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RINA and ABB Sign MoU to Cooperate in Shipping Decarbonization

RINA, the international reclassification society, has announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ABB. The MoU focuses on establishing a collaborative relationship with the aim to develop new concepts to reduce emissions in shipping for various vessel types. The collaboration will include the development of commercially viable solutions, including fuel cell systems with carbon capture, to move the shipping industry forward with decarbonization. It further focuses on promoting the use of hydrogen, and the introduction of modern approaches to ship propulsion.

Giosuè Vezzuto, Executive Vice President Marine at RINA, says, "We are delighted about the MoU with ABB. It demonstrates the high level of commitment

between our companies. There are many challenges to overcome, and collaboration is crucial if we are to succeed in addressing them to protect the environment."

"We are happy to strengthen our collaboration with RINA to drive decarbonization in shipping. ABB is known for its long-standing commitment and expertise in developing electric, automated, and digital technologies to make the maritime industry more sustainable. Bringing new, commercially viable solutions to the market is a long process that requires close collaboration between class societies and technology providers. I look forward to seeing the benefits these new solutions deliver to the industry and the environment," says Rune Braastad, Business Line Manager, Marine Systems, ABB Marine & Ports.

As the classification society and third-party certification

provider, RINA's role within the agreement will be to work on providing Approval in Principle of design concepts that match the technologies available from ABB and the applicable rules and regulations, along with project and type approvals. Further areas include Hazard Identification and Operability (HAZID/HAZOP) analyses, review of feasibility studies, cyber security certification,

and support with ERP and digital solutions.

As the technology provider, ABB will focus on the development of suitable solutions based on the latest technologies, providing information on possible ways to increase fuel efficiency in existing systems, and presenting and discussing solutions with owners, designers, and shipyards. Source: RINA.



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GlobalMET India Conference at Novotel, Juhu on 25th February 2023



The GlobalMET Association is scheduled to hold an International Conference at the Novotel, Juhu, Mumbai on 25th February 2023. The theme of the conference chosen is "Future of Digitalization and Communications".

GlobalMET is an association of Maritime training Institutions around the world. As of today, it has forty-six members spread across the globe, enabling institutes

to network with each other for enhancing the quality of maritime training. GlobalMET is a growing presence in the field of Maritime Education and Training in this part of the world.

In 2008, GlobalMET achieved NGO status at IMO and a representative attends IMO Committee meetings dealing with maritime education and training. GlobalMET has been involved in the revision of the IMO Model courses dealing with the competency certification, post the STCW 2010 amendments.

The following IMO Model courses were revised by GlobalMET and subsequently validated by STW sub-committee at its meetings held annually at IMO, London:

7.01: Master and Chief Mate 2014 Edition

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GlobalMET members have also been appointed in the past as chairpersons of the Drafting Group and Coordinators of Review groups for HTW sub-committee.

In India, GlobalMET has

conducted several conferences in Mumbai since 2001. In 2007, it also conducted a "Teacher training and Assessment" workshop in Mumbai where the modern methods of course design, delivery, and assessment were covered including the usage of e-learning through a blended learning process. Also, GlobalMET conferences have been held from time to time in the other major cities of India.

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Chinese Navy's aggressive actions in Philippines

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Philippines has condemned the "aggressive" actions of a Chinese security vessel accusing the vessel of using a military-grade laser light against a Philippine patrol boat in the disputed South China Sea, leaving crew members temporarily blinded.

The incident happened on February 6 nearly 20 kilometres from Second Thomas Shoal in the Spratly Islands, where Philippine Marines are stationed in a derelict navy ship grounded to assert Manila's territorial claim in the waters.

The Department of Foreign Affairs said it had filed a diplomatic protest to the Chinese embassy in Manila over the "latest aggressive activities of the Chinese Coast Guard against Philippine official vessels" near the shoal.

There have been a series of maritime incidents between the Philippines and China, which claims



Philippines condemns China's aggressive use of laser against a Philippine patrol boat

sovereignty over almost the entire South China Sea and has ignored an international court ruling that its claims have no legal basis.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Wang Wen bin insisted that the Chinese Coast Guard personnel had "operated with professionalism and restraint". Wang said the countries had been in contact via a hotline set up between their respective foreign ministries to discuss maritime issues

Days before the latest incident, the United States and the Philippines agreed to resume joint patrols in

the sea, and struck a deal to give US troops access to another four military bases in the Southeast Asian country. US State Department spokesman Ned Price criticized the Chinese Coast Guard's actions as "provocative and unsafe".

