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(From Capt.N.S.Mainkar, Principal Massa Maritime Academy, Navi Mumbai)



Capt.N.S.Mainkar

can be different within and among cultures, and often intersect with other factors such as Nationality, race, class, age, religion and sexual orientation.

The accompanying pressures to perform and conform and the sanctions for not adhering to gendered expectations are also absorbed through social learning.

Gender-based discrimination in the workplace can lead to unequal and/or unfair treatment. Gender bias can be conscious or unconscious, explicit or implicit. Unequal and discriminatory attitude towards women results in insecurity, loss of confidence and self-esteem.

After reviewing the mandates by MLC (2006) and the Resolutions of the STCW convention, Directorate laid down strict rules and guidelines against gender biases.

In view of continued complaints

of improper behaviour arising out of biasness, Directorate has decided to introduce 'Gender Sensitisation' training as a mandatory part of Pre-sea and Post-sea programmes, vide DGS Order 03 of 2023.

MASSA Maritime Academy in compliance with the mandate conducted a Pilot course on



Friday 03 February 2023 for a batch of 40 students of Competency courses."

Gender is evident in the roles, responsibilities, attitudes and behaviours that society expects and considers appropriate, independent of an individual's own identity or expression. Societal and individual expectations about gender are learnt and changeable over time. They



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The event is being hosted at **The Renaissance Federation Club** in

Andheri West, Mumbai on the 11th of February from 1000 hrs.

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

Apex court orders the demolition of Oil storage tank outside Chennai port

NEW DELHI
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The Supreme Court has upheld a National Green Tribunal (NGT) judgment ordering the demolition of an oil storage tank in north Chennai that was part of the Adani Group's joint venture with Chennai-based KTV Group, in a setback to the Ahmedabad-based company.

Disposing of an appeal against the NGT order, a three-judge Bench of Justices KM Joseph, BV Nagaratna and JB Paradiwala, also upheld the authorities' judgment imposing a fine of Rs 25 lakh on the joint venture.

The apex court, however, provided two reliefs to the Adani Company. One was the venture got six months time to demolish the storage



SC upholds NGT order to demolish oil storage tank of Adani Group's JV

tank that was constructed in Tondiarpet on Ennore Expressway. The second was the company could apply to the District Coastal Zone Management Authority with an application to allow the underground pipeline it had laid to transmit edible oil from the port to the storage tank. The application will have to be made within a month of the judgment and

the authority should dispose it of within one-and-a-half months. The judges said they were permitting the company to apply for permission for the pipeline since it was allowed "ex-post facto" under the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) notification. But it will be for the authorities to decide if the pipeline can serve the purpose without the storage tank.

The NGT had ordered the demolition of the storage tank as it was not located "within" or "in" the port in Chennai port. The tank was to store edible oil that the joint venture imported into the country through the port. The venture also got permission to transmit the edible oil through an underground pipeline from the port and from the storage the oil was to be taken to its refinery for further processing. The permission was granted by the Chennai Fishing Harbor Management Committee and the Chennai Port Trust on the recommendations of the District Coastal Zonal Management Authority, Chennai. The National Highways Authority gave permission for laying the underground pipeline

across the Ennore Expressway.

The tribunal order said that under the CRZ I regulations, the storage facility was not located within the Chennai port. The company argued that under CRZ II storage of edible oil is permitted "in" the port area and thus could be permitted despite being outside the port.. We again reiterate that the words 'within' and 'in' cannot include what is outside the port," the Bench said.

The venture argued that laying the pipeline ensured that additional vehicle load on the Chennai port and the pipeline will help more evacuation of edible oil increasing the port's efficiency. It also contended that the port did not have space for its facility. The Bench rejected both of these arguments.

LOGISTIC NEWS

New Delhi
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Till 2016, Jaipur Rugs – the social impact carpet company from Pink City founded by NK Chaudhary back in 1978 as Bharat Carpet Enterprises – was only into exports, and more a B2B firm. It did create waves for empowering women weavers and building a strong artisan community through skilling and training.

But how this family-run company, which started with nine artisans on two looms, made its carpets fly in the domestic market and got into direct retail, is also an interesting case study in challenging conventions, emotional branding and creative storytelling.

Jaipur Rugs: exemplary retail success, creative and emotional connect between the artisan and the customer



An artisan at work. It takes three months for a carpet to be made

Today, nearly 20 per cent of the ₹770 crore company's business comes from India and almost 9 per cent is through retail sales. The magic formula was to take the creative dignity

of the weaver and connect it to the customer.

As Yogesh Chaudhary, Director, Jaipur Rugs, and the son of NK Chaudhary, who looks after finance and marketing at the firm,

explains, "In ancient days the weaver knew who he or she was making the carpet for and there used to be an emotional connection. We are trying to bring that back."

