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International Customs Day observed

Mr. Stephen Cotton, General Secretary ITF meets with Indian Seafarers and Shipping Fraternity

On the 23rd January 2023 Mr. Stephen Cotton, General Secretary (ITF), and Ms. Baker Khundakji Young Transport Workers' Officer (ITF) visited Indian Sailors Home Society (ISHS), Thana Street, Masjid, Mumbai- 400 009.

Mr. Milind Kandalgaonkar, NUSI General Secretary-cum-Treasurer, Mr. Abdulgani Y. Serang, NUSI Advisor along with the seafarers gathered in large numbers gave a rousing welcome.

his interaction with the seafarers, Mr. Stephen Cotton appreciated seafarers' role during the Covid pandemic and he emphasized the importance of skill development and how Indian seafarers are in demand worldwide. Mr. Cotton assured the seafarers that with the various maritime regulation and conventions, ITF will continue to safeguard the interest of the seafarers and further strive to improve the working culture in general.

Mr. Cotton in his interaction with the shipping fraternity stressed the importance of having more avenues to provide advanced training for seafarers as India has a lot of potential in the world maritime industry. He also spoke about the climate



crisis as one of the biggest challenges faced today all over the world and the immediate need to address the same.



Mr. Stephen Cotton along with Ms. Baker Khundakji laid wreaths and paid homage at the Seafarer's War Memorial, Indian Sailors Home Society (ISHS). In



Mr. Stephen Cotton also visited the Seafarers Centre comprising a fully equipped Gymnasium, Indoor Sports, Yoga Hall, and Medical and Counselling room at the ISHS.



ITF & NUSI Team with Shipping Stalwart Capt. M. P. Bhasin, Capt. Pradeep Correa, Capt. Sankalp, Capt. Rajesh and others







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MARINE NEWS



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

Announcement on Next Maritime SheEO Leadership program!



opportunities. This forms part of the wider outreach strategy of IMO's Women in Maritime Programme to provide women with access to short upgrading courses, similar to those offered for women in port management and operations.

The third cohort of the Maritime SheEO Leadership Programme is now taking applications. This is supported by IMO through the award of 20 scholarships to WIMA members, and 10 slots to WISTA members. This is to develop the careers of women in the maritime sector.

This sponsorship will enable selected women in the maritime, to benefit from this leadership scheme, which will include training, mentoring, and networking

The program is twelve weeks long and starts on March 8th. After the live and self-study modules approx 10 weeks, the participants will have a 2-week break wherein they have to make presentations on their projects followed by an online graduation.

To know more about the program please click:

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LOGISTICS NEWS

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Mr. Kishan Tiwari, Co-Founder and CEO, TSAW Drones

New Delhi
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As a drone technology and drone development company a more inclusive environment needs to be created for prototyping, testing, and making the product market ready. Since drones share similarities with the aerospace domain, testbeds are expensive and limited, and prototyping is costly and limited, and prototyping is costly affair. Government support in this field would give a great boost to the industry. As a drone logistics provider service, linked incentives will be a boost. And more clarity on beyond visual line of sight operation would promote investment in the industry.

As a drone manufacturer, I believe PLI schemes should have a plan to indigenous technology. The incentives post a particular tenure should be given only if the manufacturer has indigenized the production to a particular level.



Kishan Tiwari, Co- Founder and CEO, TSAW

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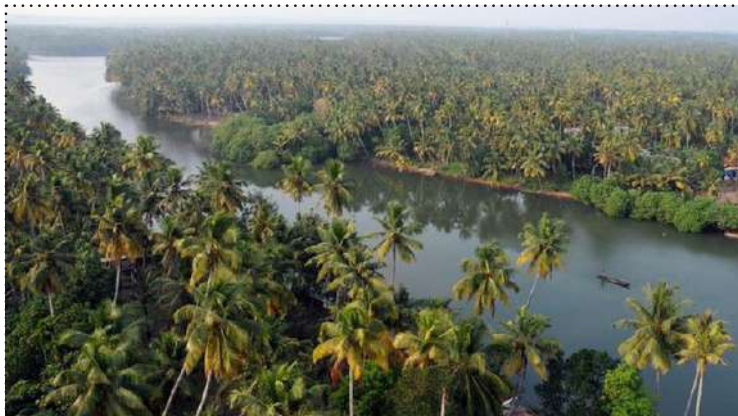
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West coast canal project will be commissioned in 2 years in Kerala coast

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Work on the 616 kilometer Kovalam-Bekal West Coast Canal project connecting the entire length of Kerala is progressing well with dredging work on the backwaters being taken up at various places, the state transport minister Antony Raju said. The project will be completed within two years.

Kerala, the land with a large number of rivers, canals and backwaters,



west coast canal under construction off Kerala coast

is taking massive steps to maximize the vast opportunities for water transport he said.

The West coast canal will link Kovalam near Tiruvananthapuram in Southern end of Kerala

with Bekal near Kozhikode in Northern part of the state will provide inland water transport to the entire state.

Kerala's transport minister was inaugurating the fifth edition of India Boat and Marine Show (IBMS), the premier industrial show in the boat and marine sector in the country. "The development of the waterway is key to the economic development of the state," Raju said, adding that the Rs 6,500-crore project will be completed in two years' time.