"The United States stands with our Philippine allies in the face of the People's Republic of China Coast Guard's reported use of laser devices against the crew of a Philippine Coast Guard ship," Price said.

The Philippine patrol boat was supporting a "rotation and resupply mission" for the marines in Second Thomas Shoal when the Chinese vessel pointed the laser light at them twice, the Philippine Coast Guard said. The Chinese boat also issued illegal radio challenges and undertook dangerous manoeuvres, which "constituted a threat to Philippine sovereignty and security as a state", the foreign ministry said.

"These acts of aggression by China are disturbing and disappointing as it closely follows the state visit to China of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.," foreign ministry spokeswoman Teresita Daza said.

HMM orders nine 9,000 TEU methanol-fueled containerships

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South Korea's HMM is the latest major containership operator to bet on methanol fueling as a path to decarbonization.

It has placed contracts worth \$1.2 billion with two Korean shipyards for nine 9,000 TEU methanol-dual fueled containerships.

Hyundai Samho Heavy Industries(HSHI) will build seven of the ships and HJ Shipbuilding and Construction(HJSC) will build the other two.

With deliveries set for 2025 to 2026, the ships are scheduled to be deployed on the Asia-North/Latin America trade lanes and the Asia-India routes, with expected delivery from 2025 to 2026. In particular, green shipping corridors between Busan in Korea and key ports in the U.S. are seen as potential routes for the new vessels.

During the World Leaders Summit at COP27 in November 2022, South Korea and the U.S. announced a technical cooperation to accelerate the decarbonization of the shipping industry through the early adoption of zero-emission fuels and relevant technologies. **Both governments will**

implement a feasibility study to explore the potential of creating green shipping routes between major ports in Korea and the U.S.

In addition, HMM has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with five fuel suppliers, including Proman, PTTEP, European Energy, and Hyundai Corporation to secure the supply of methanol for the new vessels.

It will conduct a feasibility study with each partner to procure various types of methanol at its main bunkering ports and, subsequently, will collaborate to produce green methanol as part of developing carbon-neutral fuels.

HMM has committed to reaching net-zero carbon emissions across its fleet by 2050. "We will continue to drive efforts to support the global community's broader transition to carbon neutrality while at the same time strengthening our fundamental level of future capability in the face of increasingly fierce competition in the global market," said HMM president and CEO Kim Kyung Bae.



L to R: Park Seung Yong (senior executive Vice President, HHI); Ka Sam Hyun (CEO, KSOE); Cho Seung Hwan (Minister, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries); Kim Kyung Bae (president and CEO, HMM); Yoo Sang Cheol (CEO HJSC)

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Maersk sues Evergreen over 2021 blocking of Suez Canal

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The world's biggest shipping company said Monday 13 Feb it sued a rival shipping line in a Danish court, seeking compensation for ship delays that resulted from the blocking of the Suez Canal by a hulking vessel two years ago.

The Panama-flagged vessel Ever Given, operated by Evergreen Marine Corp., ran aground in March 2021, blocking the global waterway for nearly a week.

The enormous vessel was released in a massive salvage operation.

In an email to The Associated Press, shipping giant A.P. Moeller-Maersk said it filed a claim against Evergreen Marine, the vessel's Japanese owner and its German technical manager, Bernhard Schulte Management, in the Danish Maritime and Commercial High Court in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The Copenhagen-based shipping company said the claim is related to



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losses suffered during the canal's blockage. It did not provide further details, including when it filed the claim.

The ShippingWatch, a news outlet covering maritime industry, however,

reported Monday that 50 of Maersk's container ships were delayed because of the canal's blockage.

Maersk seeks millions of dollars in compensation to cover among other

things costs it incurred from customers with goods being transported on the delayed ships, the report added.

Evergreen Marine and Bernhard Schulte did not immediately respond to requests for comment. The ship's Japanese owner, Shoen Kisen Kaisha Ltd., was not immediately reachable.

The canal's blockage forced some ships at the time to take the lengthy alternate route around the Cape of Good Hope at Africa's southern tip, requiring additional fuel and other costs.

Hundreds of other ships waited in place for the blockage to end.

