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IRS undertakes classification services for Floating Dock and New Generation OPVs at Goa Shipyard



Shri K. K. Dhawan

The leading classification society, the **Indian Register of Shipping (IRS)**, is providing classification services for two major new construction 'naval' projects at Goa Shipyard Ltd.

A **120 m-long Floating Dock** is being built for the Sri Lankan Navy, under a grant from India. The design and construction

of the Floating Dock will be certified by the IRS, which will bring to bear its prior experience in the certification of floating docks.

The second project comprises "New Generation" **Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPVs)** for the Indian Navy. These ships are designed to strengthen maritime

security by undertaking a multitude of operational roles, both in 'blue water' and in the littorals. These roles include seaward defence, protection of offshore assets, EEZ patrol, mine warfare, and anti-piracy missions. The vessels will be built as per GSL's in-house design and fitted with the most modern equipment. The

design of the NGOPVs also incorporates complex naval combatant vessel features.

The vessels will be validated by a well-qualified IRS team, experienced in technical analysis and stealth studies.

Cdr KK Dhawan, Head Defence IRS said "This is a testimony to the close professional cooperation between Goa Shipyard Ltd and IRS. IRS is increasingly expanding its role in India's defence sector and these new projects are another significant step forward."

NUSI Inaugurate 21st Branch Office in Kerala

On 15th January 2023, the **National Seafarers Union of India (NUSI)** inaugurated their **21st NUSI Branch Office** in **Kasaragod, Kerala** at the hands of **Shri Abdulgani Y. Serang**, Advisor, NUSI, Executive Board Member, ITF Vice Chair, ITF Seafarers Section - Asia Pacific Region. **Capt. Tushar Pradhan**, General Secretary, MUI graced the occasion as Guest of Honour.

Hundreds of seafarers and their family members from Kasaragod and neighboring districts of Kerala graced the occasion with full enthusiasm and joy.

In the inaugural ceremony, a cultural program was performed by the children and families of seafarers.

Chief Guest, **Shri Abdulgani Y. Serang** elaborated on the various NUSI welfare and training initiatives for the benefit of seafarers and their families.

Shri Milind Kandalgaonkar, General Secretary -cum- Treasurer, NUSI interacted with seafarers and assured that NUSI will have more branches on the pan-India level in the coming years to support seafarers and their families. He also

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announced that NUSI will open its 22nd branch office in Uttar Pradesh. Sister Prajitha Anup,



the first women NUSI Branch Representative presented the vote of thanks. **NUSI Branch Office Address:**



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Center for Maritime Economy and connectivity launched

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Memorandum of Agreement was signed between the Indian Ports Association (IPA) and Research & Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) for setting up a Centre for Maritime Economy and Connectivity in the presence of the Minister Shipping Sarbananda Sonowal.

Various other dignitaries were also present during the function including senior officials from the Port and Shipping and the Indian Ports association. However

the government has not disclosed where the center should be located.

Secretary Shipping Sanjeev Ranjan, complimented the IPA teams for the effort put in for setting up the centre. He stated that the proposed project of Transshipment Port at Galathea bay at Greater Nicobar in Andaman and Nicobar Islands will be the future which will be advantageous for the BIMSTEC Nations. Therefore the Gati Shakti initiative will go beyond the shores of India where the neighboring Countries



Center for Maritime Economy and connectivity launched in the presence of the Minister Shipping Sarbananda Sonowal

ports can also derive benefits. Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush Shri Sarbananda Sonowal stated

that “under the leadership of our Prime Minister people are witnessing great changes particularly in the infrastructure and policy areas. The whole world is now looking towards India for its leadership in almost all the sectors. The Minister also expressed his opinion that “RIS should also offer their expertise in Policy Formulations, so that policy decisions can be implemented by the Government in line with the visions of our visionary Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi ji”.

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Govt increases fee for facilitators to help start-ups apply for IP

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The government has increased the fee payable to empanelled facilitators who help start-ups apply for patents, trademarks or designs.

The facilitator shall not charge anything from the start-up or the entrepreneur, and this fee shall be paid directly to the facilitator by the Centre through the office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM) and disbursed by the respective IP office, an official explained.



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Assistance is offered to start-ups to file for intellectual property under the Startups Intellectual Property Protection (SIPP), run by the Department for Promotion of Investment and Internal Trade (DPIIT) envisaged to facilitate protection of patents,

trademark and designs of innovative and interested start-ups.

“Start-ups, with limited resources and manpower, can sustain in this highly competitive world only through continuous growth and development-oriented innovations: for this, it is equally crucial that they protect their IPRs,” the official said.

To incentivise facilitators to assist start-ups in filing for IPs, fee has been increased from ₹10,000 to ₹40,000 for patents without opposition and ₹50,000 for patents with opposition. For filing for trademarks and designs, the fee to be paid is ₹8,000 without opposition and ₹13,000 with opposition.

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

India to introduce ship age limits

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Major shipping news coming out of India today will have significant ramifications for vessel valuations.

The Mumbai-headquartered *Economic Times* is reporting the government will shortly

unveil age restrictions for ships calling at the world's second most populous nation.

