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IME(I) conducts Seminar on Outcome of MEPC 79



The Institute of Marine Engineers (India) Navi Mumbai Chapter, Mumbai branch in association with the Directorate General of Shipping conducted the Seminar in Hybrid mode on 07th January 2023 to discuss the outcome of the Marine Environment Protection Committee 79th session (MEPC 79) held at IMO London from 12th December to 16th December.



Shri Amitabh Kumar

Shri Amitabh Kumar briefed on the targets that IMO is setting for foreign industry. These targets to an extent galvanized the industry and it has forced the manufacturer, the researchers, the practitioners, and the ship owners to experiment with not only new designs, new engines, new technologies, new electronics, new information technology solutions, new innovative management practices, but it is also forcing all of us to think in terms of the future, he addressed.

Speaking on the next 5 years' strategic goals from 2024 onwards being discussed by IMO, he stressed that **Digitalization needs to be end-to-end throughout shipping.** The other aspects that needed to be considered are **Human Element.** This was earlier missing in the discussion of strategic goals and at that time ship owning countries took an argument, and in the fourth

year of five years of strategic goals, the Human Element as one of the strategic goals was added by the council, which obviously was

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Mr Sunil Kumar

Mr. Sunil Kumar, Head of the Technical Committee of IMEI Mumbai Branch welcomed the Chief Guest Shri Amitabh Kumar- IRS DG of Shipping, Mr. Ajithkumar Sukumaran, Chief Surveyor & Addl DG of Shipping, Mr. Vijendra Kumar Jain- President IME(I), Panellists and all the participants who were present and those joined online Zoom & YouTube platforms.



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too late as we lost 4 crucial years of planning Human Element for the changes that are taking place in the maritime industry. Lastly, he briefed on **Market Based Measures** one being collecting finances to meet expenditures for GHG targets to be discussed and implemented in a way that does not become a burden on the developing countries. "While discussing Market-based Measures, we must keep in our mind the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC funds), the burden falls on Importers. India currently is a large Oil Importer. Despite India in Per Capita Income being only marginally higher than low-income countries, India is the largest contributor to IOPC funds because the burden is cleverly shifted from rich ship-owning countries to poor consuming countries. In discussing IOPC funds, the burden of funds should lie on those who are responsible for creating this mess in the environment. Pollutant pays for the damages; the same model must be replicated in the maritime industry. This kind

of market-based measures needs to be outsourced from the expertise in the field and should be our national policy for all sectors including maritime," he asked the maritime industry to take leadership on this.



Mr. Ajithkumar Sukumaran

Mr. Ajithkumar Sukumaran then gave his presentation detailing the MEPC - BEHIND THE SCREEN, the importance of MEPC, covering, in brief, the points on IMO GHG strategies, how India's Emission policies are evolved, MEPC consultation process, participation and paper submission to the future approach to IMO meetings. With the great efforts being made by India in presenting papers on MEPC 79, IMO is looking forward to India's Strategies for IMO to follow, as the outcome

seen from MEPC 79. This is big applause for India!



Shri Vikrant Rai

Shri Vikrant Rai, Engineer and Ship Surveyor cum Dy DG (Tech) gave brief details on the outcome of MEPC 79 covering what was adopted and what has been under review for the next session. It was evident that there has been huge work carried out by India under the leadership of the DG of Shipping.



Mr. Ash Mohomad

Mr. Ash Mohomad, Dy DG of Shipping spoke on MEPC 80 and beyond. He informed the gathering that Strategic Direction Cell at Directorate has been initiated having three sub-cells - Green Shipping Cell, Digitalisation Cell, and IMO Cell. These cells have representation from the industry to ensure all relevant issues concerning India are compiled and taken forward to present to IMO.

"DGS- INMARCO Green Shipping Conclave Report" was released by Chief Guest Shri Amitabh Kumar.



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A memento was presented from President IME(I) Mr. Vijendra Jain to Shri Amitabh Kumar.

Thereafter the Seminar moved to Following Group Discussion moderated by Shri S.M. Rai.



Group 1 Air Pollution Prevention and Energy Efficiency.

Group 1 : Air Pollution Prevention and Energy Efficiency. Panelists were: Mr. J Dasgupta - President of the Institute of Naval Architects, Mr. Venkat - Anglo Eastern Shipping, Mr. Devrup Kabi - IRS and Mr. C. Gopikrishna- DG Shipping



Group 2 Ballast Water Management

Group 2: Ballast Water Management. Panelists were: Mr. Rajeev Nayyer- Chairman Navi Mumbai Chapter , Mr Mahesh Subramanian- Anglo Eastern Shipping, and Mr. C. P. K. Kashyap.