DRI seizes 24.4 kg gold smuggled from Bangladesh in Operation Eastern Gateway

New Delhi
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The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) launched an operation codenamed 'Operation Eastern Gateway', which involved developing the intelligence over a substantial period of time to bust the smuggling modus operandi.

A syndicate based in Bangladesh, Tripura, Assam and West Bengal was smuggling huge quantities of gold from Bangladesh to India through the Indo-Bangladesh border in Tripura.

In the operation, various teams of DRI were strategically placed at different locations in West Bengal, Assam and Tripura, including at the Indo-Bangladesh border, so that the modus operandi used by the smuggling syndicate could be unearthed.

On the basis of intelligence inputs, 8 persons of the syndicate were identified and, in a simultaneous and well-coordinated operation at three locations, all of them were apprehended red-handed.

The team at Siliguri apprehended four persons, while they were travelling in a



Smuggled gold cumulatively weighing 24.4 kg, valued at approx. Rs 14 crore

train from Badarpur Junction in Assam to Sealdah, at Dalkhola Railway Station in West Bengal and recovered 90 gold strips from their possession, collectively weighing 18.66 kg, valued at Rs 10.66 crore. These strips were hidden in specially-tailored waist belts worn by each of them.

Simultaneously, the team at Agartala apprehended one person who was driving a four-wheeler near the Indo-Bangladesh border

near Agartala and found two gold bars weighing 2.25 kg, valued at Rs 1.30 crore, clandestinely concealed in a special cavity built under the driver side front door.

Yet another team of DRI at Karimganj in Assam apprehended three persons while they were travelling in a train from Agartala to Sealdah and seized eight bars of gold weighing 3.50 kg, valued at Rs 2.03 crore, from their possession.

In the said operation, smuggled gold cumulatively weighing 24.4 kg, valued at approx. Rs 14 crore, was seized and all the eight apprehended persons were arrested. Further investigations are on. Total gold seizure by DRI in this financial year has crossed 1,000 kg, said a release.

Sea farer rescued from Mid Sea

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The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) evacuated an injured sea farer, a Philippines national in the Mid sea from a Merchant vessel headed to Pakistan from Sri Lanka, after receiving a distress call February 13th.

A statement from the Coastguards said that the

57-year-old Philippines national was on board a Liberian merchant vessel, *Irenes Ray*, which was headed to Pakistan when the Maritime Rescue sub Centre (MRSC) in Porbandar received a **distress alert at around 4.30 pm regarding a medical emergency onboard the vessel that was some 200 km from**



Indian Coast Guard rescues an injured Philippine seafarer from a merchant vessel

the Porbandar coast on the Arabian Sea.

A fast patrol ship, ICGS Ankit, was sent from Porbandar which reached

Irenes Ray at 7.20 pm. "The 57 years old Philippines national was found to have suffered severe head injury and was unconscious. **The**

patient was evacuated and taken onboard the ICG ship and immediate medical relief was provided at sea by the ICG medical team," the release said.

The ICG ship reached the Porbandar harbor around 11 pm and the patient was transferred to the government hospital in Porbandar and later to the government hospital in Rajkot, where he is undergoing treatment.



Schedule reliability continues on its upwards trend: Sea-Intelligence

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The rapid increase in schedule reliability that we have been seeing in the second half of the year has abated somewhat, with the M/M increase in December of a marginal 0.1 percentage points to 56.6%.

On a Y/Y level, however, schedule reliability was up by 24.8 percentage points.

The average delay for LATE vessel arrivals had been dropping consistently since the turn of the year. In December 2022 however, average delay increased slightly, by 0.34 days M/M and reached 5.43 days.

MSC was the most reliable top-14 carrier in December with 63.3%, followed by Maersk with 60.1%.

The next 10 carriers



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recorded schedule reliability between 50%-60%, with only Yang Ming and ZIM recording

schedule reliability of under 50%, at 47.7% and 47.2%, respectively.

10 of the top-14 carriers recorded a M/M improvement in schedule reliability in December 2022, while MSC recorded no change, and 3 carriers recorded a decline. Yang Ming recorded the largest increase of 5.3 percentage points, while ZIM recorded the largest M/M decline of -6.1 percentage points. All carriers recorded double-digit Y/Y improvements though.