Under the new rules no bulk carrier, tanker or general cargo ship aged 25 or older will be allowed to call at Indian ports. For gas carriers, offshore vessels and boxships the age limit will be set at 30



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years. Locally flagged ships will be deregistered when they hit these new age limits. Furthermore,

owners will not be able to locally flag any second-hand acquisitions that are 20 years old or above. **The new ship age limits – designed to improve safety and environmental performance – are expected to be announced in the next few days,** according to the *Economic Times*, the world's second most read business newspaper after the *Wall Street Journal*.

Another submarine to be launched by Mazagon docks

MUMBAI
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Indian Navy is set to commission the fifth Kalvari class submarine Vagir on January 23rd, Adm R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff will be the Chief Guest for the ceremony.

These submarines are being built in India by the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai, under collaboration with M/s Naval Group, France. Four of the Kalvari class of submarines have already



(Image source: Twitter)

been commissioned into the Indian Navy.

The erstwhile Vagir was commissioned on 01 Nov 1973 and undertook

the nation for about three decades.

Launched and named 'Vagir' on 12 Nov 20, the submarine in its new avatar has the distinction of having the lowest build time among all indigenously manufactured submarines till date. She undertook her maiden sea sortie in Feb 22, marking the commencement of sea trials and has gone through a series of comprehensive acceptance checks and, stringent and demanding sea trials prior being commissioned.

The submarine was delivered to Indian Navy by Mazagon

Docks on December 20 last year.

Vagir will boost the Indian Navy's capability to further India's Maritime interests and is capable of undertaking diverse missions including anti-surface warfare, anti-submarine warfare, intelligence gathering, mine laying and surveillance missions.

The induction of Vagir is another step towards the Indian Navy, consolidating its position as a builder's Navy, as also reflects Mazagon Docks's capabilities as a premier ship and submarine building yard.

MARAD: \$20 million available for Small Shipyard Grants

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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) has announced the availability of nearly \$20 million in federal FY 2023 funding to help modernize small U.S. shipyards and provide workforce training. **MARAD's Small Shipyard Grant Program strengthens the economic competitiveness of shipyards by providing grants that can be used to purchase equipment or provide employee training.**

In addition, these grants can support the purchase of American-made manufacturing equipment.

Grants are capped at 75% of the project's estimated cost and are available to facilities with fewer than 1,200 production employees.

"Small shipyards play vital roles in their local economies and our national economy," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "With these funds, we are helping small shipyards across the country train their workers, modernize



Maritime Administrator Ann Phillips: "Small shipyards are essential to the U.S. maritime industry and critical to ensuring that we have a resilient industrial base."

their equipment, and improve their operations."

MARAD's Small Shipyard Grant Program has awarded 323 grants totaling approximately \$282 million since the program was first funded in 2008.

In July 2022, DOT announced \$19.6 million

in grant awards to 24 small shipyards in 19 states through the program.

"Small shipyards are essential to the U.S. maritime industry and critical to ensuring that we have a resilient industrial base," said Maritime Administrator Ann Phillips. "These

shipyards are an economic pillar, strengthening our maritime industry and the communities along and near our nation's ports and waterways, and employing thousands of Americans, who ensure the nation maintains expertise and skills critical to our economic and national security."

Applications for grants are due by 5:00 pm EST on February 27, 2023. Additional information can be found by contacting David M. Heller, Associate Administrator for Business and Finance Development, Maritime Administration, Room W21-318, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20590; David.Heller@dot.gov.



A Cargo ship ran aground for a brief period

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A Cargo ship sailing from Ukraine to Turkey ran aground in Istanbul's Bosphorus Strait, briefly suspending traffic in the vital waterway on January 16th, officials have said.

Several tugs were among vessels sent to provide assistance to the freighter, the Turkish coastguard authority said. Media reports said it was refloated with the help of Turkish tugboats a few hours later.

The bow of the ship, carrying 13,000 tons of peas, grounded close to the coastline on the Asian side



Cargo ship from Ukraine refloated two days after it ran aground in Bosphorus Strait

of the Bosphorus straits. The ship was travelling from Odesa, Ukraine, to the Turkish Mediterranean port of Mersin. The Istanbul Governor's Office stated that the dry cargo ship ran aground very close to shore due to a rudder failure.

Since July, Ukrainian

grain has been exported via the Black Sea and the Bosphorus Strait. The deal ended a months-long blockade of Ukrainian grain exports as a result of the Russian war in Ukraine.

The agreement was extended for 120 more days in mid-November.

External affairs minister's indirect dig at China

COLOMBO
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In an indirect dig at China External Affairs Minister, Dr Jaishankar said India believes that Sri Lanka's creditors must take pro active steps to facilitate the island nation's recover. **India decided not to wait on others but to do what we believe is right.** We extended financing assurances to the IMF to clear the way for Sri Lanka to move forward. Our expectation is that this will not only strengthen Sri Lanka's position but ensure that all bilateral creditors are dealt with equally.

