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Our Heartiest Wishes to Our Readers, Supporters and  
All the Stakeholders of Maritime Industry on the Occasion of  
74th Happy Republic Day 2023 of Our Nation

### INSA holds 3rd Technical Paper Competition

The 3rd Technical Paper Competition, organized by the Research & Training Committee of the Indian National Shipowners Association (INSA), was held on January 14, 2023, on a web platform. The theme of the year 2022 competition was "Socio-Economic Impact of Futuristic Technologies for the Marine Industry."

With the objective of developing a concept of research and innovation among the students currently engaged in various academic programs in the maritime sector, INSA started a Technical Paper Competition in 2020 held at year-end. 58 high-quality technical papers were received for the year 2022, out of that 10 papers were short-listed for this event, to finally select the top 5 Winning Teams.



Mr. Sunil Kumar



Mr. Anil Devli

On behalf of the Research and Training Committee of INSA, Mr. Sunil Kumar, CTO, and Head of the T&A Department at The Great Eastern Shipping Co. Ltd, warmly welcomed all guests as the Master of Ceremony. The CEO of INSA, Mr. Anil Devli, then delivered the welcome address, expressing his appreciation for the presence of dignitaries, candidates from various Maritime Training Institutes, and judges for their challenging work in selecting the Paper Presentations.



Mr. Ajith Kumar Sukumaran

The event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Mr. Ajith Kumar Sukumaran, Chief Surveyor-cum - Additional Director General of Shipping (Engg.) of the Government of India. He praised the initiative taken by INSA in encouraging young people to present technical papers, show interest in innovation, and think creatively. He also noted that the shipping industry is going through a major transition in the coming years, with a focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, decarbonization, and the adoption of digitalization, which are both technical and economic challenges. He wished INSA and

the participants success in the event and great learning experiences.

Dr. B. K. Saxena, Chairman of INSA's Research & Training Committee, praised Mr. Sukumaran for his succinct and informative speech on various aspects of shipping. He noted that



Dr. B. K. Saxena

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the students present were fortunate to receive insight from an industry expert like Mr. Sukumaran. He provided context for the Paper Presentation Competition organized by INSA, highlighting its objectives and purpose. Dr. Saxena also extended a warm welcome to all participants and wished them the best of luck in the competition.



Mr. David Birwadkar

Mr. Kumar then invited Mr. David Birwadkar, Advisor/ Head, GEIMS to explain the rules and regulations of the event. Mr. Birwadkar expressed his gratitude towards all

the dignitaries for marking their presence at the event.

Mr. Kumar invited the first presenter **Om Dhamdhare and Om Navghane from Tolani Maritime Institute** in Pune who enlightened on the topic of **Solar Propulsion System as an alternative propulsion system**. Mr. Kumar then introduced the second presenter **Jeevan James and Jagath K from IMU Chennai**, to deliver a thought-provoking presentation on the topic of **Carbon Neutrality and how to achieve the goal of Net Emission Zero** while minimizing the risk of whale strikes. Third team **Arkajyoti Mukherjee and Gautam Saxena from Tolani Maritime Institute** in Pune provided a comprehensive overview on the topic of a **futuristic approach towards safe pilot transfer arrangements**. **Romil**

**Talaich from Tolani Maritime Institute** in Pune delivered the fourth presentation, to discuss the **promising potential of hydrogen as a marine fuel alternative**. The fifth presenters of the day were **Abhijeet Kumar & Akshay Havelar who on behalf of Tolani Maritime Institute** in Pune shared their thoughts on **"Futuristic ideas for reducing logistics cost, An extensive study & research into the phenomena and potential of wing in ground effect"**.

During the break, a video on Navik Jeevan was played for the audience. Sixth presenters of the day, **Nidhi Poojary & Shubham More from UVPCE, Ganpat University**. They enlightened on the topic **"Influence of satellite in marine industry"**. The seventh presenter of the day **Harshit Gupta and**

**Anshuman Saini from The Great Eastern Institute of Maritime Studies, Lonavala**, delivered a thought-provoking presentation on the topic of **"Digitalization: Challenges & Opportunities in Maritime Sector"**. Eighth presenters of the day **Vetri Venthan and Arunkumar from Hindustan Institute of Maritime Training, Kalpakkam**, provided a comprehensive overview on the topic of **Digitalization: Opportunities & challenges in maritime sector**. Their presentation is sure to be enlightening and thought-provoking. The ninth presenter, **Ankush Mangal & Saurabh Rawat from International Maritime Institute**, discussed on the topic of **Alternative fuels - Pros & Cons/ Challenges**. The last 10th presenters were **Karan Rautela & Manav Gurjar who on behalf of Tolani Maritime Institute** in

Pune shared their thoughts on **"Black Carbon a Pollutant, Impacts & Control Measures"**.

At the conclusion of each presentation, the audience engaged in a lively Q&A session moderated by Mr. Kumar. The participants expertly addressed a variety of thought-provoking questions from the audience, demonstrating the prominent level of interest and engagement generated by the study.



Dr. Sujata Naik

Dr. Sujata Naik, the Chairperson of Tolani Shipping and Director of INSA, delivered a compelling closing speech. She expressed her immense

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satisfaction with the successful completion of the event and congratulated the entire team on their arduous work. She praised the participants for their depth of knowledge and their confidence during the Q&A session. Dr. Naik expressed her sincere gratitude to the Research and Training Committee of INSA and eagerly anticipates future projects of this caliber.