The first store was set up in Delhi with some radical concepts. "We offered free cleaning in the first two years, no questions asked returns, and a two-year warranty for the carpet. In the store we had a loom and a weaver and started to educate the customer on the intricacies of a hand-knotted carpet," says Chaudhary.

The consumer-artisan connect is happening in a

big way, says Chaudhary, describing how many consumers — especially those who commission special design carpets — interact with the artisans and form a bond.

Covid times accelerated the home furnishing and accessories business. The company had in any case been constantly growing at a CAGR of 15 to 20 per cent. Chaudhary says they will look to close this year at ₹900 crore.

With over 40,000 artisans spread across 600 villages working on 7,000 looms, the knots and connections are growing stronger.

MARINE NEWS



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Hydrogen Operated train next year

NEW DELHI
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Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, said the National Transporter plans to operate 35 hydrogen trains as part of "Hydrogen for Heritage" at an estimated cost of Rs 80 crores per train and Rs 70 crores per route for ground infrastructure.

In a written reply to a

question in Rajya Sabha, the Minister said, "Indian Railways has also awarded a pilot project for retrofit of Hydrogen Fuel cell on existing Diesel Electric Multiple Unit (DEMU) rake along with ground infrastructure at the cost of Rs 111.83 crores which are planned to be run on Jind-Sonipat section of Northern Railway. (Haryana)"

The field trials of the first prototype on the Jind-Sonipat section of Northern Railway are expected to commence in 2023-2024. The minister said that the running cost of Hydrogen fuel-based trains is not established in the Indian Railway scenario.

It is estimated that the initial running cost of the Hydrogen fuel train set will be higher, which will subsequently reduce with the number



Hydrogen train

of trains. Further, using Hydrogen as fuel provides more significant benefits in the direction of green transportation technology to support zero carbon emission goals as a clean energy source.

Cochin Shipyard to construct vessels for a German firm

COCHIN
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The ceremonial 'steel cutting' was performed for two 7000-ton vessels being built by India's government-run Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), for a German firm.

Steel cutting is the first step of the shipbuilding process, where the shipbuilder and customer press the start button of a

laser cutter that cuts that steel sheet that ends up on the vessel's hull.

CSL is building eight Multi-purpose vessels for HS Schiffarts group and this also marks the foray of the Indian shipbuilder into the European Short sea shipping market, where similar vessels play a crucial logistics role between the North Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.

Measuring 110 meters

in length, and 16.5 meters in breadth, with a carrying capacity of 7,000tons, each of these vessels will be arranged and equipped for ferrying heavy cargo such as steel coils, containers, timber, paper, coal, grain and other goods worldwide service trade.

These Ice Class Vessels (built to help navigate through sea ice) are designed by Groot Ship Design Netherlands, with



Cochin Shipyard

detailed engineering being carried out by CSL.

The vessels will be built under DNV Classification

(safety, quality standards) under the flag of Portugal, meeting all the latest rule requirements.

PSA International Group CEO Tan Chong Meng chairs World Economic Forum (WEF) Supply Chain and Transport (SCT) Governors Meeting

New Delhi
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PSA International Group CEO Tan Chong Meng chaired the World Economic Forum (WEF) Supply Chain and Transport (SCT) Governors Meeting and Policy Session in Davos, Switzerland, which were part of the 2023 WEF Annual Meeting.

These brought together key supply chain leaders and policy makers to discuss ways to achieve clean, inclusive, and safe movement of goods, undergirded by a

focus on resilience and sustainability.

The 53rd WEF Annual Meeting gathered over 2,700 leaders across 130 countries in-person under the theme of "Cooperation in a Fragmented World".

Against the backdrop of the ongoing geopolitical and economic landscape, the SCT Governors took stock of multiple challenges and uncertainties, while also discussing opportunities for collaboration and transformation of the supply chain industry.

Various key topics were discussed, including the

sector's digital transformation, green and energy transition, and talent development. The Governors were joined by public sector leaders and academia in the SCT Policy Session, where public policy and public-private partnerships were underscored as key enablers to advance these areas for the growth of the supply chain sector.

At the end of the session, the Governors agreed to ramp up efforts across a number of areas moving forward – to increase engagement with the public sector on data collaboration;



The World Economic Forum (WEF) Supply Chain and Transport (SCT) Governors Meeting and Policy Session in Davos, Switzerland

forge an industry transition pathway on fuel choice; explore infrastructure investments to accelerate availability of clean energy at points of use; and to continue private-public sector cohesive action, such as aggregating demand through the First Movers Coalition (FMC) and engaging various

stakeholders across value chains.

The Governors also expressed how the SCT sector's energy transition could be better accelerated by drivers such as the availability of new energy, and stronger digital convergence through an "Internet of Logistics" (IOL).



Zero emission vessel competition launched in the UK

New Delhi
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The UK government has set aside £77m (\$93m) to invest in green maritime technology. A government release issued stated: "The funding will take the tech from the factory to the sea – identifying which projects will have a long-term impact in reducing emissions."