While China has dragged its feet on providing financial assurances for Sri Lanka's debt restructuring program, people familiar with the matter said India has been more forthcoming. **The international Monetary fund has been insisting that main creditors India China and Japan should undertake debt restructuring to enable the Fund to release funds to the island nation.**

The External affairs minister who is now on a two day official visit to Sri Lanka had a meeting with President Ranil Wickremesinghe, foreign minister MUM Ali Sabri. At a joint media interaction with Sri Lanka's foreign minister Ali Sabry, Jaishankar said India will stand by Sri Lanka in its hour of need. **"I would like**

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Sri Lanka's foreign minister Ali Sabry: India is a reliable neighbor, a trustworthy partner, one who is prepared to go the extra mile when Sri Lanka feels the need

to underline that India is a reliable neighbor, a trustworthy partner, one who is prepared to go the extra mile when Sri Lanka feels the need," he said.

India will encourage greater investments in the Sri Lankan economy, especially in the core areas like energy, tourism and infrastructure. We count on the government of Sri Lanka to provide a more business-friendly environment to create a powerful pull factor," he said. The use of rupee settlement for trade would be in the mutual interest of both countries, he added.

Sri Lanka's quest for energy security must "encompass the larger region" and Trincomalee can emerge as an energy hub, Jaishankar said. India is ready to be a reliable partner for such initiatives and the two sides have agreed in-principle on a renewable energy framework, he added.

Russian Newsprint reaches Chennai using the North South transport corridor

NEW DELHI
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The international North South Transport Corridor has been put to use for the first time to transport Russian newsprint to consumers in distant Chennai

A full container train with paper products, including newsprint, is on its way from Russia to Chennai through a multi-modal transportation according to media reports

The cargo handled by RZD Logistics (Russian Railways) left Russia a few days ago taking the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC).

In the first leg, the cargo took the rail mode from Russia to Bandar Abbas port in Iran through Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan. From the Iranian port, the cargo will move by sea to Chennai in the second leg.

The train carried 53 forty-foot containers with newsprint in 32 eighty-foot flatcars, owned by the container operator RZD Business Active, according to Russian media. This was

confirmed by multiple sources in Chennai.

The INSTC route, through ports in Iran and Azerbaijan, cuts the time to move goods by almost half as it will avoid the present circuitous sea route through the Suez Canal.

The multi-modal transport route will involve train movement through Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan to reach Iran's Bandar Abbas port from where it will be take the sea route to reach Chennai.

The INSTC is a key trade corridor project, where in India is partnering with 12 countries to establish an economic corridor.

7,200-km multi-mode transport (Rail, sea, Road) project to move freight among India, Iran, Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Russia, Central Asia and Europe. The aim is to increase trade connectivity between major cities such as Mumbai, Moscow, Tehran, Baku, Bandar Abbas, Astrakhan, Bandar Anzali.



International North South Transport Corridor



27% Of Asia-Europe Sailings Axed Due To Demand Drop

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Alphaliner's calculations state that normally, from 1 January to 17 February, there would be 196 sailings from the carriers' 18 Far East-North Europe and 10 Far East-Mediterranean services.

However, the carriers' most recent forward schedules for the upcoming weeks suggest that **53 of these planned voyages have been removed due to insufficient volumes.**

Alphaliner said, "This number could still increase if the carriers decide to blank further sailings after the week-long Chinese New Year

Holidays, which will start on 21 January.

It has become a general practice for container lines to 'void' sailings in the calm weeks after the Chinese New Year. In contrast to this, the weeks before the holidays typically saw a small export rush from China, as cargo is shipped out before the factories close and output comes to a near standstill. Despite some newcomers such as China United Lines and Allseas, quitting the Asia – Europe trades already, mainline operators have reduced the number of Europe-bound departures ahead of Chinese New Year."

Maersk and MSC's



Insufficient volumes lead to cancellation of some planned voyages

joint AE55 / Griffin loop in January only offered three sailings from Shanghai, Ningbo and Tanjung Pelepas to Felixstowe and Le Havre. All sailings in the upcoming four weeks have been cancelled. The 2M

partners had also advised customers that all sailings of their China and Malaysia loop in the AE1 / Shogun service to Rotterdam and Bremerhaven had been voided through December 2022, January and through the first half of February.

Alphaliner remarked, "The big carriers do not only skip sailings to adjust capacity supply to the lower cargo demand, but also to avoid further erosion of spot ocean freight rates from China. So far, however, this capacity management has not helped much to lessen the downward pressure on rates."

Despite the higher spot rates from Asia to the Mediterranean, the number of cancelled sailings is evenly spread between the two routes. **Current schedules show that 28% fewer sailings will be offered from Asia to North Europe in the first seven weeks of 2023, compared to 26% fewer for Asia – Mediterranean route.**

Defendants in M/V Joanna bulker pollution case fined \$2 million

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The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana reports that Empire Bulkers Limited and Joanna Maritime Limited, two related companies based in Greece, were sentenced 19 Jan for committing knowing and wilful violations of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS) and the Ports and Waterways

Safety Act related to their role as the operator and owner of the motor vessel M/V *Joanna*.