Mr. M D Mehrotra



Mr. A B Dutta



Mr. C R Dash

The judges, **Mr. Chitta Dash, Mr. Dilip Mehrotra, and Mr. A. B. Dutta**, praised the participants for their challenging work

and confidence during the presentations. They noted that the quality of the papers submitted was exceptionally high and that it was a challenging task to narrow down the selection to the best. They also extended their congratulations and well

wishes to all participants, even those who did not make it to the final round, for a successful future ahead.

**Mr. Kumar invited Mr. Birwadkar who announced the results of the competition, with the fifth position given to Mr. Abhijeet Kumar and Mr. Akshay Havelar from Tolani Maritime Institute, Pune. and, Mr. Jeevan James and Mr. Jagath K from Indian Maritime University Chennai Campus secured the fourth position. The second runners-up were Mr. Om Dhamdhare and Mr. Om Dhamdhare from Tolani Maritime Institute, Pune. The first runners-up were Mr. Ankush Mangal and Mr. Saurabh Rawat from the International Maritime**

**Institute.** The **FIRST POSITION** was awarded to **Mr. Karan Rautela and Mr. Manav Gurjar from the Tolani Maritime Institute, Pune.** Mr. Birwadkar congratulated all participants for their challenging work and dedication.



Mr. L P Tripathy



Winners 1st Position-Cdt Karan Rautela & Cdt Manav Gurjar

Lastly, **Mr. Lokanath Tripathy, Head of QST at Greatship India Ltd,** proposed a Vote of Thanks

and appreciated the efforts of all the concerns in organizing this successful event.

## MARINE NEWS

NEW DELHI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

There is a clear opportunity for India as global companies

look to diversify supply chains, and improvement in infrastructure expected in the coming years could make the country a preferred destination, said Michael Peter, chief executive officer (global) of Siemens Mobility.

## India to Be a Preferred Destination for China+1, Says Siemens Mobility CEO



Michael Peter, chief executive officer (global) of Siemens: "I do see a clear opportunity for countries like India to be very successful in the surrounding because we all learned it's better to stand on two or three, four feet versus on one foot to have more resilience in the system."

"I do see a clear opportunity for countries like India to be very successful in the surrounding because we all learned it's better to stand on two or three, four feet versus on one foot to have more resilience in the system," Peter told ET.

**"Improvements in India's infrastructure are expected over the coming years. That will make it a**

preferred destination for China plus one strategy," he said.

On slowing growth in advanced economies, Peter said the market for mobility has remained stable as governments are trying to pump in money on future-oriented areas in technology and trains over the next 30 years.

"We've based our strategy on megatrends

like fighting against global warming, having clean technology, making a difference through digitalisation, providing solutions for aging populations, (and) increasing mobility needs," he said. "This has not really changed with Covid and is coming back stronger now after a two-year break on it."

Peter said it had been a "juggling game" to keep the logistics chain up with semiconductor shortage following supply issues, but now it is getting better.

Sunil Mathur, managing director and CEO of Siemens Limited (India), said the local market being developed here makes India is "hugely attractive". **"Domestic market you build in the base infrastructure here... can then be expanded on and built on for global markets,"** he said.



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## MARINE NEWS



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

### Sea erosion Odisha

BHUVANESHWAR  
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The construction of Gopalpur Port in Southern Odisha has markedly impacted the shoreline dynamics according to a global study conducted by eleven researchers from six universities.

**Almost the entire Gopalpur shoreline experienced erosion between 2010 and 2020 and the construction of Gopalpur port markedly impacted the shoreline dynamics.** Of the 480 km sea coast of Odisha, erosion trend has surfaced across 227 km, accretion recorded in 150 km while coast character remains unchanged over the rest.

Most ports on the east coast have shown a pattern of erosion



**Shoreline erosion in Odisha's Ganjam and deposition, 52 per cent Odisha coastline faces erosion at one stretch or other.** Construction of breakwater perpendicular to the coastline prevented the uniform distribution of littoral sediments in all cases, he said.

With the Odisha government contemplating construction of 14 more ports, researchers warn such infrastructure could potentially impact its fragile coastal system. Resilience of the coastal landforms is compromised due to the construction of onshore and offshore coastal infrastructures in

order to meet the growing demand for economic activities.

Previous studies too had observed a similar trend of erosion and accretion along the eastern coast. The northern part of Paradip port experiences intense erosion due to the construction of a rigid engineering structure (sea wall). The southern part of the port also had signs of erosion. Although accretion pattern was witnessed along Dhamra port from 1990 to 2000, drastic erosion was observed after the port area development in 2007.

Meanwhile, closer to Ramayapatna, erosion has impacted nesting of Olive Ridley turtles. **The impact was so high that turtles for the first time in 30 years changed their nesting site from the Rushikulya rookery to a nearby Island, south of Rushikulya river,** said secretary of

Rushikulya Sea Turtle Protection Committee Rabinranath Sahu. Earlier, the marine turtles used to lay eggs on the 5 km beach from Purunabandha to Podampeta, north of the river mouth.

