can trap 100 kg of insects overnight.**

The airport also has deployed more manpower over the last two years, and has been equipped with "laser guns, zone guns, and bio-acoustic devices.

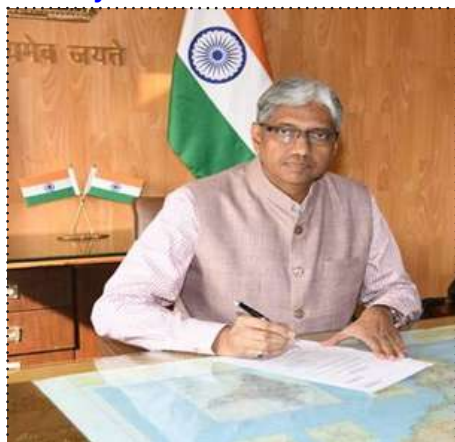
# Railway Board has a New Chairman

NEW DELHI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The bureaucratic behemoth Railway board will have new Chairman. Mr Anil Kumar Lahoti has taken over the charge of new Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Railway Board (Ministry of Railways).

The appointments committee of the Union Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr Anil Kumar Lahoti as Chairman & CEO of Railway Board.

**Prior to this, Mr Lahoti has worked as Member (Infrastructure), Railway Board.**



New Chairman. Mr Anil Kumar Lahoti

He belongs to Indian Railway Service of Engineers, 1984 batch and has been empanelled in the first panel of Indian Railways Management Service for Level-17. He has graduated in Civil Engineering with Gold Medal from Madhav Institute of Technology and Science, Gwalior and did his Master of Engineering (Structures) from University of Roorkee (IIT, Roorkee).

During his more than 36 years of

career in railways, he has worked in various capacities over Central, Northern, North Central, Western and West Central Railways and in Railway Board

Mr Lahoti has earlier worked as General Manager, Central Railway and also looked after the charge of GM, Western Railway for several months. His stint as General Manager is credited with achieving highest ever freight and parcel traffic in terms of tonnage carried and revenue earned including running of the highest number of Kisan Rails.

He also brought about record improvement in revenue by non-fare opportunities, sale of scrap and extensive ticket checking drives. He successfully steered and resolved the vexed issue of expansion of air conditioned sub-urban services in Mumbai. During his tenure, Central Railway recorded a quantum jump in execution and commissioning of infrastructure projects and commissioned the long awaited 5th & 6th line between Diva and Thane in Mumbai.

He had worked as Divisional Railway Manager, Lucknow, Northern Railway, where he took several initiatives to improve freight movement on the Lucknow-Varanasi-DDU route as an alternative to the congested Ghaziabad - Prayagraj - DDU route.

**The Anand Vihar Terminal in Delhi and the iconic Ajmeri**

Gate side station building of New Delhi station were planned and constructed by him. He was also closely associated with planning

for redevelopment of New Delhi station as a World Class station including commercial development of land and air space.

## VESSEL SCHEDULES



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

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



## EXIM TREND

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

# Jaishankar In Cyprus Pitches For India Becoming Manufacturing Hub

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday 30 Dec told investors in Cyprus that India is on the path of becoming a manufacturing hub for the global community and intended to become a USD 5 trillion economy by 2025.

Addressing a business event organised by the High Commission of India in Cyprus, Jaishankar said **New Delhi and Nicosia had a lot of potential to increase the bilateral trade between the two countries.**



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar

Jaishankar who is on a three-day visit to Cyprus, while addressing the business event said India and Cyprus last year had bilateral trade of about USD 214 million and were confident to reach the last

year's figure much earlier this year.

He said India and Cyprus had an active institutional mechanism in economic cooperation.

The minister stressed that **Cyprus is the 10th**

**largest investor in India with an accumulative investment of USD 12 billion during the last 20 years.**

India exported pharmaceutical products such as hydroxychloroquine and paracetamol, iron, steel, ceramic products, and electrical machinery to Cyprus during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As we look at the basket of trade, clearly there is the potential to explore more as India gets prominent in the global economy. India's trade policies and reform are competitive in the global community. The

country has emerged as one of the strong destinations for FDI," Jaishankar said.

The minister, who is here to celebrate the 60 years of bilateral relations between India and Cyprus, said technology and infrastructure progress made in the last few years created an appetite for world investment in India.

The minister drew attention to the success of the Product Linked Incentive (PLI) programme, which has a certain set of domains, and said the country had "pushed for investment in those domains through incentives with the idea of increasing production in India"

KATHMANDU  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Communist Government which assumed office in Nepal last week has urged China to facilitate reopening of borders and assist the country in construction of railway line from that country to Kathmandu.

Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachandra requested the Chinese government to facilitate the opening of border crossings with China and to assist in the construction of railway services and other projects.

As the two-way trade at the Kerung/Rasuwadadi border port resumed, Export of Nepali products to China had started again. The two-way trade at the Pulan/Yari port will be reopened in early 2023," the Prime Minister said,

## China resumes its footprint in Nepal



Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachandra

adding **"more Nepali products will be exported to China."**

The expert team for the feasibility study and survey of China-Nepal Cross-Border Railway has recently arrived in Nepal, marking an important step in the construction

of this 'sky road'. Nepal's dream from a 'land-locked country' to a 'land-linked country' will finally come true," he added.

**Prime Minister Prachanda was speaking after inaugurating Himalayan nation's third international airport in**

western Nepal's tourist hub of Pokhara built with Chinese assistance. 'He unveiled a plaque marking the official inauguration of the Pokhara Regional International Airport (PRIA), a week after he was appointed as the prime minister. The PRIA, a flagship project of Nepal-China Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) cooperation, was constructed with Chinese loan assistance.

**The International flights from the airport are expected to take off after the second week of February.** The government had signed a 215.96 million US dollars soft loan agreement with China in March 2016 for the construction of the new airport in the lake city.

**Chinese Embassy Charge de Affaires Wang Xin said that the airport is designed and built as per Chinese standards,** which reflects the high quality of Chinese engineering, and symbolizes the national honor of Nepal. "Pokhara International Airport has been highly valued by the leaders of China and Nepal. He said that the arrival of Chinese tourists would greatly contribute to Nepal's tourism sector as the country unveils Tourism Decade 2023-2033."

"Under the guidance of the two heads of state, we will jointly build the trans-Himalayan Multi-Dimensional Connectivity Network, and let the BRI cooperation bear fruitful results," the Chinese ambassador said.



Tur dal

## DGFT notifies extension of free import policy for pulses by a year

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has notified the extension of its decision to keep the free import policy

for two varieties of pulses – tur and urad – by a year till March 31, 2024.

The government had in March 2022 extended the policy for the two varieties by a year.

Under the regime,

introduced in May last year, specified pulses can be imported without any quantitative restrictions. Import of pulses is allowed through five ports – Mumbai, Tuticorin (VOC), Chennai, Kolkata and Hazira.

**The import consignments need to have a certificate of origin issued by the respective countries, as per a report.**