U.S. District Court Judge Mary Ann Vial Lemmon sentenced the companies to pay \$2 million (\$1 million each) and serve four years of probation subject to the terms of a government approved environmental compliance plan that includes independent ship audits and supervision by a court-appointed monitor.



The two had entered guilty pleas in the case back in May 2022.

The prosecution stems from a March 2022 inspection of the M/V *Joanna* in New Orleans that revealed that required pollution prevention equipment had been tampered with to allow fresh water to trick the sensor designed to detect the oil content of bilge

waste being discharged overboard.

The ship's oil record book had been falsified to conceal the improper discharges.

During the same inspection, the Coast Guard also discovered an unreported safety hazard

In pleading guilty, the defendants admitted that the plugging of the relief valves in the fuel oil purifier room and the large volume of oil leaking from the pressure relief valve presented hazardous conditions that had not been

immediately reported to the Coast Guard in violation of the Ports and Waterways Safety Act. Had there been a fire or explosion in the purifier room, it could have been catastrophic and resulted in a loss of propulsion, loss of life, and pollution, according to a joint factual statement filed in court.

The Department of Justice today released the 10-page joint factual statement signed in connection with the filing of the guilty plea and it spells out in detail what the Coast Guard found aboard the M/V *Joanna*.

Overseas Deployment of ICGS SHAURYA and RAJVEER to Bangladesh

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Indian Coast Guard Ships ICGS Shaurya and Rajveer were on a six-day visit to Chattogram, Bangladesh from 13 to 19 January, 2023 to enhance the cooperative engagements and interoperability under the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between Indian and

Bangladesh Coast Guard (BCG).

The visit holds significance in strengthening the bilateral relationships with BCG which has grown manifold over the years to ensure safe, secure and clean seas in the Region. The fruitful engagements with various senior officials and personnel of BCG during the visit has further



Indian Coast Guard Ships ICGS Shaurya and Rajveer were on a six-day visit to Chattogram, Bangladesh

enhanced the safety and security of the fishermen and mariners.

During the visit,

Pollution Response Team of Indian Coast Guard conducted a five-day International Maritime Organisation Level I course on Pollution Response for the first time in Bangladesh for 20 BCG personnel.

The BCG personnel were also imparted training on operations of PR equipment onboard ICGS Ships Shaurya and Rajveer.

A joint exercise was held at sea with BCG ships to validate the established Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in area of environmental protection and Search and Rescue at the end of the visit. The enthusiasm and keen interest displayed by senior officials and trainees will certainly bolster the marine environmental protection initiatives by the respective Governments in the Region.



VOC Port Tuticorin and Colachel not to be transshipment hubs in near future



Colachel port , much back on the agenda

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The transshipment hubs proposed at VOC Port Tuticorin and Colachel have been put on cold storage if one goes by the statement of a top official of the Port and Shipping Ministry an interview given to a Chennai based daily on the sidelines of Bharath Pravaah India along its shores dialogue which was held in Delhi on January 18

Sanjeev Ranjan, Secretary, Shipping said that ports at Kochi and Vizhinjam in Kerala as well as Galathea Bay in Andaman Nicobar Islands have made a head way in the direction of becoming transshipment hubs. "Some of the biggest of ships pass through Galathea Bay, and we need to have a hub which serves ports all along the Bay of Bengal, not only for India but neighboring countries of Bangladesh, Indonesia and Thailand,"

Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has directed all the major ports to prepare a

masterplan to become mega ports by 2047.

Transshipment hubs are ports that have connections to originating and destination ports. Currently, nearly 75% of India's Transshipment cargo is handled at Colombo Singapore and Port Klang.

While the Colachel transshipment terminal project was given in principle approval by the Union cabinet way back on 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had given assurance that VOC Port Tuticorin will be developed as transshipment hub.

IOC has emerged as a top energy source for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

HYDERABAD
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Indian Oil Corporation is constructing one thousand kilometer long Paradip Hyderabad Petroleum product pipeline at a cost of about Rs 3400 crores to meet the energy requirement of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, a top official of the Corporation told newspersons

Anil Kumar Executive Director of the Corporation said IOC is also constructing a new oil depot at Guntakal at a cost of Rs 350 crore, a terminal at Atchutapuram at a cost Rs 466 crore and new LPG bottling plant in Chittoor at Rs 167 crore.

In addition to this, IOC is revamping infrastructure and facilities at Visakhapatnam terminal

with Rs 355 crore and Vijayawada terminal at a cost of Rs 316 crore for augmenting tank capacity and allied facilities. He stated that the IOC is the leader in the market of Andhra Pradesh with a share of 34.2 percent in petrol, 40 per cent in diesel and 34.6 per cent in Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) supply.

It has a product storage capacity of 58.6 TKL of MS (motor spirit) and 175 TKL of HSD (high speed diesel) in various terminals across the State. "In the last three years, IOCL has commissioned 259 retail outlets in Andhra Pradesh and all are automated with real time data transfer to monitor their operations," he explained.

He said that the IOC has achieved 10 per cent ethanol blending with petrol in both

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AP as well as Telangana and explained that the process helps in reduction of crude imports and promotes sustainable development. The Corporation has

partnered with Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) to build and operate a biogas unit at Tirumala in order to manage the food waste and others. "It is a joint venture of TTD and IOC. The gas generated from the biogas unit will be used for temple kitchen operations.