Successful projects must show they could use this money to work

with major UK ports and operators to launch a zero-emission vessel by 2025 at the latest.

Examples of such technology include battery electric vessels, shoreside electrical power, ships running on low carbon fuels like hydrogen or ammonia, and wind-assisted ferries.

Transport Secretary Mark Harper said: "This multi-million-pound investment will help the latest tech ideas become reality and ensure UK

waters will play host to green cargo ships, ferries and cruises in the next few years."

The multi-million-pound Zero Emission Vessels and Infrastructure (ZEVI) competition, launched today, will be overseen by Innovate UK, the national innovation agency.

The government is also calling on universities across the UK to join forces to establish a new Clean Maritime Research Hub, with £7.4m funding from government and additional



Peel Ports

funding from academia and industry.

The ZEVI fund and Clean Maritime Research Hub are part of the UK SHORE programme,

launched in March 2022 with £206m in funding.

UK SHORE aims to tackle shipping emissions and advance the UK towards a sustainable shipping future.

Russian crude available for 40 US dollars per barrel

NEW DELHI
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The price of Russian crude in the international market has dropped to an all time low of 40 US dollars per barrel after key European buyers in Europe shunned Moscow's oil from February 5th as part of penalty for continuing the war against Ukraine. **Bulk of the Russian crude finds their way to Indian and Chinese markets**

India imported 1.27 million barrels of crude per day from Russia during January taking a 28 per cent share, according to energy cargo tracker Vortexa. From a market share of just 0.2 per cent in India's import basket before the start of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Russia's share of India's imports rose to 28 per cent in January 2023

For a four month in a row India's import of Russian crude rose to record levels much above the traditional sources from Middle East. , India, has been snapping Russian oil that was available at a discount after some in the West shunned it as a means of punishing Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine.

Officials attending India Energy Week (IEW) 2023 at Bengaluru said India will continue to buy crude oil from anywhere in the world, including Russia, to meet its energy needs.



Russian crude

The executive body of the European Union has asked its 27 member countries to cap the price of Russian oil at USD 60 as part of the West's attempt to squeeze Moscow's oil revenues and limit its ability to wage war in Ukraine while keeping global prices and supplies steady. Unlike Iran and Venezuela, there are no sanctions on buying oil from Russia. So, anyone who can arrange for shipping, insurance and financing outside of the EU can buy oil," an official said.

The price caps are part of the EU's plan to use its clout in insurance and shipping industries to cripple Moscow. Industry sources said crude shipments being purchased by Indian companies were below the G7's price cap of USD 60 per barrel.

"So for all practical purposes, if I can send a ship, cover insurance and device a mode of payment, I can continue to buy oil from Russia," an official said, explaining how the mechanism works. All options are on the table."

For Russia to keep oil sales going, it and its buyers need to use ships, insurance and financing outside the jurisdiction of the G-7.

The US is comfortable with Russia selling its oil outside the cap but using non-Western shipping, insurance and banking services, which will likely be more costly.

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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

SCI attains new highs in operating revenue & EBITDA

New Delhi
Sagar Sandesh News Service

The Shipping Corporation of India (SCI), a Navratna PSU and India's largest shipping company, has posted stellar results for the third quarter (Oct.-Dec.) of 2022-23.

While the Q3 profit after tax was Rs 280 crore, it registered the highest quarterly EBITDA of Rs 529 crore of the last 10 quarters.

Besides, the operating revenue of Rs 1,500 crore was the highest in the last 67 quarters!

The company also recorded the highest nine-monthly operating revenue,



SCI posts stellar results for the third quarter (Oct.-Dec.) of 2022-23

of Rs 4,385 crore, in the last 17 years, emphasised a release.

SCI has reassured financial discipline and prudence to its stakeholders while

boosting their value, trust and confidence. It strives to continuously grow alongside its stakeholders through sustainable and benchmark business practices, the release added.

LOGISTIC NEWS

BENGALURU
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Karnataka got a record allocation of Rs 7,561 crore in the Railway budget 2023-2024, its highest-ever capital outlay, announced Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav. This forms part of the Rs 9,200 crore earmarked for the South Western Railway (SWR) zone, also its highest ever.

General Manager, SWR, Sanjeev Kishore told newsmen that the outlay included the allocation of Rs 2,423 crore for new lines, Rs 1,529 crore for doubling and Rs 242 crore for road safety works.

The Rs 9,200 crore for SWR, which includes Rs 1,350 crore for the Bengaluru Suburban Railway project, marks a 33.3 per cent increase over the previous year's allocation of Rs 6,900 crore, which earlier held the record as its highest-ever allocation. "A total of 51 stations in SWR have been taken up under the Amrit Bharat scheme

Karnataka gets rail infra projects worth Rs 7,561 crore in Union budget



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for redevelopment," he said. 16 of these stations are in Bengaluru Railway Division.