The IBMS fair has 115 stalls of over 65 companies displaying various products and services, including different types of boats, speed boats, engines, unmanned remote-controlled watercraft for weed removal and rescue, underwater unmanned inspection equipment, navigational systems, ancillary service providers, water sports equipment, etc.

The only boat show in the country will conclude on January 29th and more than 5,000 business visitors are expected for IBMS.

Coastguard acts to save the life of a Mariner at sea

NEW DELHI
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The Indian Coast Guard's (ICG) advanced light helicopter has evacuated an injured Myanmar national from a vessel of Singapore, about 80 nautical mile (148 km) east-northeast of Paradip.

Motor tanker GB Venture had developed a mechanical snag and was anchored about 40.5

nautical miles south of Sagar. A crew member Than Htike Lwin sustained blunt abdominal trauma while carrying out maintenance of a hydraulic pipeline.

Lwin complained of severe pain in the abdomen and also faced difficulty in breathing. The master of GB Venture vessel, which was reportedly carrying oil to Haldia, requested Sagar vessel traffic management

system for his immediate evacuation.

The Indian Coast Guard Air Enclave in Bhubaneswar deployed an advanced light helicopter (ALH) to evacuate him. Two coast guard ships operating in the sea were also diverted towards the motor tanker to render necessary assistance.

The ICG's helicopter arrived at the vessel and evacuated Lwin from the vessel in a 20 minute operation. He was brought to Bhubaneswar and shifted to a private hospital here. Lwin's health condition is stated to be stable.



Coastguard helicopters on the rescue mission at sea a representational picture



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PORT NEWS

Centre Invites Bids For ICTP Port Project



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The Centre has invited bids for the

₹41,000-crore mega international container transshipment port (ICTP) being planned for the Galathea Bay of Great

Nicobar Island of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The government is aiming to complete the terminal in 2028 with a handling capacity of 4 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs). A TEU is an approximate unit of measure used for cargo containers.

The capacity of the port will increase to 16 million TEUs in the ultimate stage of development.

MARINE NEWS



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Yet another ferry service to operate between Mumbai and Navi Mumbai

MUMBAI
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Nayan XI, a luxury vessel belonging to the Nayantara Shipping, has been permitted to operate services between Belapur in Navi Mumbai and Gateway of India. State ports minister Dadaji Bhuse will inaugurate the service on February 4

MyBoatRide.com in collaboration with Nayantara Shipping will operate the ferry services. The vessel has a capacity of 140 passengers on the lower deck and another 60 on the upper/business class deck.



Representational picture of ferry service

The vessel will sail from Belapur in Navi Mumbai at 8.30am and reach Gateway of India at 9.30am. The second trip from Gateway of India will depart at 6.30pm and arrive at Belapur at 7.30pm. The service would help passengers reach Mumbai

from the suburban Navi Mumbai in the morning and reach back home in the evening

Tickets will be priced at Rs 250 for the lower deck and Rs 350 for the upper/business class deck. To ensure last-mile connectivity from Belapur station, sharing rickshaws will be available to the jetty at Rs 10 and, cabs and buses will be available from Gateway of India to Churchgate and CSMT. High costs of ferry service and lack of last mile connectivity have come in the way of these operations becoming successful in the past.

A spokesman of the shipping company that will operate the ferry service said, "We brought Nayantara ship in October and we have been pursuing to get permission. At present, we operate Belapur to Mandwa via domestic cruise terminal on weekends. We are hoping to attract the office crowd.

At present, it takes two hours by private taxis from the city to Belapur and they charge Rs 800. Our pricing and journey time are much lesser." The company had been asking for permission to operate its services and there was stiff opposition from traditional passenger boats.

Spanish Police Seize Cocaine Worth \$114 Million from Cattle Ship



New Delhi
Sagar Sandesh News Service

Spanish police seized 4.5 tonnes of cocaine with an estimated street value of 105 million euros (\$114 million) after raiding a cattle ship off the Canary Islands last week.

The ship had stopped

at ports in about a dozen countries before Tuesday's raid, and police said drug smugglers had started using livestock ships because it was more difficult for police to trace their illicit cargo.

"International organisations are reinventing themselves to transport drugs from Latin America to Europe, using livestock

to make the control and localisation more difficult," the Spanish police statement said.

Police arrested 28 crew members on the Togo-flagged Orion V, which had been trailed from Colombia in an operation

by Spanish authorities, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and Togo police.

Officers unloaded dozens of boxes containing the cocaine on the port side in Las Palmas on the island of Gran Canaria.

SHIPPING NEWS

New Delhi
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Nigeria opened up a new billion-dollar Chinese-built deep sea port in Lagos. This new port is expected to greatly reduce congestion in the country's ports and make Lagos a transshipment hub in Africa for handling cargoes headed to other destinations.

The new port named the "**LEKKI SEA PORT**" is 75% owned by China Harbor Engineering Company and the Tolaram Group. The remaining 25% is owned by the Lagos State government and the Nigerian Ports Authority.

Nigeria Opens Billion-Dollar- Chinese-Built Deep-Sea Port in Lagos



The port is designed to handle 1.2 million containers annually. It is the largest seaport in Nigeria and one of the largest in all of West Africa. The construction of the port began in June 2020 and was initiated by the incumbent president of Nigeria, Muhammad Buhari. The **LEKKI PORT** is a great endorsement of

China's Belt and Road cooperation in Africa.