Group 3: Consideration and Adoption of Amendments to Mandatory Instruments. Panelists were: Mr. N. Girish and Mr. C. Gopikrishna

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Group 3 Consideration and Adoption of Amendments to Mandatory Instruments



Group 4 Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships.

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The adoption of mandatory MARPOL amendments and key outcomes on technical measures were discussed. Various issues were brought up and these were well responded to by the Panelists. After these four Group valued inputs, the Question/s raised on Ballast Water Management were responded to by esteemed panelists **Mr. Nayyer along with Mr. Vikrant Rai.**

The Seminar Hybrid Mode came to an end



Presentation of Mementos to Speakers and Panelists by Mr. Vijendra Jain-President IMEI

with the **Presentation of Mementos to Speakers and Panelists by Mr. Vijendra Jain-** President IMEI followed by a Vote of Thanks by Hon Secretary Navi Mumbai, Mumbai branch **Ms. Archana Saxena Sangal.**



Ms. Archana Saxena Sangal

IMO NEWS

Building expertise in marine casualty investigation: new foundation course

New Delhi
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The first Foundation Course on Marine Casualty Investigation for IMO Member States is being held (9-13 January) in Bangkok, Thailand, under a programme to build self-sustaining technical capacity in marine casualty investigation amongst IMO Member States.

The five-day national training course is for officers from Thailand's Marine Accident Investigation Office (MAIO). Officers from the Marine Department of Thailand are also participating as observers.

Joining the Foundation Course remotely, the IMO Representative highlighted



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the importance for marine casualty investigators of also participating in IMO's other forums focussed on marine accident investigation, for example IMO's Sub-committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III) sessions, the Marine Accident Investigators' International

Forum (MAIIF), and the Marine Accident Investigators Forum in Asia (MAIFA).

IMO is leading an initiative in consultation with the Marine Accident Investigators' International Forum (MAIIF) to ensure consistency in the

competency and capacity of Member States to carry out and report marine accident investigations. This Foundation Course is designed to provide additional support to Member States that need it as they start to develop their own expertise at a national level.

The course is based on the IMO Model Course 3.11 on safety investigations into marine casualties and marine incidents.

The initiative will include a scheme under which Member States will nominate two representatives from their marine casualty investigation units to gain in-the-field exposure by

observing in-person the work of their counterparts in Singapore and Australia. Those selected would subsequently be responsible for sharing the experience they have gained with colleagues through a structured in-house training programme.

IMO is currently developing this scheme in consultation with the Transport Safety Investigation Bureau (TSIB) of Singapore and the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB).

The World Maritime University is delivering the IMO-funded pilot programme with the support of the Transport Safety Investigation Bureau (TSIB) of Singapore.

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Global South should Matter says Commerce Minister

Commerce Minister called upon countries of Global South to forge new partnerships and mechanisms



Salient features of Parcel Service launched by Post and Railways

A Joint Parcel Product (JPP) is launched by India Post and Indian Railways, to provide an end to end logistics solution for dispatch of



India can be exporter of energy from importer: Nitin Gadkari

Union Transport and Highways Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari on 12 January has said at the ongoing Auto Expo 2023, that the country is



MARINE NEWS



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

Navy collaborates with Chennai based technology institute

CHENNAI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Three Navy cadets will get admission in Chennai's SRM institute of Science and Technology free of cost every year according to a Memorandum of Understanding the institute has signed with the Navy on January 11th

Under the MoU, which stands valid for the next 5 years, SRM Institute of Science and

Technology, will offer 3 eligible students of Naval community, admission into SRM's B.Tech programs, at select campuses with full waiver of tuition/registration fee.

The MoU was signed between Mrs. Kala Hari Kumar, President Navy Welfare and Wellness Association and Mr C. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice Chancellor SRM IST.

The second MoU



SRM Institute of Science and Technology

will promote academic research in mutually cooperation, enhance beneficial areas. The areas of scientific understanding of collaboration, in addition of technologies related to engineering fields, also defense and encourage include niche core research

areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Data Sciences and Quantum analytics. Under the aegis of MoU, select officers from the Indian Navy can also undergo M. Tech and PhD programs at SRM Institute of Science and Technology.

The Memoranda of Understanding are milestones which envision to benefit both the organizations as it reinforces NWWA/ Indian Navy's resolute commitment towards nation building and SRM IST's commitment to support the defense forces.

A.P. Moller - Maersk announces new executive leadership team

New Delhi
Sagar Sandesh News Service

A.P. Moller - Maersk (Maersk) has announced a new organisational structure and a new executive leadership team.

The changes are effective 1 February, 2023 and follow the appointment of Vincent Clerc as CEO of A.P. Moller - Maersk effective 1 January, 2023.