"The shifting of many trains to Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal has decongested KSR considerably and the upcoming two island platforms at Cantonment station will help reduce congestion further. They will facilitate running of more suburban services from Cantonment," Kishore added.

Feasibility study to consider line doubling between Yelahanka and Devanahalli had been undertaken, following the suggestion by the Railway Minister to run more

services along the line to Kempegowda International Airport, during his recent visit. e Bharat trains between Bengaluru and Chennai, an action plan was being formulated to facilitate the speeding up of Vande Bharat train from Mysore to Chennai.

Allocation for doubling projects Bengaluru-Cantt Whitefield quadrupling: Rs 250 crores, Baiyappanahalli-Hosur: Rs 100 crores, Gadag-Hotgi: Rs 170 crores, **Allocation for new lines** Ginigera-Raichur: Rs 300 crores, Tumakuru-Davangere (via Chitradurga) Rs 420.85 crores, Tumakuru-Rayadurga: Rs 350 crores

PORT NEWS Virginia Inland Port gets all operational power needs from clean-energy resources



Port of Virginia aims to become carbon-neutral by 2040

New Delhi
Sagar Sandesh News Service

Virginia Inland Port (VIP), an intermodal container transfer facility in Front Royal, Virginia (Warren County) owned by the Virginia Port Authority, is fulfilling all of its operational electricity needs from clean-energy resources, in line with the Port of Virginia's goal of lowering emissions and being carbon-neutral by 2040.

The inland port is powered by Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, and under a new deal, the cooperative will provide clean electricity to VIP from Virginia-based solar installations. The clean energy began flowing on 1 January making the inland port the first of the Virginia port's six general cargo terminals to use entirely renewable energy for its operations.

"We have a clearly-stated goal of getting away from fossil fuel use and this is another important step forward," stated Stephen A. Edwards, CEO and Executive Director of the Virginia Port Authority (VPA).

The transition to renewable energy is part of VIP's overall development and upgrading. Work on a

US\$15 million capacity upgrade that will increase capacity and efficiency begins this year. When the construction is finished, the terminal will stop employing straddle carriers and instead use rubber-tire gantry cranes to transfer containers from railcars to trucks.

Port of Virginia already uses renewable energy to power some of its cargo operations at its terminals in Norfolk Harbor. By 2024, the US port will have met all of its energy demands at its maritime terminals using renewable resources, significantly ahead of the initial "SCOPE 2" date of 2032 (Scope 2 emissions are indirect greenhouse gas emissions associated with the purchase of electricity, steam, heat, or cooling).

"Nearly six years ago, we began to electrify our operation, audit carbon emissions, replace ageing equipment with greener machines and make greater use of technology," noted Stephen A. Edwards, CEO and executive director of the Virginia Port Authority (VPA).

He added, "As a result, more than one-third of the equipment we use on terminals today is electric and our use of technology is driving efficiency."

MARINE NEWS



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

India Qatar meet on Maritime cooperation

NEW DELHI
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Union Ports Minister Sarbananda Sonowal had discussions on various policies and programs initiating progress in the transportation facilities between two borders with Qatar's Minister of Transport Mr Jassim Saif Ahmed Al-Sulaiti in New Delhi.

During this meeting Shantanu Thakur, Minister of State for Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Mr Sudhansh Pant, Secretary Port and Mr Rajesh Kumar Sinha, Additional Secretary, Ports along with senior officers of the Ministry accompanied the Mr Sonowal.

India - Qatar cooperation in diverse sectors has been steadily growing in an excellent



Ports minister Sonowal third from the left and Qatar counterpart second from the left

framework led by historical close ties, regular and substantive engagement. The large, diverse, accomplished and highly regarded Indian model of international relations is making an important contribution to Qatar's progress.

'Fruitful discussions were held on commitment

to strengthen the bilateral Maritime cooperation, including interaction between Indian Ports and Qatari Ports to share best practices in areas of port operations, logistics, supply chain management, and digitalization', said Mr Sarbananda Sonowal

It is to be noted that, Qatar's key exports

to India include LNG, LPG, chemicals and petrochemicals, fertilizers, plastics, and aluminum articles, while India's key exports to Qatar include cereals, copper articles, iron and steel articles, vegetables, fruits, spices, and processed food products, electrical and other machinery, plastic products, construction materials, textiles and garments, chemicals, precious stones and rubber.

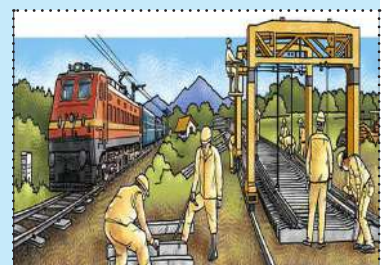
India's bilateral trade

with Qatar in 2021-22 was 15.03 billion US dollars. India's export to Qatar during 2021-22 was 1.83 billion US dollars and India's import from Qatar was 13.19 billion US dollars. In 2021, India was among the top four largest export destinations for Qatar and is also among the top three sources of Qatar's imports.