As per recommendations made by National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), a 3.4 metre sea wall along the 1200 metre stretch covering Ramayapatna will be built at a cost of `23 crore. "Work will start by next month and it will provide protection to the villages south of Rushikulya. .

"The best way forward is to protect salt marshes and mud flats in the coastal regions. Besides, mangrove protection and rejuvenation must be focussed. Similarly, it is critical to create soft structure instead of hard structures to fend off the impact of erosion," the study said.

### Women commander to head the navy contingent in Republic Day Parade

NEW DELHI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

**L**t Commander Disha Amrith, a woman naval air operations official posted at a strategic base, will lead the Indian Navy's Republic Day contingent of 144 young sailors and its tableau will showcase the 'Nari Shakti' in the force. She belongs to Karnataka.

**The tableau will also reflect the Navy's focus on remaining a combat ready, credible and cohesive force.**

Besides Amrith, another woman officer -- Sub Lt Valli Meena S -- will be among the three platoon commanders of the naval contingent.

A Bachelor of Engineering



**Lt Commander Disha Amrith to lead the naval contingent in the Republic Day parade**

in Computer Science from BMS College of Engineering in Karnataka, 29-year-old Amrith was part of the National Cadet Corps's Republic Day team in 2008 and harbored the dream of being part of the marching contingents of one of the three services at the celebrations in Delhi.

"Since 2008, I was nurturing this dream of being part of the Republic Day contingent of the armed forces. It is an amazing opportunity that the Indian Navy has given me (to lead the naval contingent)," she said

### Foreign shipping lines considering to boycott Pakistan's Ports

NEW DELHI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

**F**oreign shipping lines are considering stopping their services to Karachi and Gwador ports after the Pakistani banks stopped remitting freight charges to them due to acute foreign exchange crisis faced by the nation.

**Almost all the international logistics from Pakistan are catered by sea and any disruption could create serious issues for the country's international trade,** Pakistan Ship's Agents Association (PSAA)

chairman Abdul Rauf warned Finance Minister Ishaq Dar through a letter, according to Pakistani media reports.

"If the international trade is stopped the economic situation will worsen," the association warned, adding that the foreign shipping lines are already considering winding up their services in Pakistan due to reduced cargo volumes.

The PSAA chairman also wrote letters to State Bank of Pakistan Governor Jameel Ahmed, Commerce Minister Syed Naveed

Namar and Maritime Affairs Minister Faisal Sabzwari.

Mr Rauf requested the ministries and departments concerned to intervene to ensure continuity in Pakistan's seaborne trade by allowing outward remittance of surplus freight amounts to respective foreign shipping lines forthwith.

"Due to discontinuation of outward remittance of surplus freight amounts to respective foreign shipping lines, was hampering Pakistan's seaborne trade which is heavily dependent

on foreign shipping lines," the letter added.

**However, the crisis relates to the export cargoes as all the outward trade from Pakistan is container-based, as there are no liquid or grain exports from the country.**

The state-owned Pakistan National Shipping Company (PNSC) only handles imports of crude oil and other petroleum fuel through its 12 vessels. The annual freight bill of Pakistan is around 5 billion US dollars, and foreign companies receive the charges in international



**Foreign shipping lines are already considering winding up their services in Pakistan due to reduced cargo volumes**

currencies mainly in US dollars.

The ship agents have pointed out that due to the current state of affairs, the shipping sector was already suffering due to economic ups and downs, **and any further delays in remitting their legitimate dues will constrain Pakistan's external trade.**





## Bangladesh Asks Russia Not to Send Cargo through Ships under US Sanctions

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

“We told Russia that they can send us cargo through any of their vessels except 69 ships that are under (US) sanction,” Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen told reporters here..

The Russian flag carrier — Sparta III — was scheduled to dock at Bangladesh’s southwestern Mongla port on December 24 to unload the

cargo, but Dhaka denied its docking as the vessel reached its territorial waters in Bay of Bengal.

“It is surprising that Russia changed the name of a ship. We didn’t expect it. Now, we expect Russia to send non-sanctioned ships,” Momen said.

“We don’t want to accept those (Russian) ships which are under (the US) sanctions. We have developed good relations with the US,” he added.



Bangladesh on Sunday 22 Jan urged Russia not to send cargo through ships sanctioned by the United States, emphasising that Dhaka doesn’t want its ties with Washington to be affected.

## MARINE NEWS

## 21 islands in Andaman named after Param Vir Chakra Awardees

NEW DELHI  
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Twenty-One large unnamed islands of Andaman and Nicobar were named after Param Vir Chakra awardees in a ceremony attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion of Parakram Diwas.

He also unveiled the model of the National Memorial dedicated to Netaji to be built on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Dweep, earlier known as Ross Islands.

The National Memorial dedicated to Netaji will have a museum, a cable car ropeway, a laser-and-sound show, a guided heritage trail through historical buildings and a theme-based children’s amusement park, besides a Restro lounge

The 21st century is seeing how Netaji Subhash, who was tried to be forgotten after independence,

the country is remembering the same Netaji every moment.

“For decades, there was a demand to declassify the files related to Netaji. The country also did this work with full devotion,” the Prime Minister said in a statement.

Union home minister Amit Shah was present at the ceremony in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Speaking at the event, Shah said Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s initiative to name islands after Param Vir Chakra awardees will ensure they are remembered forever.