Trade between India-Israel has increased to about \$7.5 billion, rise will continue: Envoy

New Delhi
Sagar Sandesh News Service

Trade between India and Israel has increased from \$5 billion before the COVID pandemic to about \$7.5 billion now, Israeli envoy Naor Gilon said recently, terming it "very encouraging" for both nations.

The Ambassador of Israel to India said a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the two countries, negotiations for which have been going on for over a decade, got a push after the visit of

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar to his country in 2021.

"However, I believe that even without an FTA, our trade is doing wonders. Since, before the Covid pandemic to last year, we increased our trade by 50% from \$5 billion to about \$7.5 billion, which is very encouraging, and

I believe this trend in increasing trade will continue."

Mr. Gilon. Asked if Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will visit India, he said given the busy schedules

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of Netanyahu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a mutually convenient time would be fixed for a visit.

Prime Minister Modi recently spoken with Netanyahu and discussed ways to further strengthen the India-Israel friendship.

Asked if the recent allegations against the Adani group could have an impact on the development of the strategic Israeli port of Haifa, the envoy said,

"(Gautam) Adani is a very strong player in the world's port system. That is his core business.

We believe that he will make this port stronger. He has paid all the money for the port." Shares of



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with his Indian counterpart PM Modi

Adani group companies witnessed massive sell-offs after a US-based short-seller firm Hindenburg Research made a litany of allegations, including fraudulent transactions and share price manipulation, against the group. The conglomerate has denied the allegations.

"The port is his (Adani). I believe the company has

an interest in making this port successful, that is the hope of Israel and the interest of Israel, and that is in the interest of the Adani group as well. I believe that this port is going to be a flourishing port in the Mediterranean," Mr. Gilon said. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with his Indian counterpart PM Modi

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Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos has summoned Beijing's envoy to Manila to express «serious concern» after a Chinese security vessel was accused of using a military-grade laser light against a Philippine patrol boat.

Marcos confronted Chinese Ambassador Huang Xilian "over the

increasing frequency and intensity of actions by China against Philippine Coast Guard and our

Filipino fishermen... **the latest of which was the deployment of a military grade**

laser against our Coast Guard vessels," spokeswoman Cheloy Velicaria-Garafil said.

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"Worrying will never change the outcome"

Kerala Govt to take a loan of Rs 400 crore to pay for Vizhinjam Port project

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With the financial crisis gripping the Kerala government, it has decided to take loan of Rs 400 crores from the HUDCO to pay Adani Ports Vizhinjam project for the construction of breakwaters. The payment is part of the agreement the state government had entered into with the Adani group for the construction of the Vizhinjam port.

The central government has released a sum of Rs eight hundred



Vizhinjam port

crores as viability gap funding for the project. Kerala will have to provide Adani Ports Rs 400 crore when 30 per cent of the breakwater is completed according to the agreement and they have been knocking on the doors of the government for a while

The state government has been caught in a debt trap and the financial position has been in tatters and hence they are unable to honor the commitment to the port builder. With time running out, the Pinarayi Vijayan government has now decided to take a loan of Rs 400 crore from HUDCO.

The Vizhinjam Port has been a dream project of successive governments and was finally cleared by the then Oommen Chandy government (2011-16). Adani Ports was the lone bidder for the project.

The work began on December 5, 2015.

Mr. Gautam Adani had then announced that the first ship will berth there on September 1, 2018,

in a record time of less than 1,000 days, but due to various reasons things went haywire. State Ports Minister Shri Ahamed Devarkovil has now said that the first ship will berth in March 2023 and the first phase of the port will be commissioned in 2023.

The project first stalled in 2017 after cyclone Ockhi hit the construction site and a portion of the constructed breakwater was washed away and since then the shortage of limestone, the most important raw material for the project, caused another delay.

The total cost of the port project is Rs 7,525 crore and the state government has contributed 500 acres of land.

Puducherry Coast faces Severe Sea Erosion

PUDUCHERRY
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Around 50 per cent of Puducherry's 42.88 kilometer-long coast line is eroding, according to the Marine Spatial Plan (MSP) of the union territory launched by Lt Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan on February 13th.

The MSP is a 32-year assessment of the shoreline that covers the Puducherry, Karaikal, and Mahe regions of the Union Territory. The report also called coastal erosion a massive threat to Puducherry.