"The business has

executed well during the past years, and we have a highly engaged and competent global team ready for the next miles of our transformation. We face a challenging global economic outlook, a softening market and at the same time our customers are looking to radically improve their supply chains to make them more resilient and agile. This creates urgent needs as well as unique opportunities.

To navigate through and



CEO of A.P. Moller - Maersk Vincent Clerc

beyond this environment, while increasing customer we will intensify our focus on cost discipline and service quality. Hence, I am very pleased

to announce our new Executive Leadership Team. This team includes leaders with a long tenure within Maersk, and leaders with experience from outside the company, bringing increased diversity of thought, age, gender and nationality.

Together with the team, I look very much forward to continuing our strong momentum into the next phase of our strategy and I am excited to get to work in the new structure and together with all Maersk colleagues accelerate our business transformation."

TN Assembly demands revival of Sethusamudram canal project

CHENNAI
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The Tamil Nadu Assembly has unanimously adopted a resolution moved by Chief Minister MK Stalin urging the Union Government to implement the Sethusamudram canal project immediately without any further delay.

They also mentioned that the Tamil Nadu government would provide all cooperation

for the implementation of the project.

In an unexpected move, BJP floor leader Nainar Nagenthran said he would support the project if it is implemented without damaging the Rama Sethu, believed to have been built by Lord Rama. The PMK and the allies of the DMK - Congress, VCK, CPM, CPI, MDMK, KDMK, MMK, and TVK supported the resolution.



TN CM M.K. Stalin urged the Centre to implement immediately the Sethusamudram project.

Moving the resolution, Stalin said the Sethusamudram Project is essential for strengthening the economic development of Tamil Nadu and India..

Given the current stand of the Union Government, this House expresses concern that the continued delay in the execution of this Project will be a stumbling block to the development and growth of Tamil Nadu," the resolution said.

Work on this project was stopped way back in 2008.



DNV admits up to 1,000 vessels affected by ransomware attack

New Delhi
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In the wake of Saturday's (7 Jan) cyber-attack, DNV has said 70 companies and some 1,000 vessels could have been affected by what proved to be a ransomware incident.

The classification society, that ironically bought a digital security firm, Auvaro, in October, was however unable to clarify how many of the 1,000 or so ships using its ShipManager software have been affected.

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had gained access to its systems, claiming it would jeopardise police investigations. This means

the programme hit DNV ShipManager through land-side infiltration or via a ship. The Norway-based firm was also unwilling to say which ships or

ship types were affected, or how, or if it meant the ships and their cargo would be delayed.

"I've been involved in exercises for vessels wherein the question was asked, 'if a vessel is compromised, can they also compromise the shore and other vessels' and the answer was 'yes,'" explained Ken Munro of 'white-hat hacker' firm PenTestPartners.

"The question is a significant one, as it will have implications for assigning liability," he added. "It may be that someone put some

ransomware on a ship and it propagated through ShipManager and has taken down the shore systems as well.

"The bad bit, if it is shore-based, is really on DNV itself - the firm should have done a better job of making sure the systems were secure."

Ransomware programmes are designed to make every kind of IT equipment unusable and the attackers demand payment in bitcoin to reinstate the system. Ransomware is designed to be omnivorous and "opportunistic", noted Mr Munro, meaning that "...it is very unlikely that DNV was deliberately targeted.

Danica Crewing Specialists adds Indian seafarers to its international crew pool

New Delhi
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International crewing expert Danica Crewing Specialists now has a presence in Mumbai, boosting its recruitment and crew supply operation with Indian seafarers.

Announcing the new office, Henrik Jensen, CEO of Danica Crewing Specialists, said, "India is one of the key providers of ships' crew and boasts many excellent

resources for all vessel types and ranks. We are delighted to now be able to add this huge resource of competent Indian seafarers to our significant international crew pool. The Indian office will expand our successful single-contact-point approach to ship owners and operators seeking crew for their fleets. We extend a warm welcome to our Indian office team and new crew recruits."

Danica's new operation in



Henrik Jensen, CEO, Danica Crewing Specialists

India is an alliance with Energios Maritime. The Mumbai office is

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run by a team of very experienced staff who will fit smoothly into Danica's global supply network, operating to the same high standards and carrying out Danica's well-established strict candidate screening and selection processes.

Vijay Rangroo, CEO and founder of Energios, said "We share Danica's vision and are pleased to be working with the Danica team to bring Indian seafarers to Danica's clients through our in-depth knowledge of, and experience with, the Indian market".