The largest unnamed island was named after the first Param Vir Chakra awardee, Major Somnath Sharma, who was martyred in action on November 3, 1947 while repulsing Pakistani infiltrators near Srinagar Airport.

This step will be an everlasting tribute to our heroes, several of

whom had made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the sovereignty and integrity of the nation,” the Prime Minister’s Office said.

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## Govt Planning to Set up Modern Floating Jetty at Biswanath Ghat



The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal informed about the union government's plan to set up a modern floating jetty at the Biswanath Ghat soon.

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

This will create a smooth platform to transport both cargo & passengers via waterways which in turn will transform the local economy, said the Union Waterways Minister.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister, Sonowal said, "It gives me immense pleasure to share this news with you that the Union Government has drawn up plans to set up a modern floating jetty at the historic Biswanath Ghat. **Once functional, this jetty will act as a catalyst of change and realisation of the vision of PM Shri Narendra Modi about Transformation via Transportation.** The rich history of the Biswanath Ghat – as a confluence

of spiritual, economic & social point of importance – will get a further boost.

The new jetty will be instrumental for smooth passage of passengers to commute as well as for the local economy to flourish as the farmers & traders will be able to transport and export our fantastic produce to the world market via waterways.

Under the visionary leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi, the Act East Policy has worked wonders for the economic revival of the region in the global trade map. By re-energising our traditional routes of trade via river Brahmaputra, we have a tremendous opportunity to regain our glory as an important hub of trade in this part of the world."

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

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### Highway projects commissioned in Madhya Pradesh

Union Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated 18 National Highway projects with a total length of 550 km in Orchha,.....



## MARINE NEWS

MUMBAI  
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The fifth submarine of the Kalvari class INS Vagir, was commissioned into the Indian Navy on January 23rd giving a boost to the force's prowess.

INS Vagir, which has been built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited here with technology transfer from France, was commissioned in a ceremony attended by Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar.

## Submarine INS Vagir commissioned

"The submarine will boost the Indian Navy's capability to further India's maritime interests in deterring the enemy, and conducting Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) to provide decisive blow in the times of crisis," the Navy said.

'Vagir' means sand shark, which represents stealth and fearlessness, two qualities synonymous with the ethos of a submariner, it said.



'Vagir' means sand shark, which represents stealth and fearlessness

Equipped with some of the best sensors in the world, its weapons package include sufficient wire

guided torpedoes and sub-surface to surface missiles to neutralise a large enemy fleet, the Navy said. The submarine also has the capability of launching marine commandos for special operations, while its powerful diesel engines can quickly charge batteries for a stealth mission, the Navy added.

For self defense, it has a state of the art torpedo decoy system, the Navy release added.

**The commissioning of INS Vagir comes amid the increasing presence of the Chinese Navy in the Indian Ocean.**





## President of India conferred Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar-2023 on 11 children

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu conferred the "Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar" instituted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India on 11 exceptional children on 23 Jan, 2023.

On this occasion, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai, Minister of State for Women and Child Development, dignitaries, senior officials, and young children from various institutions were present in a special function held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.



President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu conferring Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar-2023

This year the award has been given to 11 children from 11 States/ UTs, representing the diversity of the nation for their exceptional achievements.

The awardees of this year include one each in the category of Bravery and Social Service, two in the

category of Innovation, three in Sports, and four in Art & Culture. Out of the 11 awardees, 5 are Girls and 6 are boys.

A book on Baal Veer "Young Heroes of India" was also released during the ceremony by Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, who

presented the first copy to the President of India.

Union Minister, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani while speaking on the occasion said that **in line with the vision of giving children a safe and happy environment, the Ministry of Women and Child Development organizes the Pradhan Mantri Bal Puraskar every year** to honour children for their outstanding performance in different arenas. This award ceremony is amongst our most treasured occasions as it reflects our commitment to providing children with an atmosphere where they can imbibe good values and principles and become responsible citizens of our country.

Congratulating the awardees, the President of India stated that by conferring the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2023 upon

the children, we are encouraging and honoring their contribution towards nation-building.

The President of India stated that philanthropy has been given the highest place in India's life values. The life of those who live only for themselves is incomplete. Life is meaningful only for those who live for others.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

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Malaysia has emerged as the new market for Tamil Nadu's egg exports with a shipment .....



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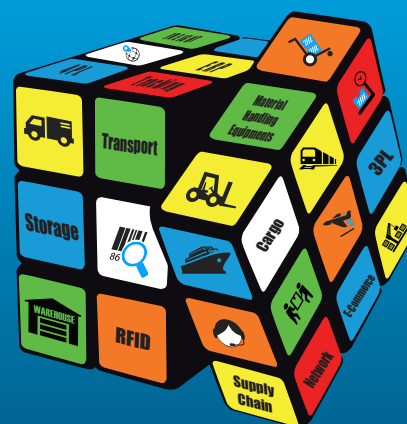


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# Visit of Shri Sudhansh Pant, IAS, Officer on Special Duty, MoPSW to Chennai Port



(L to R) Shri S. Balaji Arun Kumar, IRTS, Dy. Chairperson, Chennai Port Authority, Shri Sunil Paliwal, IAS, Chairperson, Chennai Port Authority, Shri Sudhansh Pant, IAS, Officer on Special Duty, Ministry of Shipping, Ports and Waterways (Right), standing before the new 20 Meter high flag mast.