China has been one of the largest bilateral lenders to Nigeria and has funded many railroads and power stations. Cai Jianchun, the Chinese ambassador to Nigeria called the new port a game changer, and further added that the port would create around 200,000 new jobs.

Container ships collided in Bangkok fairway

New Delhi
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Container ship **WAN HAI 272** collided with container ship **SANTA LOUKIA** in Bangkok fairway approach at around 0835 LT Jan 28, near buoy 9. **WAN HAI 272** sustained portside damages in the

fore cargo deck area, and remained at collision site, probably grounded, or entangled with buoy. As of 1130 LT Jan 28, **WAN HAI 272** remained in the same position, with 3 tugs working on her. **WAN HAI 272** was sailing to Laem Chabang from Bangkok, she arrived at Thailand from China.





Reefer Rates Fall On Main Europe To Far East Trade

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According to the latest data from Oslo's Xeneta, the spot rate on the leading fronthaul reefer route now sits at **USD 4 240 per FEU**.

The traditionally resilient trade in reefers from Europe to the Far East appears to be slowly succumbing to the same market forces as the rest of the containerized ocean freight sector, with sustained declines in volume now being followed



by spot and long-term rate falls.

According to the latest data from Oslo's Xeneta, the spot rate on the leading fronthaul reefer route now sits at USD 4 240 per FEU. After a period of almost two years defined by prices in excess of USD 5 000 per FEU reefer container, a sharp fall in December has changed the character of the market, with spot rates now below-contracted prices for the first time since October 2019.

Xeneta's crowd-sourced data shows a current long-term rate just shy of USD 4 500 per FEU reefer, after

peaking in September last year at USD 4 850.

Here Sand points out that reefer volumes from Europe to the Far East peaked back in 2020, and have been declining ever since. Volumes fell by 4% in 2021, accelerating to a 13% drop in 2022. This equates to a loss of 100 000 TEU from January to November 2022.

Despite the declining rates, Xeneta's historical data shows that prices remain "relatively strong". In the third quarter of 2019 long-term reefer contracts could be signed for "only" USD 2 000 per FEU.

MARINE NEWS

River cruise MV Ganga Vilas Leaves Kolkata for Sunderbans

KOLKATA
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

MV Ganga Vilas the river cruise which took off from Varanasi, docked at a Kolkata jetty for the last two days, left for Sunderbans, a UNESCO heritage site on January 30th, an official said. The cruise vessel, flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 13, entered West Bengal early this week through Murshidabad and later reached Kolkata, he said. The ship has been docked at the Indenture Memorial (IM) Jetty on the bank of the Hooghly river.

The vessel left Kolkata on January 30th and then it will be anchored at Sunderbans, one of the largest mangrove forests in the world and a UNESCO world heritage site, for two days," the official said.

Taking to Twitter, Union Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said, "The next phase of the journey

of MV Ganga Vilas will be on the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route, as it travels through Bangladesh to reach Assam. All infra has been provided at IM Jetty in Kolkata for a smooth immigration process for passengers."

MV Ganga Vilas began its journey from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh on January 13 and would travel around 3,200 km in 51 days to reach Dibrugarh in Assam via Bangladesh, sailing across 27 river systems in India and the neighboring country. From the eastern Uttar Pradesh town of Varanasi the cruise moved to Patna in Bihar and reached Kolkata through Jharkhand.

Tourists, who are travelling on the maiden journey of the cruise, had a visit to Kumartuli, an idol-making hub in Kolkata on Saturday. "A city tour was planned for the passengers so that they can experience local culture," the official added.



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

The turn-over of ships in Suez canal during December 2022

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

As many as 352 vessels crossed the Suez Canal from both directions in December 2022 according to official release from the Suez Canal authority.

The net tonnage that transited through the global waterway last month hit 6.5 million tons.

The release said the West Port Said port received 36 container ships with a capacity of 277,720 tons. The port also received

10 general cargo ships, 10 liquid bulk ships, and two roll-on/roll-off (RORO) ships, among others.

Meanwhile, East Port Said Port witnessed 113 container ships, 9 clinker ships, 9 salt ships, and 3 cement ships, with a capacity of 3.85 million tons. Also, Al-Arish port received 11 ships for exporting bulk goods to foreign markets, with a capacity of 40,153 tons.



European Union announces a full ban on Russian Oil from Feb 5

New Delhi
Sagar Sandesh News Bureau

European Union has announced a full ban on Russian oil product imports from Feb. 5 in an attempt to cut Russia's revenues for its role in the military conflict with Ukraine.

The Group of Seven (G7) coalition is also planning to impose price caps on Russian fuel.

Russia has plans to divert its supplies to Asia, Africa and Latin America,



and would rather cut oil production than agree to a price cap, Russian Deputy

Prime Minister Alexander Novak said in December.

Diesel supplies from

Russian ports to Turkey have been growing in recent months and totaled about 0.68 million tons from Jan. 1-25, against 0.73 million tons in whole December, Refinitiv data showed.

Russia has diversified its sources for export in view of the sanctions regime being implemented by United States, European union and Japan. Two cargoes carrying 70,000 tons of diesel are also heading from Russia to Brazil.

Since the start of January, diesel and gasoil supplies from the Russian Black Sea port of Novorossiisk to Senegal have ramped up to 140,000 tons versus 35,000 tons in the previous month. Two more tankers could deliver up to 66,000 tons of Russian diesel to Libya, Refinitiv data showed.