Shri Scindia flagged off direct daily flight between Kolhapur-Bengaluru

New Delhi
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Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia, and Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Gen. Dr. Vijay Kumar Singh (Rtd.) have inaugurated a direct flight from Kolhapur to Bengaluru, 14 Jan. 23

The route will be operated by IndiGo seven days a week

The flight will operate from 13th January as per the following schedule:

In his inaugural address, Minister of Civil

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6E - 7436	Kolhapur	Bengaluru	17:05	18:50	Daily	



Aviation, Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia said that **focusing on the development and progress of Kolhapur, an investment of 245cr is finalized for the construction of a new airport terminal, expansion of the runway, and the establishment of an ATC tower.**

MINISTRYNEWS

Furthering the vision and mission of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi to connect every corner of India, with the inauguration of this route Kolhapur is connected with Hyderabad, Tirupati, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, and today, India's silicon capital Bengaluru.

The minister further emphasized that **with the commencement of this connectivity, new opportunities will rise and benefit people of both cities.**

MARINE NEWS



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

Under Sea Exploration to be attempted by a Chennai based institution

CHENNAI
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India aims to send three persons to 6000 meters below sea level, as a part of Samudrayan mission undertaken by the Union Earth Sciences Ministry, Minister for earth sciences Dr Jitendra Singh said.

Sharing the details, Dr Singh said that the government announced the mission as part of Deep Sea Mission during the course of the Independence Day address in two consecutive years in 2021 and 2022. **The mission heralds India's ushering into an era of "Blue Economy"** which is going to play a major part in building



Minister for earth sciences
Dr Jitendra Singh

India's overall economy during the years to come.

A vehicle called MATSYA will carry three persons to a depth of 6000 meters for exploration

of deep-sea resources like minerals.

The mission is expected to be realized in next three years. MATSYA 6000 is being designed and developed by the Chennai based National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT). "It has an endurance of 12 hours under normal operation and 96 hours in case of emergency for human safety."

The design of the vehicle is completed and realization of various components of the vehicle is in progress. "Manned submersible facilitates the direct observation by the human in deep ocean in exploring mineral resources rich in nickel, cobalt,

rare earths, manganese etc. and collection of samples, which can be used for analysis.

Apart from the scientific research and technological empowerment as its benefits, this mission has immediate spin-offs in the form of underwater engineering innovations in asset inspection, tourism and promotion of ocean literacy

The Centre had approved the Deep Ocean Mission at a total budget of Rs 4,077 crore for five years...India has a unique Maritime position, a 7517 km long coastline, which is home to nine coastal states and 1,382 islands.

The mission aims to boost the central government's vision of 'New India' that highlights the blue economy as one of the ten core dimensions of growth.

Transworld Group and DP World's World Security partner to train Indian workers for UAE jobs

New Delhi
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World Security, a DP World Company, entered a strategic partnership with **Transworld Group**, a renowned shipping and logistics company, to expand its offerings as a leading turnkey security, facility management and



Our partnership with World Security is a continuation of the strong bond between Transworld Group and DP World said Ramesh S Ramakrishnan, Chairman, Transworld Group.

manpower outsourcing solutions provider in the UAE.

The companies will collaborate to create overseas employment opportunities by recruiting, training and developing skilled professionals in the Indian subcontinent.

This will enable World Security to enhance its workforce, improve

its ability to support mega projects and protect vital assets, using the strong presence of Transworld in the Indian subcontinent.

The two parties will work with **India's National Skill Development Centre (NSDC)**, Skills Training Institutes, Industrial Training Institutes (ITI), Engineering Colleges, Hotel Management Institutes, and Skill Development Centres to create a multi-skilled talent pool, supporting the expansion plans of World Security, and catering to the increasing demands of its clients. Aspiring professionals who meet the standards of the UAE's job market will be identified from this pool for suitable employment opportunities in the UAE.

Speaking on the importance of developing a talent pool in India, **Ayoub Al Mulla, Chief Operating Officer, World Security**, said, "World Security has always been at the forefront of supporting the UAE through our integrated world-class services... India is home to an immensely talented group of aspiring professionals, capable of supporting the existing workforce in the UAE to meet the rising demands of the market."

Ramesh S Ramakrishnan, Chairman, Transworld Group, stated, "Our partnership with World Security is a continuation of the strong bond between Transworld Group and DP World.

The UAE's economy,

which is growing at a steady rate and is poised for an exponential rise will benefit from this vast pool of trained individuals, who will most importantly be highly skilled and principled.

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SHIPPING (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)



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

India is eyeing on ₹35KCr investments by 2047 to create a network of waterways

New Delhi
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Sanjay Bandopadhyaya, Chairman of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), said that India is eyeing an investment of ₹35,000 crore by 2047 to create a network of waterways in the country.

The plan to be implemented over the next 25 years will include developing waterways and jetties to improve



Inland waterway

the navigable capacity of Indian rivers.