New Delhi  
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Shri. Sudhansh Pant, IAS, Officer on Special Duty,

Balaji Arunkumar, IRTS, Dy. Chairperson, Chennai Port Authority with their team on 21.01.2023.

During the visit, Shri Sudhansh Pant, IAS, has unveiled the new 20 m high flag mast and hoisted the National Flag. Further, he laid Foundation Stones for Development of Buffer Parking yard for Container Trailers at the back up area at Berth No. 24B at an estimated cost of Rs. 52.85 Cr. and for Construction of Sewage Treatment Plant of 90 KLD Capacity on advanced MBBR Technology with PVA Gel Media, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.57 Cr.

During the visit inside the Harbour Port Area Shri. Sudhansh Pant, IAS participated in tree plantation and visited the Bunker Berth, Buffer parking yard, Cruise Terminal, and inspected the renovation of Shed at JD III.

The OSD (MoPSW) reviewed the performance of the Port and praised the efforts of the Chennai Port.

Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, GoI was welcomed at Chennai Port by Shri. Sunil Paliwal, IAS, Chairperson, and Shri S.

# Theft reported from the high security Mumbai Port

MUMBAI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Mumbai Port has filed a complaint with the local police after electronic components worth Rs 24 lakhs went missing from one of its sheds at Indira Docks.

According to the police, the FIR was registered based on a complaint submitted by a Port official. In his complaint, the official said that the electronic parts were ordered from Gujarat in order to assemble and install two transformers on the Port properties. The parts were received in January 2021 and stored in the shed number 12A ID.

The theft was noticed in October and port launched internal investigations and a report was prepared in December which said a total of 94 parts, including bars, cables and other items, worth Rs 24.18 lakh were missing from the shed. Based on the report the Port administration approached the police and

an FIR was registered against unknown persons for theft. The Port authorities submitted a detailed inventory of the missing parts as well as a copy the Port official's report.

"Shed superintendents are given duties in rotating shifts at the docks, and our responsibility is to keep an eye on the goods that are imported and exported. However, as the 12A ID shed is very large and there is not enough manpower, watching all the goods is not possible. Since the shed's doors are very old, they do not shut anymore and hence, the shed is always open," the port official's report was quoted by local media reports.

"Due to the complete lack of security at the shed, the parts could have been stolen over a period of time by anyone who had regular access to it. We are making inquiries with all such persons and also checking for any relevant CCTV footage.

Mumbai port



Australia eyes sea mines to shore up maritime defense

## MARINE NEWS

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Australia said it would accelerate plans to buy advanced Sea Mines to protect its Maritime Routes and Ports from "potential aggressors" amid China's plans to increase its influence in the Pacific region.

The so-called smart sea mines are designed to differentiate between military targets and other types of ships, a defense department spokesperson said in a statement.

## Australia to invest in Sea Mines to protect its Ports and Maritime routes

"Australia is accelerating the acquisition of smart sea mines, which will help to secure sea lines of communication and protect Australia's Maritime approaches," it said. "A modern Sea mining capability is a significant deterrent to potential aggressors."

Though the defense department did not specify any further details, a report in an Australian newspaper

said Canberra would spend up to 698 million US dollars to procure the high-tech underwater weapons.

The federal government will soon announce a contract to buy "a substantial number" of sea mines from a European weapons supplier, the report said, citing unidentified defense industry sources.

China has plans to step

up its presence in the Pacific and entered a security pact with Solomon Islands last year, raising concerns in the United States and Australia, who for decades have seen the region as their sphere of influence.





## Rail Vikas Nigam floats Jt venture companies to build Multi Modal Parks in Chennai and Bengaluru

CHENNAI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL) has announced the formation of two joint venture (JV) companies, namely the Bengaluru Multi Modal Logistics Park Pvt. Ltd. and Chennai Multi Modal Logistics Park Pvt. Ltd.

The two JV companies are formed after the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

signed with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for the construction of Multi Modal Logistics Parks (MMLP) across the country under the Bharat Mala Pariyojana.

According to RVNL's intimation to the bourses, it had signed a joint venture agreement with a special purpose vehicle (SPV) of NHAI, National Highways Logistics Management

Limited (NHLML), and the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) Bengaluru.

The agreement was signed for the development of MMLP at Obalapura in the Bengaluru rural district on a Public Private Partnership on Design Build Finance Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis. The company estimates the development

of rail connectivity to MMLP Bengaluru to be worth Rs 136.16 crore.

While RVNL has a 16.33 percent ratio in the joint venture, KIADB's share in the JV stands at 32.38 percent and NHLML's at 51.29 percent.

For the development of MMLP at Mappedu in Chennai on a Design Build Finance Operate Transfer (DBFOT) basis, RVNL had signed a JV agreement

with NHLML, Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) Ltd, and Chennai Port Authority (ChPA).