Mr Jassim Saif Ahmed Al-Sulaiti is on an official visit to India from February 5th to 8th

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Work on New Railway line projects to take off after a 15 year delay in Tamil Nadu

Half a dozen sanctioned New railway line projects in Tamil Nadu put on cold storage by the railway board



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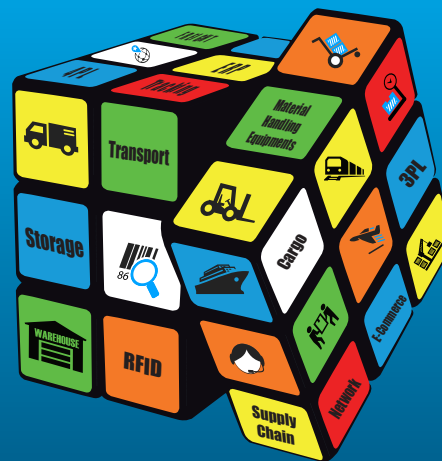


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PORTS (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)

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

High speed drive through container scanner installed at Jawaharlal Nehru port

MUMBAI
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The Drive-through Container Scanner has become operational at the BMCT container terminal at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port from January 31st after successful site acceptance test and trial operations. The scanner will be available from dawn to dusk from 8 hours to 20 hours daily according to an official release from the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Custom House.

It is a high speed container scanner

having throughput of 100 containers per hour and commissioning of this scanner is expected to further reduce dwell time for import significantly.

The attention of the Importers, Exporters, General Trade, Port Terminal Operator, Shipping Lines/ Shipping Agents, Container Freight Stations coming under the jurisdiction of Jawaharlal Nehru Port authority and all other stakeholders is invited to the Public Notice No. 146/2018 dated 09.11.2018 about procedure



to be followed for scanning of containers selected for scanning at Drive-through Container Scanner at the BMCT terminal.

The procedure required

to be followed for scanning of containers selected for scanning at "Drive Through Scanner" at BMCT (for both DPD importers and non-DPD

Importers) will be same as stipulated vide Public Notice No. 146/2018 dated November 09, 2018.

Drive - through Scanner" at BMCT will be operational during day time only between 8 am and 8 pm. After 8.00 pm, all the containers selected for scanning at Drive Through Container Scanner at BMCT will invariably be diverted to MXCS at JNPT/NSICT/ APMT or DTCS near PUB as per convenience of trade without any endorsement from Customs.

Goa Allows Import of Ore for Export from Mormugao Port

New Delhi
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The state government on Friday 3 Feb allowed import of iron ore extracted in other states or countries for domestic consumption or export from Mormugao Port Authority (MPA).

This will generate additional revenue for the state by way of Rs 50 per tonne as cess, processing fees and other incidental revenue opportunities.

The directorate of mines and geology notified amendments to the Goa (Prevention of Illegal

Mining, Storage and Transportation of Minerals) Rules, 2013.

A senior officer said that it will also generate economic and employment opportunities and boost exports from the MPA.

"No person or company or firm other than an end-user or leaseholder registered under sub-rule (1) of rule 45 of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, shall be allowed to import mineral from any state or Union territory within India



Goa Allows Import of Ore for Export from Mormugao Port, a revenue generation measure

or from outside India for consumption or export," the amendment states.

"All imports shall be by rail route or road at the cost of importers under the strict supervision of directorate of mines and geology," said mines director Suresh Shanbhogue.

As per the amendment, lease holders are

responsible for the safe custody and accounting of the mineral till it reaches the end-user's dockyards or jetty stockyards or MPA, and the trip sheet is electronically cancelled.

"There shall be separate import permits issued by the DMG for import of mineral for domestic consumption and for

export. Mineral imported for domestic consumption will not be diverted for export and vice versa. The mineral procured either for domestic consumption or for export, will not be sold or exchanged with any other person or entity," said Shanbhogue.

He said that no person other than the leaseholder or registered end-user shall store mineral.

The state had received representation from stakeholders requesting to allow them import of iron ore from Karnataka specifically for export from Mormugao port. **Presently iron ore is being imported from Karnataka for domestic consumption only.**

MARINE NEWS

New Delhi
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The CMA CGM Group, a global player in sea, land, air and logistics solutions, has become the Official Partner in logistics solutions of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the world's greatest sporting event.

The CMA CGM Group will make its

expertise available to Paris 2024, handling the transport and logistics for all the goods, equipment and materials required for the event's success at the Olympic and Paralympic venues.

Via its CEVA Logistics and CMA CGM Air Cargo subsidiaries, the Group will organise all the international transport and Customs brokerage activities and provide and operate the requisite

CMA CGM Group becomes official logistics partner for Paris 2024 Olympic & Paralympic Games

logistics facilities for Paris 2024.