An MSP is to ensure that human activities at sea take place in an efficient, safe and sustainable manner. The initiative will be implemented by the Ministry of



Puducherry Chief Minister N Rangasamy thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for seeking solutions to prevent erosion

Earth Sciences (MoES) through National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR) for India.

Karaikal coast is experiencing high erosion in around two kilometers of the coastline and moderate erosion in one kilometer. Erosion in the remaining 21.14

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kilometers of the coastline, encompassing the three regions, is low, the report added.

The MSP is based on the Memorandum of Understanding under the Indo-Norway Integrated Ocean Initiative signed between India and Norway in 2019, in which Lakshadweep and Puducherry have been identified as pilot sites for the MSP project and will work together for the next five years. NCCR will develop the MSP framework for Puducherry and Lakshadweep.

The World Bank and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) have expressed interest in supporting MoES in conducting MSP.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt Governor said, "Even in the draft budget significant funds have been

earmarked for Marine resources. Puducherry is home to a large number of fishermen."

Puducherry Chief Minister N Rangasamy thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for seeking solutions to prevent erosion. Puducherry PWD Minister K Lakshminarayanan requested the Ministry of Earth sciences to provide funds for another artificial reef on the Southern side of Puducherry's coast to arrest erosion. It will also help fishermen and promote tourism.

Ambassador of Norway Hans Jacob Flydanfund, Secretary Union Ministry of Earth Sciences Dr Ravichandran, Chief Secretary. Rajeev Verma, Secretary of Science, Technology & Environment Muthamma, Director of Puducherry DSTE P Priyadarshini, Norwegian Embassy officials and experts were also present.

Atul Ubale to hold additional charge as SCI's Director (P&A) from March

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Mr Atul Ubale, Director (B&T), The Shipping Corporation of India Limited (SCI), will hold additional charge of the post of Director (P&A), SCI for a period of 3 (three) months w.e.f. 01.03.2023 or till the appointment of a full-time

Director (P&A), whichever is earlier.

Consequently, Capt. Binesh Kumar Tyagi, CMD, SCI, who is currently holding additional charge (w.e.f. 01.12.2022) of the post of Director (P&A), shall cease to hold the position from March, said a communique.



Mr Atul Ubale

PORTS (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)

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

Vadavan Port under scrutiny of Dahanu Taluka Environment Protection authority

MUMBAI
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The Dahanu Taluka Environment Protection Authority (DTEPA) held its first full-strength hearing on February 13th to consider the draft environment impact assessment of the Mega port planned at Vadhavan in north Maharashtra.

The report is prepared by the Jawaharlal Nehru Port authority which is going to build the port

Even before the meeting proceeded a member of the authority went public to air his objections to

EIA done by the JNPA according to media reports. The member called the project's draft environment impact assessment (EIA) report "superficial", and also called into question the rigor of a key report — by National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM) — which formed the basis for an Environment ministry directive on May 26, 2022, which paved the way for construction of ports and harbors in the Dahanu eco-sensitive zone (ESZ)

The construction of the Port was prohibited by virtue of a 1998 order of



Vadavan port

the DTEPA itself, which concluded that construction of a port at Vadhavan would be "wholly impermissible and... illegal" as it would be "detrimental to the environmental and the socio-economic conditions of Dahanu area

Mr Shyam Asolekar Prof of environmental science in IIT Bombay and a member of the authority criticized the NCSCM

report -- which concludes that "the environmental and ecological impacts of the proposed offshore port facility is rather minimal" -- for being based purely on secondary data. "This is a curious report, prepared in two months, has some 20 objectives, and used secondary data. More in depth discussion is required alone on this report," he said

The authority is chaired by Mr Arun Chaudhuri and comprises Vidyadhar Deshpande (former director of town planning, Maharashtra), Shyam Asolekar (professor of environmental science at IIT-B), Rajendra Shinde (principal and head of botany department, St. Xavier's College), Kulbhushan Jain (faculty of architecture, CEPT University), Soniya Sukumaran (senior principal scientist at CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography's regional centre, Mumbai), joint secretary Sunil Marale, member secretary and director of urban development department Nirmalkumar Chaudhuri, and Govind Bodke, district collector, Palghar.

The decision of the authority is awaited.

Weight Limit for 20ft Containers Raised By 6.48 Tonnes at Chittagong Port

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From 10 February onwards, up to 30.48 tonnes of goods can be carried in a TEUs container, the Office of the Director (Traffic) of CPA said in a circular on 9 February.