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Port Houston posts best container year ever

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The port recorded just shy of 4 million TEU this year, at 3,974,901 TEU.

This is nearly double the volume posted six years earlier in 2016, and 492,526 TEU more than in 2021.

Total tonnage was up 22 per cent for the year, reaching 55,060,963 short tonnes, a new record.

The port had consistent double-digit growth at Bayport and Barbours Cut container terminals from January through to November.

In December, volumes dipped compared to the record 2021 activity, a softening of demand that mirrors other gateways across the country.

A total of 292,027 TEU were handled at Port Houston during December, a 12 per cent decrease compared to December 2021.

Loaded container imports decreased by 16 per cent in December, while this was the busiest December ever for exports, which increased 7 per cent from the same period last year.

This record-breaking year led to the port opening a new depot facility that was said to support global supply chain fluidity, with an expansion of its storage, distribution, repair, and capacity services in the region.

Steel imports through Port Houston were up 25 per cent in December and 49 per cent for the year.

While down 29 per cent for the month of December, auto import units ended the year with a 7 per cent increase.

Bagged goods imports



Port Houston has recorded its best year yet in 2022 with annual container volume up by 14 per cent.

were up 50 per cent as compared to last year.

Executive Director at Port Houston, Roger Guenther, said: "The record growth seen over the last couple of years has been supported by

continued investments in Port Houston terminals as well as the immense dedication of the Port Houston staff and ILA labour who are committed to moving our region's cargo."

Tariff Authority to fade away soon; Ports will decide their tariffs

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Tariff Authority of India (TAMP) which has been deciding the Tariff for Major ports of the country is on the way out as the Ports Ministry has initiated action to constitute an Adjudicatory board as part of the Major Port Authorities Act 2021 an official release said.

Once the Adjudicatory Board is constituted the Tariff Authority for Major Ports will cease to exist.

The tariff authority is a

centralized agency which has been deciding the tariff for various major ports for the past thirty years. Once this agency goes, the major port will have the autonomy to decide the tariff rates according to local market conditions. This practice is in vogue in private ports which gave them a massive advantage in attracting trade compared to public sector ports. **Once the tariff authority is dismantled the public sector ports will have a level playing field with the thriving private ports.**



TAMP soon to become thing of the past

The Major Ports Adjudicatory Board Rules, 2023, framed under the Act, has been notified by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways in the Gazette on January 17th this year. Action is being initiated by the

Government to constitute the Adjudicatory Board as per the Rules

The Presiding Officer and Members of the Adjudicatory Board shall be appointed on the recommendation of a Selection Committee consisting of Chief Justice of India or his nominee; Secretary of the Department of Personnel and Training and Secretary of Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways

The Adjudicatory Board shall consist of a Presiding Officer and two

members. The Presiding Officer shall be a retired Judge of Supreme Court of India or a retired Chief Justice of a High Court and the two Members shall either be a retired Chief Secretary of a State Government or equivalent or a retired Secretary of the Government of India or equivalent.

The Major Port Authorities Act, 2021 came into force on November 03, 2021. Section 54 of the Act envisages constitution of an Adjudicatory Board which is to perform the functions stipulated under section 58 of the said Act.

SAIL To Manufacture Containers

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The Steel Authority of India (SAIL) Bokaro, India's leading steel company has acquired a Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) license for rolling out specific standard steel used in manufacturing weather-resistant shipping containers. This was stated in an official statement by SAIL, issued on Thursday 19 Jan.

According to the statement, the license

application is under IS 11587:1986 for 'Weather resistant Structural Steel' grades WR-Fe 480A (general application for weather-resistant structural steel), WR-Fe 480B (Low Phosphorus Micro-alloyed weather-resistant structural steel) and WR-Fe 490H (for container manufacturing).

The pandemic caused a huge shortage of shipping-grade containers worldwide and many containers were tied up at ports, storage facilities and vessels

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Containers

around the globe due to government restrictions mandating the covid crisis, the statement further said.

It was also informed that the rising demand, port congestion and closed manufacturing operations worsened the shortage, subsequently increasing

the container's freight rates immediately across the world as imposed by the shipping line. This had a brutal impact on the country's export-import supply chain as **the nation's main supplier was China and it required about 3.5 lakh containers yearly.**

SAIL further said container manufacturing in India will help the country to eliminate its dependence on China. These challenges were not restricted to the economic scale, the nation producing containers but also to the

availability of raw material for manufacturing the corrosion/weather resistant steel.

The statement read that under the issued license SAIL- Bokaro steel plant will provide standard steels for making shipping containers equivalent to the steel used by Indian Railways in manufacturing weather-resistant structural/wagons.

The steel company's import substitute production is likely to strengthen the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat, the statement added.

Chabhar Port could provide Multi Modal link to Russian Ports

MUMBAI
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Ministry of Ports in association with India Ports Global Ltd, conducted a workshop on the 'Linking Chabahar Port with the International North South Corridor to connect with Russian Ports in Mumbai.