RVNL estimated the development of rail connectivity to MMLP Chennai to be worth Rs 166.64 crore. NHLML's share in the JV stands at 40.18 percent, ChPA's at 26.02 percent, RVNL's at 26 percent and TIDCO's at 7.8 percent



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(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)  
**Rail Vikas Nigam Limited**  
(A Government of India Enterprises)

## Two more Vande Bharat trains for Karnataka

BENGALURU  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

On the eve of the state assembly elections in the next two months, Karnataka is all set to have two vande bharat trains connecting capital Bengaluru with Hydrabad and Hubli in Northern part of the state.

The first vande bharat in southern India was commissioned between Bengaluru and Chennai

but it turned out to be the slowest of the vande bharat trains operating in the country since the railway tracks in Tamil Nadu remained weak and did not have modern signaling systems.

The IT hub of the country will soon get another semi-high-speed train, connecting Bengaluru to Telangana's Hyderabad and covering a long distance of 570 kilometers according

to the latest notification by the South central railway.

The new Vande Bharat Express train is expected to run from Bengaluru to Kacheguda in Hyderabad, which takes around 10 hours by road. **Through the Vande Bharat train, the distance will be covered in around 4 hours.**

The formal announcement regarding the launch of the Bengaluru-Hyderabad Vande Bharat



Vande Bharat trains

train will be made during the presentation of the Union Budget 2023, which will take place on February 1 in Parliament.

Another vande bharat is on the cards to link Bengaluru with Hubli in the northern part of Karnataka

## Amazon to launch Air cargo fleet in India

NEW DELHI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Global E-Commerce Giant, Amazon is planning to launch its own air cargo fleet, Prime Air, in India.

This is the only market outside the US and Europe where the company is launching dedicated air cargo operations, and it will help Amazon increase its logistical presence in the country.

Prime Air was launched in the US in 2016 and is expected to be launched in the country by the end of this month. It will begin with two Boeing 737-800s, and the number



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of freighters will increase to six by the end of this year. Currently, Prime Air is operating a fleet of 91 aircraft globally, including Boeing 737s, 767s, and ATRs.

Prime Air will exclusively deliver packages for the company, helping the

e-commerce giant create its own overnight delivery network.

QuikJet, a joint venture between AFL and Ireland-based ASL Aviation Group, will operate the airline.

The ASL group manages Amazon's cargo operations in Europe.

## China to Revive Outbound Group Travel to 20 Countries

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

China will roll out a pilot programme next month to revive the country's outbound group travel services, its Ministry of Culture and Tourism said on Friday, 20 Jan, according to a report by Xinhua.

Travel agencies and online tourism service providers in China will be permitted to provide group tours to 20 countries from February 6, it said.

The countries that will benefit include Thailand,

the United Arab Emirates, South Africa, Russia and Cuba.

Relevant airline ticket and hotel booking services will be resumed as well, the ministry said.



People wear face masks while getting street food in Chinatown amid the spread of the coronavirus in Bangkok, Thailand, January 6, 2021. File photo: Athit Perawongmetha, Reuters.



## SEAFARER NEWS



"Worrying will never change the outcome"

## Small improvements to shore leave satisfaction, but issues still remain say seafarers

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

**W**hilst satisfaction levels have increased over the last two quarters, worryingly shore leave remains problematic, scoring just 5.87/10.

The reason for this is multi-faceted. For one, the places crews are calling in to continue to have strict restrictions in place; the rolling lockdowns across China attest to how vulnerable some nations



### Standard Club

remain in the face of the pandemic. For others, the minimal allowable crewing levels mean there is little free time to take advantage of shore leave.

**Those that have been able to get ashore are able to visit welfare centres and facilities near ports where they can partake in**

rest and recreation or have access to supplies that they need. Seafarers expressed their gratitude for the ongoing efforts which aim to grow the network and services that the centres offer, ensuring that they are fit for purpose.

**Every bit of improvement counts; be it**

in connectivity, catering, training, wages, working hours and shore leave. However, it is the synergy of these adjustments across the industry that can bring about real long term positive and impactful changes for seafarers.

The final report of the year, Q4 2022 will be published later this month, in which the overall themes and trends from the past year will be summarised and reflected upon. Watch out for the release and our

breakdown of the survey results over the coming weeks.

The Loss Prevention department at Standard Club is dedicated to improving seafarer welfare, and testament to that commitment, the club is a signatory on the Neptune Declaration on Seafarer Wellbeing and Crew Change as well as a proud sponsor of the Seafarers Happiness Index, a report by Mission to Seafarers.

## Preferential berth allotment of berths in VOC Port

TUTICORIN  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

**V**.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority (VOCPA) proposes to introduce a Preferential Berth Allotment scheme valid for one year to be extended to all importers who guarantee a minimum guaranteed throughput of 1 million MT of dry bulk cargo (other than coal), said a release.

**Priority berthing shall be provided to vessels without restriction in berth stay, subject to the following conditions:**

The importer applies for the Preferential Berthing Allotment Scheme 2023 committing a MGT of 1 MMTPA for handling dry cargoes other than coal at VOCPA for the year 2023.

The Importer shall submit the following document along with the application:

Commitment letter for handling the MGT volume of 1 Million tons per annum at VOCPA in the prescribed format.

Irrevocable Bank Guarantee (BG) equivalent to wharfage charges plus applicable GST for 1 MMT, in favour of FA&CAO, VOC Port Authority, drawn in any scheduled bank payable at Tuticorin branch valid until 31.03.2024, with a claim period up to 30.06.2024.