CMA CGM will also operate road and river transport and logistics services at the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games venues, in metropolitan France and French overseas territories, informed a release.



PORTS (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)

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JNPA welcomes H.E. Igor Levitin, an Aide to President of Russian Federation

New Delhi
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Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), India's Premier Container Port, recently hosted H.E. Mr. Igor Levitin, an Aide to the President of the Russian Federation and other Delegates at JN Port.

He was welcomed by Shri. Sanjay Sethi, IAS, Chairman, JNPA, in the



presence of Shri. Unmesh Sharad Wagh, IRS, Deputy Chairman, JNPA.

H. E. Mr. Igor Levitin, had an interactive meeting with JNPA Officials.

Currently JNPA operates 5 Container Terminals: The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Container Terminal (JNPCT), the Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal (NSICT), the Gateway Terminals India Pvt. Ltd.

(GTIPL), Nhava Sheva International Gateway Terminal (NSIGT) and the newly commissioned Bharat Mumbai Container Terminals Private Limited (BMCTPL).

The Port also has a Shallow Water Berth for general cargo and another Liquid Cargo Terminal which is managed by BPCL-IOCL consortium and newly constructed coastal berth.

All Entry-Exit Points of Chittagong Port to Get Scanners

New Delhi
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State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury has said that the Chittagong Port is the "lifeline" of Bangladesh's economy.

The process to install scanners, at all the entry and exit points of the port, is underway to ensure top-notch security, he added.

"Scanners will be installed at each of the port's



Chittagong Port

gates for smooth import and export," the state minister

said during his visit to the New Mooring Container

Terminal of the Chittagong Port.

"The Mongla Port is getting scanners. Besides, scanners are also being installed in all land ports of the country."

The state minister also said that according to the agreement with India, their ships can use Chittagong Port and from where goods can be delivered to the neighbouring country's other states via Bangladesh.

"For this, trial runs of Indian ships have taken place at the Chittagong Port. There will be more

trials. The port is being further developed. Patenga Container Terminal and an overflow yard have been constructed.

He also said that Chittagong port is ready to handle the pressure of more ships. **Indian ships will start arriving on a regular basis once the National Board of Revenue (NBR) issues Statutory Regulatory Orders (SROs).**

According to officials, out of the 12 gates of the port, there are currently seven scanning machines in operation in six gates.

Panama Canal draught announcement **MARINE NEWS**

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Based on the present and projected level of Gatun Lake for the upcoming weeks, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) has announced that effective March 1, 2023, the maximum authorised draught allowed for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks will be 15.09 m (49.5 feet) TFW.

Vessels arriving with draughts over 15.09 m (49.5 feet) TFW may be allowed to transit past March 1, 2023 depending on the actual level of Gatun Lake at the time of transit. **Otherwise, they will be required to**



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trim or off-load cargo in order to be allowed to transit.

Draught reductions will be announced in 15.24 cm (6 inch) decrements, generally with at least four weeks advance notice.

The ACP will continue to monitor the level of Gatun Lake in order to announce future draught adjustments in a timely manner, informed a Panama Canal Authority Advisory to Shipping last week.



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MINISTRY NEWS



"Worrying will never change the outcome"

DRI seizes 114 MTs of Areca Nuts worth Rs. 8.61 crore

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Based on specific information that Areca Nuts in huge quantity are being illicitly imported into India from Jebel Ali, Dubai and Singapore in containers by mis-declaring the goods as "Compounded Animal Feed" and Barley, through Tuticorin and Chennai port, **totally five containers (2 containers at Tuticorin port and 3 containers at Chennai Port)** were intercepted and taken up for investigation. On examination of the said containers, it was found that the gunny bags stacked in the first two rows



contained the declared cargo "Compounded Animal Feed" as well as "Barley" and the remaining gunny bags contained "Areca Nuts".

The total quantity of **114.372 MTs of smuggled Areca Nuts totally valued at Rs. 8.61 crore**

along with the cover cargo viz., Compounded Animal Feed and Barley were seized under the Customs Act, 1962 for violating the provisions of the Customs Act. The goods of Areca Nuts are classifiable under CTH 08028020 which attracts

Customs Duty @ 100% on the prevailing tariff value of \$9093/MT and hence, in order to evade payment of appropriate Customs duty, the gang attempted to smuggle the Areca Nuts by way of concealment in the guise of 'Compounded Animal Feed' and 'Barley'.

The preliminary investigation revealed that the import of all **05 containers** were arranged by a person from Chennai. Swift follow up action initiated, led to apprehension of the said king pin who has arranged smuggling of all the consignments by way of concealment. He was arrested and remanded to Judicial Custody.