The International Transport Corridor (INSTC) is a Multi-Modal transportation route linking the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf to the Caspian Sea via Iran and onward to northern Europe via St. Petersburg in Russia.

During the workshop, a presentation on the Corridor was given by MD-IPGL, and Federation

of Freight Forwarders Association of India. Mr.Khosrow Saraei, DG of Transit, Logistics, and Agreements of PMO, Iran, addressed the workshop, followed by the address of the secretary Ministry of Ports and Shipping

The Corridor envisages the movement of goods from Mumbai (India) to Shahid Beheshti Port – Chabahar (Iran) by sea, from Chabahar to Bandar-e- Anzali (an Iranian port on the Caspian Sea) by road, and then from Bandar-e- Anzali to Astrakhan (a Caspian port in the Russian Federation) by ship across the Caspian Sea, and after that from Astrakhan to other regions



Port and Shipping secretary addressing the seminar on Chabahar Port

of the Russian Federation and further into Europe by Russian railways were highlighted by the speakers during the workshop.

The strategic location of Chabahar Port in Iran

has a great advantage for developing it as a transshipment hub. The Port's deep draft of 16 m is suitable for handling large shipment vessels. The Port lies close to some of the

busiest trade routes in the world. The region comes under the Asia-Europe, Asia-Asia trade route, which carries large cargo volumes.

INSTC (International North-South Transport Corridor) is India's vision and initiative to reduce the time taken for EXIM shipments to reach Russia, Europe and enter the central Asian markets. **Successful activation of the corridor will help connect India to Russia and Central Asian countries.** The Chabahar Port, located in Iran, is the commercial transit centre for the region, especially Central Asia.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks, presented by the Director of Operations, IPGL.

Andhra Pradesh Secures Green Clearance for Port at Machilipatnam

New Delhi
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The high-level committee has stamped its nod on the EC for the project at its meeting held last week. The state government is planning to put the project on a fast track as it wanted to complete the first phase in 30 months.

The Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has already agreed to grant Rs.4,500 crore loan to the port project.

Incidentally, Machilipatnam is the oldest port on the east coast and even two millennia before it was a major hub. But bad days fell on it in the 1980s and the port was closed.

Since then, there have been several attempts to revive the port but left half way.

The state government is said to be determined to complete the three major ports—Ramayapatnam (Nellore), Machilipatnam (Krishna) and Bhavanapadu (Srikakulam)— as public sector undertakings (PSU) to create sustainable economy.

1st phase of port project likely to be ready by December

The works of Ramayapatnam port project have already picked up pace and the first phase is expected to be completed by December, 2023. Similarly, the state government had completed the land acquisition for Bhavanapadu port in Srikakulam and getting ready to launch the works.

Local legislator Perni Venkat-



Machilipatnam is the oldest port on the east coast and even two millennia before it was a major hub

ramaiah (Nani) said Jagan will for the project and kick-start the soon lay the foundation stone works.

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"Worrying will never change the outcome"

KVIC Chairman Releases margin money subsidy and loan certificate to 5046 Beneficiaries

New Delhi
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Chairman, Khadi and Village Industries Commission Shri Manoj Kumar inaugurated various training programs being run by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission under the Village Industries Development Scheme in Hubli, 20 Jan, on the third day of his visit to Karnataka and disbursed margin money to the PMEGP Units through virtual medium.

Chairman KVIC also released margin money subsidy of Rs 165 Crores

to 5046 beneficiaries from the states of East & South zone with the total bank loan of Rs 488 crores for setting up of new micro enterprises under PMEGP scheme which is expected to create more than 40000 employment opportunities in these states.

Financial assistance to Khadi artisans was also approved by Chairman Manoj Kumar under the work shed scheme for Khadi artisans of "Khadi Vikas Yojana". The Chairman visited CVPI, Khanpur a KVI training



Shri Manoj Kumar distributed large number of Bee - boxes among the farmers

run by Khadi and Village Industries Commission, where he distributed hostel useful items to the trainees and launched MS Roof Truss Work.

CVPI, Khanapur is one of the best pottery training institutes not only in South India but also in the whole country. During this, he discussed with the

beneficiaries of PMEGP and SFURTI cluster. In the evening, a Khadi sanvad was conducted with Khadi Institutions of Dharwad regions & Chairman assured that KVIC will continue supporting the good work being done by these institutions.

Earlier, Shri Manoj Kumar distributed large

number of Bee - boxes among the farmers of the district during a brief function held at Nisarani village in Shimoga district of Karnataka this morning. Speaking on the occasion Chairman, KVIC, Shri Manoj Kumar said **that doubling the income of farmers is the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi** and therefore KVIC is continuously working in this direction under 'Honey Mission'.

The Chairman, KVIC said "We want our country to become self-reliant in honey production. At present, we are the fourth-largest producer of honey in the world but in the coming time, we want to become the number one producer of honey and for that, we are making all these attempts."

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Ajay Sahai, the CEO, and DG of the Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO) said that India requires a shipping line of its own if it wants to be a serious exporter and manufacturer on the global stage, and the budget offers a golden opportunity to get the ball rolling.