Despite the growing oil product supplies from Russia on new export routes, traders expect some turbulence on markets for the next two to three weeks, market sources said.

EXIM NEWS

India's Trade Gap With UAE Widens After FTA

Eight months into a free trade agreement with the United Arab Emirates, India's trade gap with the Gulf nation has **widened by more than \$5 billion, lifted by elevated global crude oil prices and an increase in non-oil trade.**

While **India's exports to the UAE grew by 11%** during this period to \$20.25 billion, **imports climbed 24.4%** to \$36.23 billion, data from the department of commerce showed. This caused a trade gap of \$15.98 billion, compared to a deficit of \$10.89 billion in the corresponding period last year.

India's non-oil trade deficit more than doubled between May and December 2022 to about \$2.2 billion from \$1.01

billion a year earlier. The India-UAE comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA) came into force on 1 May 2022.

India's non-oil outbound shipments to the UAE grew by 2.59% to \$15.03 billion, **while non-oil inbound shipments jumped 10.03%** to \$17.23 billion during the May-December period.

An official in the department of commerce said CEPA utilization is "on an uptrend" and is only likely to increase further. Pointing at the increasing utilization of the free trade pact by Indian exporters, the official said the issuance of preferential certificates of origin (COO) under the CEPA increased from 415 certificates worth \$133.2



million in May 2022 to 6111 worth \$1.11 billion in December 2022.

However, while the import surge was largely led by high-value petroleum products and raw material shipments, exports have been led by double-digit expansion in gems and jewellery, electrical machinery and equipment, automobiles, cereals, etc., where India gained duty-free access under the agreement. That,

experts, pointed out, was a good start.

The pact, negotiated in a record 88 days, was signed on 18 February. It is the first major free trade pact signed by the Narendra Modi-led government since it came to power in 2014 and is likely to benefit about \$26 billion worth of Indian products that are subjected to 5% import duty by the UAE.

While imports of crude oil surged 60% in April-November to \$20.12

billion, imports of polymers were up 30% to \$1.09 billion.

The pact immediately eliminated duties for 90% of India's exports in value terms to the UAE, covering sectors such as gems and jewellery, textiles, leather, and engineering goods among others.

Gems and jewellery exports to the UAE grew by 33% in May. It grew 18% during the June to December period to \$3.38 billion. Electrical machinery and equipment exports expanded by 28% to \$2.25 billion in the same period. While automobiles and cereals exports grew by 35% and 39%, respectively, that for machinery and electrical appliances expanded by 17% in this period.

CONTAINER TERMINAL NEWS



“Worrying will never change the outcome”

Rise of a container terminal developer

MUMBAI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Mumbai based Man Infra - construction Limited MICL has bagged the contract to develop the Fourth Container terminal at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA). It is an honor for the company to be involved in the construction process of phase 1 with a development area of 90 hectares and phase 2 with a development area of 105 hectares of this prestigious project. Phase 1 was constructed in June 2018 and Phase 2 which commenced in April 2022, which will soon be completed within stipulated time. BMCT will be India's largest container terminal with cutting-edge handling capacity and an estimated investment outlay of Rs.

7,9351 crore spread over eight years for two phases, according to JNPT.

MICL, as part of its legacy, prides itself on constructing the first private port in India, well known as Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal also known as the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), a development of 20 hectares completed in November 2000

After delivering the high quality work standards, the MICL Group also constructed the Chennai Container Terminal, a development of 15 hectares with completion by June 2005 and Mundra International Container Terminal- MICT, over a land parcel of 23 hectares, completed in March 2006. These projects included major onshore works as

well as basic construction work such as stonework, the building of pavements, and asphalt work, among others.

In November 2010 the company constructed India's first International Container Transhipment Terminal at Kochi on 30 hectares of land parcel. The first private port in India to be built using the PPP model is Gujarat Pipavav Port Ltd (APM Terminals Pipavav). The construction of this port was completed by MICL Group in March 2016.

In the making of the MICL legacy, the group has made significant contributions to the infrastructure sector with the construction of major ports across India, which includes reclamation works, railway works,



of cargo and shipping containers between ships and other forms of transportation, such as trucks and trains.

The Union government has launched Rs.100 lakh crore Gati Shakti National Master Plan in October FY22, aiming at providing a transformative approach to boost economic growth and sustainable development including Mass Transport, Waterways, Railways, Roads, Airports, Ports, and Logistics Infrastructure. The Finance Minister also announced privatization of the operations of seven major ports worth Rs. 2,000 crore in FY21-22. The Sagarmala project which was introduced by the government to promote port development, is set to enhance to 3,300 million tons of cargo in the country's Ports by 2025 to cater the rise in cargo traffic.

construction of container terminal and other substantial port works. With these achievements under its belt, the company has cemented its position as one of the most trusted names in the construction and infrastructure sector for three generations. An active participant in the long-standing development initiative in the country, the company has also been the force behind the construction of some of the major Container Terminals. A container terminal facilitates the transfer



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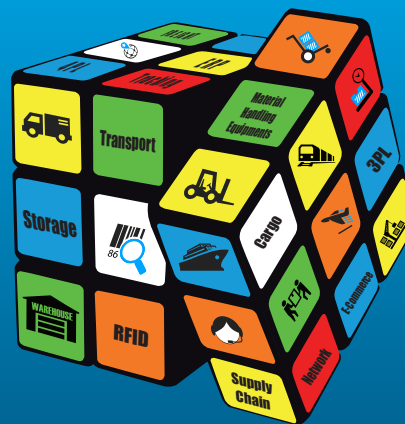


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PORTS (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)

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

Amended berthing rule at Deendayal Port

NEW DELHI
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The Deen Dayal Port (Kandla Port) has altered its berthing rules to ensure optimum use of its Oil berths.