"Classification, dimission and ratings of 20ft and 40ft containers with a Maximum Gross Weight of 30,480kgs shall be accepted at the Port of Chattogram," reads the circular.

However, the Chittagong Port Authority will not provide any

facility for handling containers above the ISO prescribed weight limits.

In such cases, concerned shipping agent/MLO will make necessary arrangements at their own cost, risk and responsibility and CPA's permission should be sought prior to arrival of such containers.

Earlier, a maximum of 24 tonnes of goods were handled in a TEUs container and a maximum of 30.48 tonnes in a 40-foot equivalent units (FEUs) container.

"After 25 years, Chattogram



The Chattogram Port Authority (CPA) has increased the weight limit of goods by 6.48 tonnes handled by 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs) containers.

port issued the circular allowing both 20 and 40 feet containers to carry 30.48 tonnes. The port is following the ISO standard," Abdullah Jahir, chief operating officer (COO) of Saif Maritime Ltd, told The Business Standard.

Importers earlier faced difficulties in transporting scrap

products in 20ft containers. Although a 20ft container can carry more than 24 tonnes of scrap goods, shipping lines are not allowed to transport more than that due to the weight limit set by the port authorities, said people related to shipping.

The new decision increasing weight limits for TEUs containers will reduce transportation costs as more goods can be carried in 20ft containers, which will create a positive impact on product prices, said traders.

However, Bangladesh Shipping Agents Association Chairman Syed Mohammad Arif told TBS that the weight limit should be increased more as new additions of gantry cranes at the port have increased capacity for unloading containers.

Strikes seen affecting several French ports

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Strikes are likely to affect operations at several French ports in the coming days, according to reports.

At Le Havre, port officers will stage a 24-hour strike from 0600 on February 15.

Notice of a strike from 2000 on February 15 to 2000 on February 16 has also been given at Fos.

There will be a strike at Bordeaux from 0001 to 2400 on February 16, but the petroleum terminals of Ambes and Pauillac will not be impacted.



Le Havre port

Dock workers will stage a 24-hour strike from 0600 on February 16 at Saint Nazaire and Montoir, and from 0500 on February 16 at Donges and Nantes. There will also be a strike by port staff who install/remove gangways at Saint Nazaire, Montoir and Donges from 0500 on February 16 to 0500 on February 17, the reports said.

PORTS (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)

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The Indian cruise vessel enters Bangladesh port

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Indian tourist cruise launch MV Ganga Vilas has entered Bangladesh's Sundarbans and is scheduled to arrive at Mongla Port in Bangladesh. The tourist cruise launch entered Bangladesh through the Sundarbans maritime border and arrived at Mongla port jetty on February 12th.

The Mongla port authorities accorded a reception to welcome the ship on arrival at the jetty. State Minister for Shipping Khalid



Mongla port welcomes Indian cruise MV Ganga Vilas

Mahamud Chowdhury, Coast Guard West Zone has been deployed to ensure safety during travel from the border to Sundarbans waterways. Ganga Vilas started its journey from Varanasi, on January 13 and

since has travelled through Bihar Jharkhand and West Bengal before proceeding to Bangladesh through the protocol route. The cruise is expected to reach Dibrugarh in Assam by the end of the month

Most passengers on the cruise launch are citizens of Switzerland. They visited various places including the shrine of Khan Jahan Ali by road from Mongla port. The cruise has since moved towards Meghna Ghat, will travel to Sonargaon and Dhaka, before reentering Indian waters at Chilmari in Assam. The Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) has

given assistance to the movement of the cruise in its waters.

Over a period of 51 days during the cruise, MV Ganga Vilas will cross through 27 different river systems in five states in India as well as Bangladesh. It will also cover a distance of 3,200km between Varanasi and Dibrugarh via the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol route – an inland water transit and trade protocol that exists between India and Bangladesh, under which inland vessels of one country can transit through specified routes of the other country, according to media reports.

Condition of highways in Tamil Nadu pathetic says chief minister

CHENNAI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Tamil Nadu Chief minister M K Stalin has flayed the Union Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari for non-committal reply to query about the miserable condition of the National highways between Chennai and Ranipet and urged the minister to instruct National Highways authority of India to improve the stretch for which it was collecting toll from the passengers.