Bandopadhyaya said the world's longest river cruise, which will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on

Friday, covers two national waterways (NWs) and goes through Bangladesh.

"This cruise will cover a distance of more than 3,200 km across NW1 (Ganga-Bhagirathi - Hooghly),

Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) Route 1 and NW2 (Brahmaputra). This reinforces the resolve that this route is ready for movement of cargo and passenger services," Bandopadhyaya said.

It is the first river cruise to connect Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Assam. It begins from Varanasi (UP) and concludes in Dibrugarh (Assam). The maiden voyage will ferry 32 tourists from Switzerland. The expected date of arrival of MV Ganga Vilas in Dibrugarh is on March 1, 2023.

"The plan is to have 150 vessels conducting such river tours over 80 circuits.

It will entail an estimated investment of ₹35,000 crore by 2047," he added. This capital expenditure will predominantly be for developing waterways and jetties to make the rivers more navigable for larger vessels.

A circuit is a route covering major tourist destinations which are distinct and apart. The IWAI has already identified the Mongla, Barisal and Narayanganj circuits for river cruise operations on the IBP route.

Bandopadhyaya said the private sector will be encouraged to make this investment as there is significant visibility for recovering the expenditure.

MARINE NEWS

TIRUVANANTHAPURAM
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The Expert who defended coastal erosion wherever Ports are constructed heads the Kerala government committee which has been tasked to study sea erosion around Vizhinjam port.

Mr M D Kudale who heads the Kerala government constituted committee has in his report way back in 2010 has asserted **that the coastal erosion and accretion are inevitable impact of any Port development** according to media reports.

Kudale's 2010 report is the outcome of an extensive study on coastal erosion conducted around different ports

Committee Head on sea erosion at Vizhinjam has defended erosions

in the country including Ennore port (Tamil Nadu), Visakhapatnam port (Andhra Pradesh), Paradip port (Orissa), and Old Mangalore port (Karnataka).

According to the report, breakwaters and other large scale port structures can greatly affect local wave conditions, currents, and sediment transport processes, and this, in turn, can cause significant changes in the configuration of adjacent shore lines. The report further states that this impact is more prominent on coastlines having high littoral drift (transportation of sediments along a coast parallel to the shoreline).

According to various studies, the **Thiruvananthapuram coast has seen the highest littoral drift in the country.** Kerala (46%) also reports the second-highest coastal erosion in the country, according to a study conducted by the National Centre for Coastal Research. The government was convinced that port development would not cause coastal erosion.

But they decided to appoint the four-member expert committee to pacify the protesters who had obstructed the construction of the port during the second half of 2022. However, coastal experts have long urged for a comprehensive



Coastal erosion inevitable impact of any Port development says an expert

study on coastal erosion and accretion around breakwater construction for ports

The Chennai-based National Institute of Ocean Technology, appointed by Adani Vizhinjam Port Limited to study the matter, admitted that there is coastal erosion and accretion in areas around the Vizhinjam site. But

it refrains from linking the phenomenon to port construction.

Since work on the Vizhinjam port began in 2015, Poonthura, Valiyathura, and Shankhumukham areas north of the site have seen coastal erosion, while Poovar, and Adimalathura areas in the south have seen high accretion.

LOGISTIC NEWS

NEW DELHI
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The Delhi Agra Expressway will soon become an eight lane road in an effort to promote the Taj tourist potential

The Yamuna Expressway industrial development authority

Delhi Agra Expressway to have 8 lanes within a year

(Yeida) which is managing the expressway has been directed by the Union government to prepare a detailed project report (DPR) to widen the 165km Yamuna Expressway, which connects Greater Noida with Agra, to 8 lanes from the existing 6 lanes.

According to the concessionaire agreement, the toll operator has an obligation to widen the 6-lane-wide expressway to 8 lanes because the number of commuters has increased substantially.

The authority is all set to prepare the detailed project

report for the expansion of the express way within the next 3-4 months, said officials. "Once the DPR is submitted, it will be approved so that work can begin.

The government's aim is to finish the eight-lane

expressway within a year, an official was quoted by local media.



8 Lane expressway

Expression of Interest for India's first mega Transshipment Port in Nicobar Islands in January

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Syama Prasad Mookherjee Port, Kolkata said an Expression of Interest (EoI) for the country's first mega container transshipment port at Galathea Bay in Great Nicobar Islands is expected to be floated by January-end, a senior official said.

There is no large container transshipment port in India and all international container cargo has to go to Colombo, Singapore and Port Klang in Malaysia.