Under the new rules which came into effect from January 26th, if a tanker vessel fails to commence

cargo operations within 4 hours from the time of 'all fast'(berthing), it will be liable to be shifted on the next suitable tide, at the cost and responsibility of the vessel agent.

In such cases, however, the vessel will be allowed to continue to work until shifting, subject to

the payment of 3 times additional penal berth hire charges.

If there is no taker for the berth, the vessel will be permitted to continue until the completion of cargo operations, under three times additional berth hire charges until it vacates the berth, according to a release



How Adani group responded to US firms allegations

AHMEDABAD
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Adani Group which has a major presence in the Indian Port sector calls Hindenburg Research the "Madoffs of Manhattan" and says the report published on January 24th is "nothing but a lie". "The document is a malicious combination of selective misinformation and concealed facts relating to baseless and discredited allegations to drive an ulterior motive. This is rife with conflict of interest and intended only to create a false market in securities to enable Hindenburg, an admitted short seller, to book massive financial gain through wrongful means



at the cost of countless investors," said Adani Group in the statement.

After Adani Group published a 413-page "detailed response to Hindenburg's unsubstantiated accusations", the US-based short-seller has responded by saying, "fraud cannot be obfuscated by nationalism or a bloated

response that ignores every key allegation we raised.

The Group goes on to add that Hindenburg Research's allegations are "not merely an unwarranted attack on any specific company but a calculated attack on India, the independence, integrity and quality of Indian institutions, and the growth story and ambition of India."

"Hindenburg has not published this report for any altruistic reasons but purely out of selfish motives and in flagrant breach of applicable securities and foreign exchange laws," it said. "The report is neither 'independent' nor 'objective' nor 'well researched'."

65 of the 88 questions raised by Hindenburg relate to matters that have been duly disclosed by Adani portfolio companies, Adani Group said. "Of the balance 23 questions, 18 relate to public shareholders and third parties (and not the Adani portfolio companies), while the balance 5 are baseless allegations based on imaginary fact patterns."

Adani Group listed questions from the report and dismissed them as "false suggestions based on malicious misrepresentation of governance practices" or "manipulated narrative around unrelated third party entities" or "biased and unsubstantiated rhetoric".

"We reaffirm that we are in compliance with all applicable laws

and regulations. We are committed to the highest levels of governance to protect the interests of all our stakeholders," it said. "The Adani Portfolio also has very strong internal controls and audit controls. All the listed companies of Adani Portfolio have a robust governance framework."

Adani portfolio and the Adani verticals are focused on contributing to nation building and take India to the world, it said. "We will exercise our rights to pursue remedies to safeguard our stakeholders before all appropriate authorities and we reserve our rights to respond further to any of the allegations or contents of the Hindenburg report or to supplement this statement," it added.

LOGISTIC NEWS

CHENNAI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The spade work for setting up a second airport at Chennai, a project which has been on drawing board stage for nearly two decades has suffered yet another set back with the Tamil Nadu government extending by a month in selecting a consultant to prepare the detailed project report for the proposed airport at Parandur.

Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) has extended the deadline for submitting

Second airport project at Chennai suffers a road block



Chennai airport

bids to select consultants for the Greenfield Airport in Parandur to February 6. While floating the tender, the corporation had fixed January 6 as the deadline.

The postponement assumes significance in the wake of wide spread

agitation by the farmers of Parandur against land acquisition for the proposed airport. The extension of the deadline comes at a time when Ekanapuram and other villages passed a resolution for the fourth time, on Thursday,

opposing the airport. The villagers have also been conducting protests during the night.

The focus of the villagers towards the selection of consultant gains prominence as one of the clauses of tender is that the consultant will re-assess the land requirement. Under the proposed 104-week contract, the consultant will also determine phase-wise development of the project besides clearly delineating the exact extent of land parcel required for the first phase of the project development. This will be

one of the critical facets, as the state requires 4,563.56 acres of land spread over 13 villages for the project

The consultant selected has to obtain statutory clearances and assist in conducting bid process management for proposed development model for the greenfield airport. Official sources told TNIE the dates have been extended, as little more time is required for the preparation of the bids. G Subramanian, secretary of Ekanapuram Village People and Farmers Welfare Board, said the villagers in and around Parandur whose land is being acquired for the project are monitoring the development.



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PORTS (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)

Port of Long Beach all set to become zero emission port during 2023

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Port of Long Beach in the US West Coast is all set to become the world's first zero emission Sea port. The Port's executive director Mario Cordero declared 2023 as the year of Imagination for the Port and the initiatives taken during the course of the year will take it become the world's first zero emission Sea Port

Among the projects planned, Cordero



announced the port's bid to assemble and manufacture offshore wind turbines that will increase the state's supply of renewable energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Citing the port's track

record of efforts and investments to improve air quality and natural harbor habitat, Cordero called on companies with strong environmental policies to choose the Port of Long Beach when shipping their goods and materials.