This segment provides vital connectivity from Chennai city and its ports to the industrial clusters in Kanchipuram, Vellore, Ranipet, Hosur and Krishnagiri. The condition of the road is so bad that I had to switch over to train travel.



The Chief Minister sought suitable instructions to officials to expedite the six-laning work and maintain that road stretch in good condition

While the request from our MP was very specific on this important road, we were disappointed with your reply which was very general and non-committal Mr Stalin said

LOGISTIC NEWS

In a direct charge against the Minister for misleading the parliament, Mr Stalin said an impression has been created by the Union Minister that Tamil Nadu government was not cooperating with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) Such statements are unfortunate, Chief Minister M K Stalin wrote to the Centre on Saturday and asserted that it is not true.

A Special Cell has been constituted in the State headquarters to monitor land acquisition for highway projects. Permissions from Forest department are also being reviewed and "to the best of my knowledge, no major NHAI project is held up for want of such permissions," Stalin said.

Progress in land acquisition and borrow earth permissions by the district collectors is being regularly monitored at the level of chief secretary. The other requests for providing borrow earth free of cost by waiving the material cost, royalty and seigniorage charges are also under consideration.

The work has been held up due to contractual issues between the contractors and NHAI and hence the condition of the existing road is very bad.

The High Court of Madras in December, 2020 reduced the toll fee at Sriperumbudur and Chennasamudram toll plazas to 50 per cent due to such poor maintenance.

The Chief Minister sought suitable instructions to officials to expedite the six-laning work and maintain that road stretch in good condition.

DRI seizes 11.94 Kg heroin and nabs 3 persons involved

New Delhi
Sagar Sandesh News Service

On the basis of specific Intelligence, the Directorate of Revenue (DRI) officials intercepted one Indian female passenger arriving from Harare to Mumbai via Nairobi vide Kenya Airways 15 Feb.

Examination of baggage of the passenger resulted in the recovery and seizure of 11.94 kg of creamish



DRI officials seize about 12 kg of heroin and nab 3 persons involved.

coloured granules. On testing with narcotics field testing kit, the substance tested positive for presence of "Heroin", a narcotic drug covered under the NDPS Act, 1985.

The seized NDPS substance, collectively weighing 11.94 kg, is valued at approx. Rs 84 crore in the illicit market. The substance was ingeniously concealed inside the trolley bags and in file folders.

The passenger informed that the drugs were handed over to her in Harare and the same were to be delivered to two persons in Mumbai. Acting swiftly, DRI officers identified and nabbed the said recipients who had come to receive the passenger and the contraband, from outside the Mumbai airport.

The Passenger along with other 2 recipients have been arrested under the provisions of NDPS Act, 1985. Further investigation is underway.

TRADE BODY NEWS

Digital Container Shipping Association Members Pledge For 100% EBL By 2030

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The Digital Container Shipping Association (DCSA) announced that the nine ocean carriers committed to 100% adoption of an electronic bill of lading (eBL) based on DCSA standards by 2030.

The container shipping

companies commit to converting 50% of original bills of lading to digital within five years and 100% by 2030 to accelerate the digitalisation of container trade.

According to DCSA's statement, moving away from physical paper bills of lading may save stakeholders US\$6.5 billion

in direct expenses, enabling US\$30-40 billion in yearly global trade growth, enhancing the consumer experience, and increasing sustainability.

The bill of lading is one of the most important trade papers in container

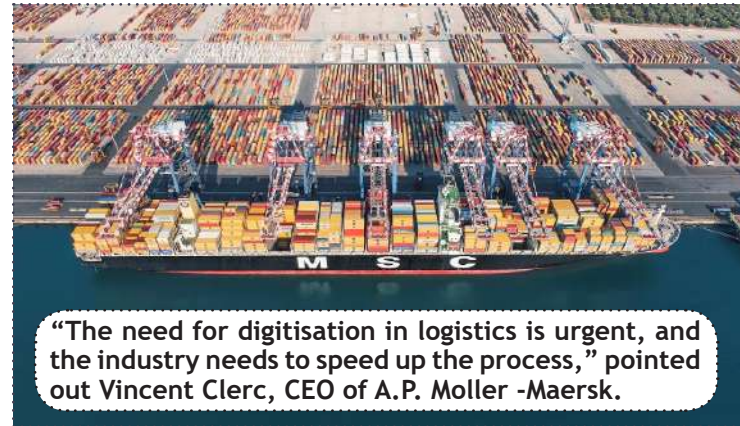
shipping, serving as a title document, a receipt for transported products, and a record of agreed-upon terms and conditions.