"This ₹ 17,000 crore port



The natural depth available at Galathea Bay will be 20 meters.

will help transshipment of cargo from the entire east coast of India as well as from Bangladesh and Myanmar," P L Haranadh, Chairman of Syama Prasad Mookherjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK), formerly Kolkata Port Trust, said here. Union Minister of State for Port and Shipping Shri Shantanu Thakur

paid a visit to Andaman and Nicobar Island recently to preview development activities planned for the islanders with port-related infrastructure.

P L Haranadh said, "The government is planning to build a container transshipment port at the southernmost tip of Andaman and Nicobar Islands at Galathea Bay. SMPK will float an EoI from interested investors by the end of January." The transshipment port would enable big ships to anchor and raise India's share in maritime trade, create new job opportunities and save a lot of forex, officials stated.

"The EoI will help us seek their feedback from global port operators, maritime service majors and shipping liners. After

this process, a detailed Detailed Project report will be prepared for the project for seeking bids," P L Haranadh told reporters after a stakeholders meeting.

India has an International Container Transshipment Terminal at Kochi in Kerala but it has not taken off as expected

The natural depth available at Galathea Bay will be 20 meters. It will offer two geographical advantages — proximity to the busy east-west international shipping route that can facilitate shorter transits and greater economies of scale, along with deep natural water depths that can accommodate the latest generation of mega-ships.

LOGISTIC NEWS

Allcargo Logistics buys 75 percent stake in German cargo consolidator Fair Trade

New Delhi
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Mr Shashi Kiran Shetty, Founder and Chairman, Allcargo Group

Allcargo Logistics Ltd has bought a 75 percent stake in Germany's Fair Trade GmbH in a deal that helps expand and strengthen the service network of ECU Worldwide – a Group company – in the strategically important market of Germany with sizable volumes.

Allcargo did not disclose the value of the deal.

The Bundeskartellamt, the German competition authority, has approved the acquisition. Fair Trade GmbH, a cargo consolidator, handles cargo movements across Europe-Asia, Europe-Latin America, and Europe-North America routes.

The combined strength of ECU Worldwide's operations in Hamburg and Fair Trade's operations in Bremen will lead to an increase in Allcargo's service offerings as well as wider footprint in the German market. This deal will enable ECU Worldwide to forge a long-term relationship with Fair Trade's current shareholder, who understands the markets and trade patterns of the region. This is expected to further augment ECU Worldwide's market position in the segment, the company said in a statement.

The experience in conducting business successfully in the region will enable ECU Worldwide to enhance its market position in Germany and add value to ECU's global network that spans 180 countries with over 2,400 servings and 40,000 port pairs with provision of door-to-door service in over 50 key global markets. Allcargo expects this acquisition to result in synergies in the form of better capacity utilization, improved efficiencies, and better turnaround time.

"Not only does this acquisition

consolidate ECU Worldwide's Germany service network and global reach but cements our presence in Allcargo Group, said.

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PORTS (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)

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New Covid regulations by Korea for crew coming from China ports

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As the number of Covid infections in China surges after the country dropped its zero-Covid policy South Korea has introduced measures for travellers arriving by both sea and land from country.

In the case of seafarers ship agents GAC said that under new regulations: "Due to the surge of Covid infections, crew disembarking or taking shore leave at Korean ports from vessels whose last port of call was in China must undergo a PCR test

and quarantine for one day."

A negative PCR test result is required before a seafarer can disembark the vessel. The testing requirement only applies to vessels coming from ports in China.

The new regulations come at a time when restrictions on crew change and shore leave had finally normalised in most countries post-pandemic.



South Korea has introduced Covid testing and quarantine for crew coming from Chinese ports that want to disembark or take shore leave.

New Mangalore Port Authority first new member of IAPH in 2023

New Delhi
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International Association of Ports and Harbors announced that New Mangalore Port Authority has joined IAPH as their first new regular member of the year.

IAPH is a non-governmental organization (NGO) headquartered in Tokyo, Japan. IAPH aims to be the global trade association of choice for port authorities and operators, representing their interests at regulatory level at the International Maritime Organization, the



World Customs Organization, the International Standards Organization and other global alliances such as the Global Maritime Forum and the World Economic Forum.

The New Mangalore Port is one

of India's major ports, located in Mangalore of Karnataka State, on the west coast of India.

New Mangalore Port Authority started administering the port in March last year, succeeding New Mangalore Port Trust which ran and governed the port since 1980. The port mainly handles dry and liquid bulk cargo and containerised cargo.

With New Mangalore Port Authority, the number of new members joining us during the past twelve months is rising to



50, including applications that are currently being processed. The number breaks down to 20 regular port members from 13 different countries, and 30 associate members from 15 different countries, which include digital maritime software providers, universities, research institutes, engineering companies, a development bank and a classification society. We warmly welcome all new members and look forward to working with them.