Building on nearly two decades of green initiatives, the port is establishing a Zero Emissions, Energy Resilient Operations program – known as ZEERO – to invest in projects aimed at reducing

the impacts of operations and improving air quality.

Among its goals, the ZEERO program is intended to support the development of renewable energy projects, including the port's proposed floating offshore wind staging and integration facility, known as "Pier Wind." A conceptual assessment is scheduled for completion in spring 2023 for Pier Wind, which aims to become the largest facility specifically designed to accommodate the assembly of offshore wind turbines at any US seaport.

MARINE NEWS

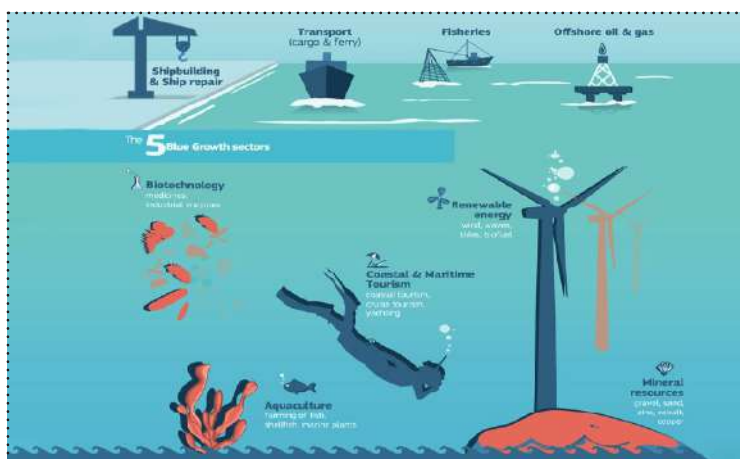
COLOMBO
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Championing the Blue Economy is a relatively easy way out for Sri Lanka to generate employment and export earnings as Sri Lanka can hardly become an industrialized nation, Shiran Fernando, President-Canned Fish Manufacturers Association of Sri Lanka. (CFMASL) told the media last week.

He said that his company's (TESS Group of Companies) operations at currently inoperative Oluvil Harbour would begin soon.

"Our operation there will commence with over Rs 20 million spent

Sri Lanka to unlock its potential for Blue Economy



Blue Economy

on refurbishing the cold storage and factory that TESS Group built there long ago. Since this harbor has not been used for 12 years now, the harbor mouth needs re-dredging. If the government intervenes

and does the needful, the area will be more viable for commercial fisheries and will create sustainable livelihoods opportunities for people in the area."

He noted that if the government supports their

Association for value added re-exports of canned fish, they can import raw fish and repack it as fillet fish Flounder (used in fish and chip recipes), Salmon fillet, Anchovy fillets etc., and thus supply to the high-end segment of the global market and increas

Currently 250,000 tons of fish are consumed per day in Sri Lanka. Now 5 factories of our Association produce 300,000 units of canned fish per day exceeding the daily requirement. Although the consumption had dropped in September-October last year, now it has stabilized with prices coming down. We thank the ministry

for increasing the Special Commodity levy (SCL) by Rs. 100 on imported canned fish. We don't ask the government to stop canned fish imports. Let the Sri Lankan consumers eat imported canned fish if they want to pay more. However, when you import the product that can lead to unemployment and underutilization of our seafood resource," he said.

Fernando insisted on monitoring and regulating of canned fish companies that don't carry SLS standards to create awareness in consumers and encourage them to buy local canned fish made in compliance with standards.

LOGISTIC NEWS

AHMEDABAD
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Western Railway is rushing through a fencing project all along the prestigious Ahmedabad Mumbai railway line, a distance of 622 kilometres for the smooth movement of Vande bharat train operating in this circuit for the past three months.

The railways have cleared a sum of about Rs 250 crores to implement the project within a few

Fencing of Railway track at break neck speed



Picture of fencing of railway track a representational picture

months. The distance between Ahmedabad and Mumbai is split between eight zones and awarded separate contracts so that the work is completed before May this year.

The fencing will be of guard rails made of metal. The railway line has bagged several prestigious projects since the present government came to power eight years. The Rs 1.5 lakh crore bullet train project is under implementation

between Ahmedabad and Mumbai. The prestigious Vande bharat train is operating in this route.

When the Vande bharat train met with accidents involving cattle crossing the line, the railway administration swung into action in implementing the fencing project which is not available in any other railway route. The project was sanctioned in January and implemented at break neck speed and scheduled to be commissioned by May this year.

IMO NEWS



"Worrying will never change the outcome"

IMO hosted "Maritime Single Window 2024 - A window of opportunities"

New Delhi
Sagar Sandesh News Service

From 1 January 2024, it will be compulsory for ports around the world to operate Maritime Single Windows (MSWs) for the electronic exchange of information required on ships' arrival at a port, their stay and their departure. This mandatory change follows the adoption by IMO's Facilitation Committee of amendments to the [FAL Convention](#).

With this key date in mind, IMO hosted "Maritime Single Window 2024 - A window of opportunities", a two-day



Symposium (18-19 January 2023) jointly organized by IMO, [IAPH](#) and [BIMCO](#), with the support of the International Port Community Systems Association ([IPCSA](#)).