Further, DRI Chennai Zonal Unit had earlier

seized 232.349MTs of Areca Nut, valued Rs.11.72 crore concealed along with various cover goods and imported from Indonesia in the last few months. In the financial year 2022-23, about 3670.19 MT of areca nuts valued at Rs 143 crore has been seized by the various units of DRI.

Busting of such a huge racket of Areca Nut smuggling by DRI, not only saved the revenue of public exchequer, but also safeguarded the interest of domestic industry especially of those farmers, cultivators and traders whose livelihoods are entirely dependent on Areca Nut business.

LOGISTIC NEWS

Facility for transit passengers commissioned at Chennai airport

CHENNAI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The facility will benefit transit passengers as it will save time and they will no longer have to undergo repeated checks. Transit Passengers can immediately proceed to the security hold area post screening from arrival level itself.

The inaugural function was attended among others by Minister of state for fisheries Dr. L. Murugan,

Chairman Airport Authority of India Sanjeev Kumar, senior officials of AAI, Govt. agencies, airlines and other stakeholders.

The Civil Aviation Minister interacted with the first passengers accessing the domestic to domestic transfer facility. **The passengers who used this facility complimented the Minister and AAI for the efforts** and requested for many such measures increasing convenience of passengers.



Civil aviation Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, inaugurated the Domestic to Domestic transfer facility at Chennai Airport on February fourth.

Multi-Level Car Parking facility commissioned at Chennai Airport



Multi-level car parking facility

CHENNAI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Multi-Level Car Parking facility (MLCP) at Chennai Airport was commissioned by Union civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia. Union Minister of state for fisheries Dr. L. Murugan, State Minister for industries Thangam Thennarasu attended the inaugural ceremony of the Car Parking facility.

The 24-hour food court in west MLCP was also opened by the Civil Aviation Minister.

The Multi Level Car Parking will complement the mega

capacity enhancement in progress at Chennai Airport from 17 to 35 Million Passengers Per Annum. The Car Park was constructed on the airport parking lot with 2.5 lakh Square feet total built up area can comfortably accommodate 2150 cars including slots for two wheelers.

The Six-storied structure flanking the Airport Metro Station as West and East MLCP in airport city side has mechanised parking slots, **EV charging stations and a host of commercial amenities being added in a phased manner** with Multiplex, Food courts, retail outlets, kids play zone.



Infra projects in Southern Railway gets Rs11, 300 cr.in the Union budget

CHENNAI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Southern Railway has been allocated Rs 11,313 crore in the Union Budget for 2023-24, an increase of more than Rs 4,179 crore compared to the last year's figure.

Southern Railway General Manager R.N. Singh told presspersons that a major chunk of the allocation had been for construction of new lines, doubling of tracks, track renewals and for improving passenger amenities.

Mr. Singh said with an allocation of Rs 1,158 crore, new line projects on Thindivanam-Nagari, Madurai-Tuticorin via Aruppukottai, Morappur - Dharmapuri, Rameswaram - Dhanushkodi, Erode-Palani and Tindivanam-Gingee-Tiruvannamalai stretches would get a boost. Chennai



Cuddalore vis Mahabalipuram new railway line, a project sanctioned way back in 2007 is not even at a consideration stage 15 years later. Needless to emphasize Mahabalipuram attracts the maximum number of International tourists more than Taj but the town is yet to enter the railway map.

Of Rs 1,565 crore allocated for track doubling in Southern Railway, the State's share would be Rs 1,321 crore for executing 16 doubling projects with the Thiruvananthapuram-

Kanniyakumari sector alone accounting for Rs 808 crore.

As part of the passenger amenities work, which had been allocated Rs 1,300 crore, 90 stations would be identified for development under the Station scheme, less than rs 100 crores for each railway station. (The state development scheme was taken up at Gandhi Nagar in Gujarat and Habibganj at Bhopal as pilot projects each at a cost of Rs 750 crores)

Mr. Singh highlighted the achievements in the financial year 2022-23 when the Southern Railway registered Rs 8,100 crore in gross earnings, 45.60 per cent

higher than what was achieved in 2021-22.

While the Indian Railways had fixed a target of 92 per cent for punctuality of trains, the Southern Railway surpassed the target by achieving 93 per cent.

The Indian Railways had announced up-gradation of 21 railway stations in the Southern Railway under the Station Redevelopment Scheme with work started in nine stations and technical consultants to be appointed for four stations. The remaining eight stations had been entrusted to Rail Land Development Authority for appointment of technical consultants.

Railway Logistics Park at Balli to Handle Exim Container Traffic

New Delhi
Sagar Sandesh News Service



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To support the container traffic from/to Goa, Railways has notified ICD, Balli, as Hub on the CCPP (Mangalore) – Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) container traffic stream of Concor. With this, the container traffic originating/terminating from Goa and Mangalore can be combined.

Considering the present volume of container traffic from Goa to JNPT, the ICD is expected to deal with about 30 container trains per month, it was informed.

The Multimodal Logistics Park at Balli was opened for container traffic in 2018.