Several issues need to be addressed in logistics, and doing so is expected to push up economic growth — all the stakeholders are on the same page about this.

However, Sahai elaborates on a shipping line with a global

India needs a shipping line of its own to help the nation save \$25 Billion a year: Ajay Sahai



Ajay Sahai, the CEO, and DG of the Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO)

reputation that can help the nation. Last year, there was a remission of about \$86 billion in transport freight charges.

As exports go up, the figure will soon exceed

\$100 billion. And an Indian shipping line, which fetches 25% of such a business, would save \$25 billion a year, explains Sahai.

Almost 90% of worldwide trade is

reliant on shipping. This allows shipping majors an enormous hold over worldwide trade. When they hike the prices, traders and manufacturers have nil or only some options but must pay up.

This makes the goods costlier. For firms in India looking to become a manufacturing hub and a great exporter, the failure to price goods competitively in the global scenario can be a dampener. In return, this can also blunt initiatives like "Make in India, Make for the World".

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Sahai argues that with India having its shipping line, the country's manufacturers would never need to depend on any other carriers. This can help evolve Indian goods, making those more competitive.

Besides, the shipping line can also transport for other nations and make some more money for India.

Sahai is upbeat regarding the overall trade scenario and states the services sector, especially, has been performing on a stronger note. They have a significant surplus in this segment.

Missing Malaysian Cargo Ship Seafarer's Mother Still Praying for Her Son's Rescue

New Delhi
Sagar Sandesh News Service

Days after Malaysia called off the search for the missing cargo ship MV Dai Cat 06, the mother of one of its crew members said that she still prays for the return of her

20-year-old son Mohammad Sudeh Sudin.

53-year-old Ratna Abu, the mother of Mohammad, said this to the local Member of Parliament when she visited her.

The ship had gone missing in

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Indonesian waters on January 9. It was carrying metal pipes and was managed by a five-membered crew.

Mohammad last contacted his family earlier this month, and since then, there has been no contact with him. The family learnt of the incident from a report, and since then, they have been praying for the safe rescue of the crew.

They have refused to talk to the media, who were keen on interviewing the family.



Her son, a seafarer missing, search called off and she still prays for her son's rescue (Pic for representational image)

LOGISTICS (ROAD/RAIL/AVIATION)



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

India Posts organizes parcel service through ships in Gujarat

AHMEDABAD
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Postal services in Gujarat will become more efficient cutting down the time for delivery of parcels to 3 or 4 hours from around 12 hours taken at present with the launch of daily mail and parcel delivery transportation services of India Post on M V Voyage express RO PAX ferry from Hazira terminal.

The Shipping service is organized by the Union Ministry of Ports and Shipping.

The service was flagged off by Union Minister of state for communications Devsinh Chauhan on January 18th. The service is estimated to carry daily postal cargo of about 3 to 4 tons during upcoming months.

After successful trial for a month through RoPax Ferry services on the Gogha Hazira route in the state of Gujarat, India Post to continue its postal and package delivery services for speedy and economical dispatch on daily basis exclusively for Gujarat.



RoPax Ferry services found very popular.

Expressing pleasure at the inauguration of service in Gujarat, Minister of Ports, Sarbananda Sonowal said "This innovative collaboration of postal and package delivery services through waterways is another step of harnessing waterways

and integrating them with the economic development of India along with decreasing the transportation costs and aiding the ease of doing business".

Ministry of Ports has recently directed the Major Ports of India to waive off vessel related charges and provide highest priority berthing for Ro Pax Ferry services under Sagarmala Program to promote the newly emerging urban waterways passenger transportation eco system and enable green transportation in the country.

Siemens Indian locomotive order worth €3bn

New Delhi
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SIEMENS Mobility has announced that its contract with Indian Railways (IR) to supply 1200 6.6MW electric locomotives includes full-service maintenance over 35 years, taking the total value the contract to €3bn.

According to Siemens, this is the largest locomotive order the company has ever won.

Siemens will design, manufacture, commission and test the locomotives, with deliveries planned over an 11-year period from 2024. The locomotives will be assembled at the IR factory in Dahod, in the state of Gujarat, and maintained at IR depots in Vishakhapatnam, Raipur, Kharagpur and Pune

Locomotive assembly and maintenance will be jointly undertaken by Siemens and IR staff.



Photo Credit: Siemens Mobility

"Siemens is supporting the sustainable transformation of India's transport sector as the country seeks to almost double freight capacity on its railways," says Siemens CEO, Mr Roland Busch. "I'm proud that this major order will help India achieve its ambitious goal of creating the world's largest green rail network, as our locomotives will save more than 800 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions over their lifecycle."

"These new locomotives will help increase freight transport on one of the world's largest rail networks, as they can replace between 500,000 and 800,000 trucks over their lifecycle," says Siemens Mobility CEO, Mr Michael Peter. "This historic order cements a firm commitment from Indian Railways to achieve 100% electrification of rail traffic in India. Our partnership will further strengthen Siemens Mobility's position in India and support the country's expanding railway market."