A host of experts from across the shipping and ports sectors explored how MSWs fit with national digitalization strategies, the

best approach to designing and implementing MSWs to suit Member States' maritime trade facilitation objectives and objectives to achieve the greening of shipping.

Also discussed were the concept of interoperability and understanding how to apply industry standards to harmonize electronic

data exchanges, as well as port call data requirements, and the development of strategic partnerships.

Opening the Symposium at IMO's London headquarters, IMO Secretary General, Mr Kitack Lim, said that making MSWs mandatory from 1 January 2024 was not only "a significant step towards accelerating digitalization in the maritime trade", but also "an opportunity for all stakeholders in shipping, and a necessary step forward".

Mr Lim said, too, that taking this step would accelerate the digitalization and decarbonization

aspirations of international shipping. He praised the progress made in recent years by the shipping and port industries and pledged IMO's support to Member States in finding tangible solutions to the forthcoming new obligations under the [FAL Convention](#).

In his opening remarks IAPH's President, Subramaniam Karuppiah, warned that COVID-19 pandemic emphasized that the maritime industry is seriously lagging behind in its move to digitalization. Nikolaus Schües, President Designate of BIMCO, sounded an optimistic note, describing MSW as "an opportunity to be exploited and one we cannot afford to miss".

Delayed projects galore

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

About 800 central sector infrastructure projects have been delayed with respect to their original schedules, showed a government report. Infrastructure and Project Monitoring Division (IPMD) report shows that the road, transport, and highways sector has the maximum number of delayed projects in the country.

The IPMD under

the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, monitors the implementation status of projects costing more than Rs 150 Crores.

The IPMD December 2022 report shows that there are 428 delayed projects in the [Road Transport and Highways](#) sector, followed by 117 in [Railways](#), 88 in the [Petroleum](#), 36 in coal, 55 in power, 27 in water resources, 4 in Health and Family Welfare, 15 in urban development, 24 in civil aviation, and many others.

MINISTRYNEWS

The total original cost of implementation of these 1,438 projects was Rs 20,35,794.75 crores and their anticipated completion costs likely to be Rs 24,86,069.52 crores. This shows that there is a cost overrun of Rs 4,50,274.77 crores.

In a statement, the IPMD said, "Out of the 1438 projects, 8 projects are ahead of schedule, 253 are on schedule, 835 are delayed, 343 projects reported cost overrun and 165 projects

Industry sources said



the certain infra projects in western India is monitored at the highest level of the government. While the Mumbai Delhi dedicated freight corridor of the railways was implemented with the PMO closely

monitoring the project, there are several railway infra projects in Southern India which were sanctioned way back in 2008 but work is yet to start. It all depends on the patronage from Delhi sources said.

EXIM NEWS

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) has notified the anti-dumping duty on imports of vinyl tiles other than in roll or sheet form, from China and Taiwan, in an effort to protect domestic tile industry based in Morbi in Gujarat.

The probe ordered by

DGTR concluded that the imported products from China and Taiwan enter the Indian market at dumped prices. This impacted the domestic industry which is centered in North Gujarat.

The recommended duty is 2.05 US dollars per sq. m and 1.44 US dollars per sq. meters to ensure fair trade practices and create a level playing

field for domestic producers. The Finance Ministry takes the final decision to impose the duty.

In Market parlance, the product is known as luxury vinyl tiles or PVC flooring tiles. It mimics the appearance of natural materials. It is used for covering floors in residential and commercial buildings.



Anti-dumping duty levied on vinyl tiles from China, Taiwan

LOGISTICS (ROAD/RAIL/AVIATION)



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

Southern Railway witnessed growth on all fronts

CHENNAI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Southern Railway has witnessed a healthy growth in all fronts -- earnings, loading, safety, punctuality, project commissioning and passenger amenities—during the current financial year 2022-23 said its general manager R N Singh.

The zone has registered 47.46 per cent growth in gross earnings when compared to 2021-22. In



R N Singh General Manager Southern railway

freight loading, we have registered a 28 per cent

increase over the last year. The punctuality of 93.2 per cent surpassed the Railway Board target of 92 per cent, Mr Singh said after unfurling the National flag on the 74th Republic day celebrations at the Perambur railway stadium.

The Zone has commissioned 116.32 km of doubling and gauge conversion work as against 35.47 km done during 2021-22. The Railway has enhanced the speed in over 743 route km during this year as against 137

route km done in 2021-22. (Vande bharat train between Mysore and Chennai is the slowest among the super fast trains run in the country)

Detailing the passenger-oriented developments, Singh said Southern Railway has provided Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) rakes to 16 trains in place of ICF rakes (30 per cent of the total number of trains operated by the railways) and 188 route km was electrified in 2022-23. With this, 87 per cent of route km in the zone has been electrified totaling 4,393 electrified

route km till December 2022.

43 level crossing gates have been interlocked thereby increasing the safety at level crossing gate in 2022-23. State-of-the-art electronic interlocking system, conforming to latest international safety standards, have been provided at 21 Railway stations enhancing the reliability of the signaling system. Electric loco shed in Arakkonam has been adjudged as the best performing shed in Indian Railways with least failures in conventional locomotives.”