Undertaking Letter to handle the MGT of 1 MMT of dry bulk cargo other than coal, failing which/and in the event of a shortfall in the handled quantity, express No Objection to encashment of the BG to the tune of the applicable wharfage charges plus GST for the shortfall quantity.

Request for priority shall be entered through NLP Marine. Parameters for berthing of vessels shall be according to the Trade Notice dated 08-08-2019. Berthing and shifting of vessels shall be according to



VOC port

the Berthing Policy for berthing of vessels at VOCPA published on 22-09-2020 and Trade Notice dates 12-04-2019.

**Vessel and cargo related charges including priority berthing charges, as per General SoR, shall be paid before berthing of the vessel.** However, if the vessel is berthed under normal arrival priority, no priority charges shall be collected for that vessel. Priority berthing shall not be extended to vessels carrying part cargo. Cargo discharged from vessels berthed on normal arrival priority including part cargo shall also be accounted for the MGT.

**Coastal cargo shall not be accounted for the MGT scheme.** Berthing will be provided based on the IGM and cargo shall be accounted based on the importer's name & IE Code in the Customs OOC document for the MGT. Interested importers shall apply to the port on or before March 31st.

The scheme will be valid for one year from the date of acceptance issued by the VOCPA.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

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### Russia sanctions: Two indicted, one arrested, in Tango yacht case

Back in April last year, U.S. and Spanish authorities seized the \$90 million yacht Tango owned by sanctioned Russian oligarch Viktor Vekselberg.



On Friday, 20 Jan, indictments were unsealed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia charging two men, Vladislav Osipov, 51, a Russian national, .....

### El Niño could worsen India's inflation worries in 2023

The El Niño phenomenon is likely to impact India's weather in 2023, affecting the country's agriculture sector.



The annual

monsoon rains are usually the worst-hit by this phenomenon. Considering how important these rains are for its agricultural sector and the overall economy, El Niño is a major cause for worry for India, which is already battling inflation.....

### Gati Launches Advanced Surface Transshipment Centres in Nagpur And Guwahati



Gati Ltd., An Allcargo Group company and one of India's premier express logistics and supply chain solutions providers, has launched state-of-the-art and tech-enabled surface transshipment centres (STC) in Nagpur, Maharashtra and Guwahati, Assam.

The launch of Nagpur and Guwahati STCs is in line with Gati's plan to set up 12 modern,.....





# Cut down fuel prices if crude has stabilised, under-recoveries narrowed, Oil Minister tells OMCs

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Sunday 22 Jan asked oil marketing companies (OMCs) to cut retail prices of petrol and diesel, but only after fulfilment of two conditions — once international prices have stabilised and the companies have managed to reduce under-recoveries.

Speaking on the sidelines of flagging off a CNG-driven boat race on the River Ganga here, Puri claimed that fuel cost has been under check, despite volatile prices of the Indian crude basket.

**The event was organised by GAIL as a run up to the India Energy Week, which will take place next month in Bengaluru.**

OMCs have incurred a loss of ₹21,200 crore on account of selling petrol and diesel below the cost price. Though the companies are free to revise the product prices based on economics, but in practical



Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri | Photo Credit: Manvender Vashist Lav

terms, political consideration is also important.

Puri said one of the reasons for keeping fuel prices under check is the reduction in taxes. The Centre had revised taxes twice between November 2021 and May 2022. Prices of petrol and diesel have not been revised since May 22, 2022, when the Finance Ministry cut Excise duty followed by reduction in sales tax by States.

However, during this period, while the Brent crude came down to \$88/barrel from the highs of \$139 in March, India has been

increasing its import from Russia. Both of these have a combined impact on the overall fuel import bill, but losses are still there which seems to be the reason why OMCs are not able to cut the prices.

“We are earning gross profit on petrol and it is in single digit. However, during the last 15 days, due to cracks, petrol profitability has been effected. Diesel sale is still on gross loss and it is in double digits,” said a senior official from an OMC. Gross amount of loss or profit for Q3 will be known, once OMCs declare their financial results.

In a recent report, Moody’s Investor Services said as international prices of gasoline (petrol) and gasoil (diesel) cool on slowdown concerns, marketing losses will ease for the three OMCs. “Still, overall earnings for FY23 will be weak because of marketing losses in the first half. The rupee’s depreciation against the US dollar further hit profits,” it added.

Significant marketing losses earlier in the year will drag on earnings for the OMCs in FY23. Net realised prices for gasoline and gasoil, which account for almost 55-60 per cent of product sales for the three companies, did not increase at the same pace as international prices, resulting in EBITDA losses for the six months through September 2022, Moody’s said.

CHENNAI  
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## MARINE NEWS

# Navy resorts to clean up drive along Tamil Nadu beaches

Cleanup drives were conducted by the Indian Navy on coastal areas near the Naval units in Tamil Nadu between January 21 and 23rd, as part of a nation-wide campaign.

The areas covered during the drive include Valangapuri Beach by INS Parundu, Ramanathapuram, Nagore Beach by Naval Detachment, Nagapattinam, Kalpakkam Beach by INS Pallava, Kollumedu lake by Naval Transmitting Station, Avadi and Uvari Beach by INS Kattabomman, Tirunelveli.