Considering the present volume of container traffic from Goa to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, the ICD, Balli, is expected to deal with about 30 container trains per month.

The commissioner of customs, Goa, has notified the Multimodal Logistics Park at Balli over Konkan Railway for dealing with exim container traffic.

It will now be called Inland Container Depot (ICD), Balli.

The formalities like custom clearances, export/import procedures can now be completed at ICD, Balli, itself.

“Once the cargo is cleared at ICD, it does not have to go through customs at the port and is cleared for export. Therefore, customers will be able to plan their shipment better as the chances of custom related hold-ups at the port will be reduced. It is expected that the availability of custom clearance facilities at ICD, Balli, will help customers to reduce overall cost as holdups at ports and port docking will be avoided,” a spokesperson of Container Corporation of India (Concor) said.

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	- Nhasasheva International Container Terminal
NSIGT	- Nhasasheva 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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US biggest importer from India this year

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

United States has emerged as India's top destination for Merchandise Exports during April-December this fiscal at 59.7 billion US dollars. Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal informed the Rajya

sabha. He told the house in a written answer that the government has taken a series of measures to promote the country's exports.

The steps include an extension of existing foreign trade policy till March 31; an extension of interest equalization (subsidy) scheme on pre and post-shipment rupee export

credit till March 31 next year; and a roll-out of Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme.

According to the data provided by the minister in his reply, **United States was followed by UAE (23.31 billion US dollars); Netherlands (14.1 billion US dollars); China (11 billion US dollars); Singapore and Bangladesh (about 9 billion US dollars each).**



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Customs Duty Waived for Machinery Required to Manufacture Lithium-Ion Batteries

New Delhi
Sagar Sandesh News Service

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced in her 2023-24 budget speech that "to further provide impetus to green mobility, customs duty exemption is being extended to import of capital goods and machinery required for the manufacture of lithium-ion cells for batteries used in electric vehicles."

Lithium-ion batteries



are currently the dominant battery technology for electronic vehicles in India, which are currently being imported. The annual EV sales crossed the 1-million mark for the first time in 2022, amounting to

10,75,859 units, according to JMK research, an international advisory and consultant firm across the energy sector, illustrating the growing demand for batteries, which are primarily sourced from China.

Vibhuti Garg, South Asia director of the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis told Down to Earth, that waiving customs duty to ease manufacturing of lithium-ion cells for batteries,

though a welcome move, is only limited to green mobility. It also needs to apply to battery energy storage systems at the grid-scale too.

Sitharaman also said in her budget speech on February 1, "To steer the economy on the sustainable development path, Battery Energy Storage Systems with a capacity of 4,000-megawatt hours will be supported with Viability Gap Funding.

A detailed framework for Pumped Storage Projects will also be formulated."

Shailesh Vickram Singh, founder of Climate Angels said in a press statement, "the decision to extend custom duty benefits for manufacturing of Li-On cells is a very good step as the increased volume of electronic vehicles will see capacity expansion on the domestic side too, which so far has been more import-driven due to low volumes."

Indian Refiners to Maintain Import Momentum on Russian Crude

New Delhi
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Indian refiners are likely to maintain their momentum on importing higher volumes of Russian crude oil in 2023 aiming to benefit from the emerging trade narrative as the EU ban on importing diesel and other refined oil products from Russia kicks in from Sunday 5 Feb.

Industry sources and analysts pointed out that State-run and private refiners, who imported an average of 1.2 million barrels per day (MPD) of crude oil from Russia in January 2023, will try to cash in on the European Union (EU) ban on Russian refined products.

"There is an opportunity as the EU imported around

6,50,000 barrels per day (BPD) of diesel from Russia last year. Some of this will go to China, but Indian refiners also stand to gain, particularly Reliance Industries and Nayara Energy," a top official with an oil marketing company (OMC) explained.

The domestic refinery margins are likely to be elevated aided by higher

domestic consumption due to increased industrial and mining activity, stretched global inventory levels, particularly of diesel, and some refinery maintenance shutdowns, the official added.

A senior government official said that **Russia is increasingly moving towards its new major consumers, China and India.** On the other hand, Europe is moving towards Middle East for crude oil and the US and India for refined oil products.



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LOGISTIC NEWS

Mandaviya assures govt support to investors investing in plastic industry

New Delhi
Sagar Sandesh News Service

Chemical and Fertilisers Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya on Friday 3 Feb called on investors to invest in Indian plastic industry and assured a strong government support.



Minister Mandaviya

Addressing CEOs at PLASTINDIA 2023 here, the minister said, "the country boasts a strong and impartial legislative structure along with favourable manpower and technical expertise", an official statement said.

"India provides a big market as the consumption power is increasing along with a rising middle class," he said and asked investors to understand India's ethos and invest in the country's growth story.

More than 90 CEOs of the plastic industry from both India and abroad participated in the conference.