Make V O C Port Tuticorin a Transshipment hub

CHENNAI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Tamil Nadu government has asserted that the Union Port ministry should end its neglect of Southern Ports and develop VOC Port Tuticorin as a Transshipment hub to handle bulk cargo and containers. The demand comes in the wake of the shipping ministry proceeding with the construction of mega transshipment hub at Nicobar islands virtually



Industries minister Thangam Thennarasu

shelving the Colachel transshipment hub project in South Tamil Nadu.

The state's stand on the issue was reflected in the Tamil Nadu assembly when Industries minister Thangam Thennarasu made the demand while reiterating the need for implementing the Sethu ship canal project put on cold storage by the center for 15 years after investing more than rs One thousand crores in the project.

Speaking on the resolution urging the Centre to implement the Sethusamudram project,

he said at present cargo trade was happening only in Colombo port. "We are attracting a lot of industrial investments. **But investors and exporters are particular about converting Thoothukudi into a transshipment hub,**" the Minister added.

The Outer harbor project in the VOC port, Tuticorin cleared by the Union cabinet way back on 2013 and announced in the Union budget a year later was again put on cold storage by the shipping ministry for 9 nine years preventing the possibility of VOC Port

emerging as transshipment hub. Industry sources said revival of the project late last year coincided with the berthing of Chinese spy ship at Hambantota port

Recalling the 2,000-year-old maritime history of Tamils and how the price of pearls from Korkai port remained a challenge to the economy of Roman empire, Mr.Thennarasu said in modern times sea trade should flourish and the Sethusamudram project was important for the economic development of the State.

NEWS IN BRIEF (To Read Full News Please go to www.sagarsandesh.in)

Southern Railway's originating freight traffic surges 27 per cent

Southern Railway for long dubbed as passenger railway and therefore un-remunerative



The re-opening of the US market for arils from India can bring in considerable demand

The rainy weather in India has resulted in lower volumes.....



India offers huge opportunities for Taiwan and Chennai is their best bet

India's low labor cost and large population,





India's Supreme Court thinks Bengaluru has become a template for urban ruin

New Delhi
Sagar Sandesh News Service

The court warned the city of Chandigarh to avoid the mistakes made by Bengaluru, a once-salubrious, now choked IT hub

How far can unplanned development degrade a gorgeous city? So much so that it becomes a quasi-official template of how not to run a city.

The evolution of



Photo: Jagadeesh N.V (Reuters)

Bengaluru, India's among its most liveable technology hub and once big cities, has been so

haphazard over the past few decades that the supreme court of India now holds it up as a warning for other Indian cities.

On Jan. 10, the court urged India's federal and state governments to place environmental preservation ahead of urban development.

It was hearing a plea by residents of the northern city of Chandigarh, who are resisting the administration's practice of converting single residential units into apartments.

"The warning flagged by the city of Bengaluru needs

to be given due attention by the legislature, executive, and policymakers," a bench of two justices said. "It is high time that, before permitting urban development, EIA (environmental impact assessment) of such development needs to be done."

Located around 250 kilometres north of Delhi, Chandigarh is among India's eight union territories, governed directly by the federal government.

It is also the legislative and administrative capital of two adjoining states, Punjab and Haryana.

Road Safety Week': NHA carries out safety mitigation measures on highway black spots



Vehicles pass through National Highway 24 amid thick smog in New Delhi. (Burhaan Kinu/HT File Photo) Road safety becomes more difficult with thick smog

New Delhi
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Out of the 4,002 black spots, 1,298 are under various stages of implementation for long-term safety mitigation measures

Road safety week is observed from Jan 11-17 by NHA and it has taken some measures like identifying black spots on highways across the country and carrying out measures to make the black spot at least less black to begin with if not totally a white spot so to say.

One wonders how many road users observe the Road Safety week. Of course such initiatives are meant to bring to the attention of the public the fact of increasing fatal accidents on the roads.

"From 2015-2018, around 4,002 black spots were identified on the national highways under NHA. Short-term safety mitigation measures have been implemented for all these black spots, and work

on the long-term safety mitigation measures have been completed on 2,704 black spots," the road transport and highways ministry said in a release.

NHA has also deputed a road safety officer at each regional office to monitor the works because it is well-known that mere allotment of work or responsibility does not definitely guarantee satisfactory implementation; monitoring has to be done to get the purpose accomplished as much as possible.

"To strengthen road safety, all NHA regional officers have been asked to develop five stretches of 'Model Safe Road' of at least 15-km length along with five 'Model Safe Construction Zones'. Ten such best safety compliance stretches/construction zones will be evaluated and recognised to serve as demonstration stretches for further replication," the ministry added

VESSEL SCHEDULES



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

EAST COAST	
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EXIM TREND

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India suspends duty-free import of soyabean oil for FY24

New Delhi
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The Union Commerce Ministry has suspended duty-free imports of soyabean oil under the tariff rate quota (TRQ) regime for the 2023-24 fiscal in a notification issued late on Wednesday evening.