**Along with Indian Naval personnel, NCC cadets also joined in making Indian coasts a better place for marine life and providing a clean environment.**

The aim of the campaign is to increase public awareness about



Indian Navy cleans up TN beaches for a clean beach, clean sea.

accumulation and subsequent impact of garbage along the coastlines and beaches. Non-biodegradable waste material that includes plastic bottles, wrappers, thermocol, glass pieces are collected during the cleanup drive for safe disposal.

## VESSEL SCHEDULES



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



To know the details for any Port or Terminal, You are just required to log on to [www.porttoport.in](http://www.porttoport.in) and click the tool vessel position / Ports and terminal.



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

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





## EXIM TREND

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

# FTA negotiations between India and UK at an advanced stage

NEW DELHI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Negotiations between Britain and India for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) are "well advanced", with the next round of talks set to commence very soon, a UK Foreign Office minister said during the debate in Parliament here, asserting that a strong deal could boost the country's economy.

Lord Tariq Ahmad, the UK Foreign Office Minister



Britain's relationship with India is central to its foreign policy says a high British official

for South Asia, also said Britain's relationship with India is central to its foreign policy and as one of the world's biggest economies it is a key partner.

He confirmed that negotiations for a bilateral free trade agreement (FTA) are "well advanced", with the next round of negotiations set to commence very soon.

"It is true that, as we set up and strengthen this relationship, the United

Kingdom's relationship with India is central to UK foreign policy," said Ahmad. "As one of the world's biggest and fastest-growing economies, India is a key partner to the UK. We are also looking at lowering non-tariff barriers on medical devices to benefit British exporters, and are well advanced in our negotiations for an ambitious and balanced free trade agreement," he said.

A strong trade deal with India could boost the UK economy by billions of pounds over the long term, helping families across the country, he said.

"As an update, we have now completed six rounds of negotiations for a trade deal and will begin the next round very soon. Several noble Lords talked about timelines.

**According to official UK government data, India-UK bilateral trade currently stands at around 29.6 billion pounds a year.**

# UAE Explores Non-Oil Trade in Indian Rupees, Sees Major Role for Crypto

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

The United Arab Emirates and India are discussing ways to boost non-oil commerce in rupees as the Gulf country looks to strengthen ties with its second-largest trade partner.

"We are still in early-stage discussions with India on this dirham-rupee trade," Thani al-Zeyoudi, the UAE's Minister of State for Foreign Trade,

told Bloomberg Television in Davos, Switzerland.

Another area he spotlighted in a separate interview on Friday 20 Jan is the role of cryptocurrencies in commerce.

The UAE has been seeking to step up trade with crucial partners and last year signed multiple economic pacts with countries including India, Indonesia, Turkiye, Israel and Ukraine. In the coming months, the UAE

expects to finalise similar agreements with Cambodia and Georgia, al-Zeyoudi said.

**The economic agreements are set to boost the UAE's gross domestic product by 3.4% to 3.8% by 2030, he said.**

Opec's third-biggest producer has long maintained a currency peg to the dollar and most trade in the Gulf is settled in the US currency. Total bilateral trade between the UAE and India was nearly \$64bn

in 2021, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

Oil sales in the Indian currency are "not under consideration," al-Zeyoudi said. "This is only going to be focusing on non-oil trade."

The UAE and neighbouring Gulf countries look relatively resilient to the risk of a global recession this year, mainly due to massive oil bounties they collected in 2022 and measures they have taken since the Covid-19 pandemic.



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The UAE is "very immune" if a recession in the world economy materialises in 2023, al-Zeyoudi said. "We did excellently last year, and we're going to have an excellent performance this year as well."

# Saudi Arabia signs \$1bn deal with Indian firm to produce specialized agricultural chemicals

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

The ministry signed the agreement with an Indian company, UPL Limited, which markets and manufactures agrochemicals and offers crop protection solutions.

The new agreement comes in line with the goals outlined in Vision 2030, which eyes diversifying the Kingdom's economic streams

Headquartered in Mumbai, UPL, which acquired Arysta Life



UPL Group CEO Jai Shroff joined key industry leaders at the World Economic Forum to spread the word about the critical role sustainable agriculture can play in Saudi Arabia's pursuit of net-zero. (Supplied)

Science Inc. in 2019, is currently the fifth-largest generic agrochemicals

company in the world after Bayer, Dupont, Syngenta and BASF.

In December, Sustainalytics, a company that rates the sustainability of listed companies based on their environmental, social and corporate governance performance, ranked the highest-performing top-tier global crop protection company in its 2022 ESG rating.

**This is the third year UPL has been ranked in this industry leadership position for sustainability performance by Sustainalytics**

"I am convinced UPL has the most agile and performance-oriented culture to execute a transformational strategy across the globe and to further our mission to support farmers and food

systems alike," said Jai Shroff, global CEO at UPL Ltd.

In December 2022, Saudi Arabia's Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture Abdulrahman Bin Abdul Mohsen Al-Fadhli, who is also the chairman of the board of directors of the Agricultural Development Fund, approved the expansion plan in the plant resources sector and greenhouses with new investments valued at SR4 billion (\$1.09 billion) until 2025

**According to Al-Fadhli, the investment will help Saudi Arabia to increase its production capacity in the agricultural sector by adopting new technologies.**