The locomotives will be able to haul trains of 4500 tonnes at up to 120km/h and will be equipped with advanced propulsion systems produced locally in Siemens Mobility factories in India. The Indian government plans to increase rail's market share of freight transport from 27% to between 40% and 45%.

VESSEL SCHEDULES

For the benefits of our Readers the Schedules will be available in the form of a comprehensive map with a hyperlink to the web portals of Respective Ports and their Terminals.
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| 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 | |
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| 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 |
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"News is what somebody somewhere wants to suppress; all the rest is advertising." - Lord Northcliffe

EXIM TREND

Maruti uses Chennai port to export cars to Latin America

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

When the Indian Railways are dragging their feet for over 15 years on construction of North South dedicated freight corridor Car Market leader of the country Maruti Suzuki which has a manufacturing unit not far from Delhi has used the Kamarajar port near Chennai to export its SUVs Grand Vitara to Latin America.

Though railways implemented freight corridors Delhi Mumbai through Gujarat and Ludhiana



Grand Vitara, unveiled in July 2022, has received overwhelming response in the domestic market

Kolkata, the North South corridor has been on the drawing board since 2008. Railways have made it a truncated project between Itarsi and Vijaywada denying ports

in Chennai region proper access to the North Indian hinterland.

The first shipment of Grand Vitara sailed to Latin America. The company aims at exporting the vehicle to more than 60 countries across Latin America, Africa, Middle East, ASEAN and neighbouring regions.

Hisashi Takeuchi, MD & CEO, Maruti Suzuki India, was quoted in the media as saying "Maruti Suzuki has taken multiple initiatives to increase its international presence. Expanding product portfolio for exports has been one of the key

pillars of success. By adding Grand Vitara, we now export a range of 17 vehicles. Grand Vitara, unveiled in July 2022, has received overwhelming response in the domestic market and we are confident that the India manufactured Grand Vitara will meet with similar success in overseas markets as well."

In calendar year 2022, Maruti Suzuki registered an export of more than 2.6 lakh vehicles, its highest ever exports in a calendar year. With the addition of Grand Vitara, the company aims at strengthening its position as India's leading passenger vehicle exporter, it said in a statement.

DGFT simplifies Composition Fee for Export Obligation, a move to boost trade facilitation

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade has simplified the calculation of composite fee for extending export obligation under advance Authorization scheme by amending the relevant procedures in the handbook of procedures applicable from January 18th

The simplification of calculations for Composition Fee helps in automation and faster service delivery by making the process more



efficient and easier to understand. The previous formula for Composition Fee was convoluted and difficult to understand, which made the process more tedious and strenuous for exporters. However, the revised Composition Fee formula, which is based on a specific rate for different levels of the 'CIF

value of Authorization', is more straightforward and easier to calculate, as per a Ministry of Commerce & Industry release.

This will help automate the entire Export Obligation extension process with minimal human intervention, further eliminating the risk of errors and misconceptions.

Automation of the process will reduce the need for manual calculations and paperwork, which will ultimately lead to faster service delivery. This will be beneficial to exporters as it will reduce the time and effort required to complete the Export Obligation extension process.

Additionally, automation will also reduce the risk of errors and misconceptions,

which will further improve the efficiency of the process. The process of automation is being taken up under the IT revamp project of DGFT and shall be notified separately. Simplification of calculations also helps in the "Ease of Doing Business" objective by reducing the complexity and making the process more straightforward for exporters.

By simplifying the calculations for Composition Fee, the DGFT is working towards this objective by making the process more efficient and easier to understand for exporters. This will ultimately lead to trade facilitation and ease of doing business, the release added.

Davies Turner adds direct ocean freight LCL service from UK to India

New Delhi
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With the weak pound providing opportunities for UK exporters currently, Davies Turner is delivering a further boost to its ocean freight services between the UK and the Indian sub-continent with the launch of a direct weekly LCL service to Nhava Sheva.

Davies Turner's previous service to Nhava Sheva was via transshipment in Jebel

Davies Turner

Ali, but by going direct, the UK freight forwarding and logistics company can offer a fast 25 day transit time port to port.

Consolidation of cargo in the UK is undertaken at one of Davies Turner's regional distribution centres at Birmingham, Bristol, Cumbernauld,

Dartford, or Manchester, for the weekly ocean freight service that departs from London Gateway port.

John Adams, Davies Turner's Head of Trade – Middle East, ISC & South Africa, says: "India's population of 1.4 billion people and a domestic market that is growing

year on year, means there is large demand for imported goods from Europe.

"Our latest service improvement will help to support clients who want to use Nhava Sheva as a gateway by providing a quicker, efficient and cost effective service option."

The dedicated weekly service to Nhava Sheva also has direct links to the following inland container depots (ICDs) – Ahmedabad,

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Garhiarsaru, Ludihana and Patpaganj (New Delhi).

The new direct ocean freight LCL operation adds to other similar direct services that Davies Turner offers to gateways in Asia, Middle East, South Africa and USA including Hong Kong, Singapore, Dubai, Durban and New York, as well as services to other areas of India that are offered via transshipment at Singapore.