However, **duty-free imports of sunflower oil under the TRQ regime**

will continue. In the case of soyabean oil, imports under TRQ will continue until June 30, the notification said.

On May 24 last year, the Directorate-General of Foreign Trade issued a notification announcing the TRQ allowing duty-free imports of soyabean and sunflower oil until March 2024. The Centre decided

to permit 20 lakh tonnes of both soft oils each for the current and next fiscal.

The measure was undertaken in a bid to control soaring edible oil prices in the domestic market and to tame inflation.

Now, the Centre has suspended duty-free imports of soyabean oil under the TRQ regime as edible oil prices across



Soyabean oil

the globe have cooled down and Indian soyabean farmers are holding huge inventory.

This is a measure

to counter any adverse reaction to the Indian government extending the suspension on derivatives trading of soyabean and its products.

According to the Solvent Extractors Association of India, prices of palm group of oils have declined by about 30 per cent year-on-year, while soyabean oil rates have dropped 10 per cent. Sunflower oil prices have slid by 7 per cent.

Profile of India US trade

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Bilateral Trade in Goods and Services between United States and India continued to rise rapidly and reached 150 billion US dollars in 2021 but **both sides recognized the significant potential remained unfulfilled** and expressed their mutual desire to further enhance engagement with the goal of continuing to increase and diversify bilateral trade

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal visited Washington D.C. between January 10-11 to participate in the 13th Ministerial Meeting of the India-U.S. Trade Policy Forum (TPF).

Before the delegation level talks, Mr Goyal held a one to one meeting with USTR Ambassador Katherine Tai.

Highlights of the 13th India - USA TPF 2023 discussions included

US and Indian Commerce Ministers reviewed the work done by various working groups...

India appreciated the resumption of inspections by U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and asked the U.S. side to also resume inspections of new facilities and non-priority areas at the earliest.

The Ministers welcomed the finalization of the Turtle Excluder Device (TED) design. The collaboration



India -US bilateral trade

between India and the United States to expedite the TED trials will ensure that the TEDs are effective in minimizing the impact of fishing on sea-turtle populations and restore the market access for India's export of wild caught shrimp.

India highlighted its interest in restoration of its

beneficiary status under the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences program.

The Ministers acknowledged the constructive engagement of the Services Working Group under the Trade Policy...The Ministers acknowledged the ongoing discussions on a Social Security totalization

agreement and supported intensifying the work to achieve early outcomes in the matter.

The Ministers launched a new working group on "Resilient Trade" to deepen bilateral dialogue on a range of issues ...

Both Ministers also looked forward to working together to strengthen resilience in global supply chains, especially in the critical sectors that underpin the two economies and to look forward to work on these issues in coordination and cooperation with our trusted partners through the new working group.

Commerce Minister held a bilateral meeting with US Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo.

US Commerce Secretary to visit India in March

WASHINGTON
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

A high power delegation of CEOs from United States led by its Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo will visit India in March to carry forward the trade dialogue with India, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal briefed newsmen after the meeting with the trade forum.

The CEO forums on both sides are putting in lots of effort to come up with a robust framework to help expand trade business and manufacturing.

Mr Goyal said several other aspects regarding India's efforts to become self-sufficient in areas like



Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo

semiconductor, defense production, strengthening laws around quality standards, were discussed. **India will be hosting the next round of talks on IPEF in February in New Delhi.**

Speaking about his engagements

with CEOs of US companies during his course of visit, the Minister said they are looking at India as a trusted partner to diversify their dependence on the geographies, to expand their own manufacturing set-ups. US Companies have ambitious plans and are looking to invest large capital and bring technology to India.

Responding to a question on progress regarding Generalized System of Preference (GSP) offered to India goods which were withdrawn by President Donald Trump, Mr Goyal said **India has requested US to restore GSP.** Having said that, he also mentioned that withdrawal of GSP has not been detrimental to growing trade ties.

When asked about Mini trade

deals, he said both the countries are looking at bilaterally much larger footprints for trade and investments rather than Mini trade deals. Focus is on greater market access, ease of doing business between two countries.

Speaking about IPEF, he said **India stands with USA in its commitment to free and open indo pacific.**

He said the focus at the level of Ministerial meetings TPF is to set context and principles on which further engagements/negotiations can take place at official level. We have moved out of 1:1 ratio based outcomes and are now looking at bigger substantive outcomes. He informed that progress is being made on specific issues like mangoes issues on agriculture, animal husbandry, FSSAI.