Emergency declared to Cochin airport

COCHIN
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

A full emergency was declared at the Kochi airport on January 29th after an inbound flight from Sharjah was suspected to have suffered a hydraulic failure. Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) said in a statement that the aircraft landed safely after a full emergency was declared. Emergency was withdrawn subsequent to the landing of the flight

There were no diversion or runway blockages and airport operations were declared normal post the withdrawal of the emergency.

An Air India Express spokesperson quoted by press reports however said the Sharjah-Kochi flight did not make an emergency landing. The pilot had noticed a fluctuation in the Hydraulic Pressure System and informed the

ATC as a precautionary measure, he said.

The incident occurred hours after a suspected bird hit forced a Kolkata-bound Air Asia flight with 180 passengers and eight crew members on board to abort its take-off at the Lucknow airport.

The pilot of Air Asia flight suspected the bird hit during the take-off roll. The aircraft returned to the bay and all the passengers were de-boarded safely.” The aircraft was grounded for detailed inspection. Impacted guests were attended to and we are making all efforts to mitigate the impact on the integrity of other scheduled operations.

The presence of birds around the runway has remained a big challenge for the Lucknow airport. In the past, incidents of animals such as jackals and hyenas intruding the runway have come to fore.



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 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

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International Customs Day observed

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and all its field formations observed the International Customs Day, 2023 last week. The theme for this year, as given by the World Customs Organisation (WCO) was "Nurturing the Next Generation: Promoting a Culture of Knowledge-sharing and Professional Pride in Customs".

A formal function

to mark this event was organized at the Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi, in the afternoon, which was attended through the virtual mode by the field formations. The event was graced by the Chairman CBIC, Vivek Johri, and Members of the Board.

The Chairman, CBIC congratulated all the officers of the department on this occasion. He urged the officers to inculcate the essence of the theme in their functioning. The Chairman



Chairman Central board of Indirect taxes and Customs Vivek Johri addressing customs officers

exhorted the officers to communicate across silos and across hierarchies

in order to create an environment of knowledge sharing and consequently

enhance the quality of decision making. To this end, every idea should be valued and adapted to make it workable in our context. The Chairman further stressed the importance of taking pride in Customs work by all stakeholders in their everyday functioning.

19 officers of the CBIC and 1 private sector representative were awarded the WCO Certificate of Merit on this day, in recognition of their contribution towards Customs work, in relation to this year's theme, as adopted by the WCO.

Stanford University may open campus in India

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The prestigious Stanford University in United States has evinced interest in setting up a campus in India and is looking to expand collaboration with India Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said even as the Union government is engaging with several international universities exploring the possibility of cooperation in academic field.

He was delivering his remarks at the inaugural ceremony of DAKSH 2023 at Christ University,



Stanford university

Bengaluru via Video Conferencing.

India is also in talks with Gulf countries and exploring having offshore campuses of IITs and IIM in Middle East countries. He informed that Australia

and India are in dialogue to offer joint degree/ dual degrees for students of both countries. India is in dialogue with the UK for mutual recognition of degrees and supporting each other with offshore

campuses for colleges of both the countries. He also reiterated that the government will only act as an enabler, it is the universities which will have to engage with each other and expand their operations.

On important focus elements while deciding upon Free Trade Agreement negotiations, Mr Goyal said Government believes in having more and more stakeholder engagements, to get feedback on policy and help them improve their business. Government tries to quickly act and resolve the problems faced by industry. The Government has been successful in helping the

start up ecosystem and service industry..

Answering criticisms that the GST collections are increasing due to inflation, the minister said inflation could be a small element to that but emphasized that a large part of GST increase is attributed to economic activities. He said that increasing imports signal that economic activity is picking up in India and this increased demand will encourage new investment thereby creating new jobs. He also pointed out that inflation has largely been in energy products and India has been able to maintain other products at reasonable levels.

China thwarts Sri Lanka's move to get IMF loan

COLOMBO
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

China has declined to accept conditionalities imposed by the International Monetary Fund thereby setting at naught Sri Lanka efforts to avail of the large tranche of loan offered by the fund to get over its economic woes

The Chinese Export-Import Bank has made it clear to Colombo that it will only provide repayment moratorium for only two years instead of 10 years moratorium as recommended by IMF-Paris Club. The IMF and Paris Club have recommended that the restructuring



Picture of Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe and Chinese President Xi Jinping (representational picture)

of Sri Lankan debt should be carried over 15 years.

The Export-Import Bank of India however has given in writing that its financing and debt relief to Sri Lanka will be in tune with the

IMF and Paris Club. India in its letter to IMF Executive Director Kristalina Georgieva on January 16, 2023, made it clear that it would fully support debt sustainability analysis by IMF and Paris Club without any additional conditions

This means that the IMF package of 2.9 billion US dollars (spread over four years with six monthly reviews) to Sri Lanka in March is in jeopardy due to Chinese EXIM Bank conditions.

Sri Lanka owes at least 7 billion US dollars to China in debt including loans from the Chinese Development Bank with the

numbers reaching another level if private debt is also included. The unsustainable high interest debt is on account of financial malfeasance and mis-governance by the Rajapaksa regime, of which current President Ranil Wickremesinghe was also a vital part in the past.

Thanks to financial profligacy by the Rajapaksas, Chinese high interest money was used to build unsustainable white elephant projects all over the country including Hambantota port, Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport and Norocholai power station. The public resentment that spilt over against the Rajapaksas in 2022 has allowed left political parties to rise in the Island nation.