"I am delighted that carriers are taking this big step towards paperless trade. Moving to 100% eBL

will contribute towards our climate goals, as we move towards net zero 2050," stated Soren Toft, CEO of MSC.

Every year, around 45 million bills of lading are issued by ocean carriers and according to DCSA, only 1.2% of these were electronic in 2021.

DCSA further noted that transforming document interchange through the eBL will advance digitisation, benefiting consumers, banks, customs/government officials, ocean shipping service providers, and other participants in the marine supply chain.



"The need for digitisation in logistics is urgent, and the industry needs to speed up the process," pointed out Vincent Clerc, CEO of A.P. Moller -Maersk.

LOGISTIC NEWS

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Madhya Pradesh gets one more airport in the remote area of Rewa with Civil Aviation Minister Jyotir Aditya Scindia laying the foundation stone for the project.

The State Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan was present on the occasion.

Rewa Airfield has a runway of 1400 meters with a small building of 150 sq. meters and 61.95 acres of land. It was owned by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh. The State Government has handed

Yet another airport for Madhya Pradesh



Aviation Minister Jyotir Aditya Scindia laying the foundation stone for Rewa airport

over the existing airport to the Airport Authority of India for the revival and construction of facilities to operate 19-seater aircraft.

AAI has

awarded the work on 22.12.2022 which includes strengthening the existing runway along with the grading of runway strip area on either side of the

runway, construction of RESA and construction of the terminal building of 750 sq. meters with peak hour capacity of 50 passengers.

The Minister appreciated the state government for providing the required land and said that the airport with an expenditure of Rs 300 crores will be developed and operationalised soon.

UDAN scheme has fulfilled the dream of the common citizen of India and One crore fifteen lakh people have flown under this scheme on subsidized fares.

It has been mutually decided between the Madhya Pradesh Government and AAI that State Government would acquire additional land of 290 acres for making this airport suitable for ATR-72 operations.

The largest number of green field airports, expansion of existing airports and increasing the flights out of Gwalior and Indore have taken place in Madhya Pradesh ever since Mr Scindia took over the Civil Aviation Portfolio.

Rewa airport in a remote corner of the state is yet another feather in his cap.



Vanguard Logistics Pvt Ltd Celebrates 19th Anniversary



Mr. K. Kumaran
Managing Director



Vanguard Logistics Pvt Ltd., Team

Vanguard Logistics Pvt Ltd. is a global logistics provider, with a well-integrated network of offices & service centers providing customized logistics solutions globally. The Vanguard Logistics team is made up of individuals with a comprehensive background in all facets of international and domestic trade.

Vanguard Logistics Pvt Ltd are stepping into 20th year of their committed service in all spheres of shipping and logistics to the maritime industry.

LOGISTICS (ROAD/RAIL/AVIATION)



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

Turkmenistan Opens Borders for Cross-Border Trade

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Turkmenistan, which sits in the middle of north-south and east-west connectivity, is looking to introduce additional measures to bolster the security and transparency of transit operations.

During a recent visit to Turkmenistan, Tatiana Rey-Bellet, IRU's Director of TIR and Transit, reviewed with Maksat Hudaykuliev, the Head of the State Customs Service of Turkmenistan,

The road transport industry has warmly welcomed the reopening of Turkmenistan's borders to international transport and transit.

how TIR can strengthen the security of transit, as well as measures to streamline corridors passing through the country.

Noting the important achievements in digitalising Turkmenistan's customs

procedures, including the implementation of ASYCUDA WORLD, an integrated customs management system, as well as TIR-EPD, Turkmenistan's customs expressed their interest to further digitalise TIR procedures.

The TIR-EPD application, launched in Turkmenistan in September 2022, allows TIR operators to send advance cargo information electronically. This fundamental step, among other efforts, is setting the groundwork for Turkmenistan to join other ongoing digital TIR projects as well as to prepare itself to connect to the international eTIR system.

IRU, together with its member the Turkmen Association of International Road Carriers, also

visited the customs post "Artyk" on the Turkmenistan-Iran border, where customs authorities have opened green lanes (express lanes at border crossings) to prioritise customs clearance for TIR transport.

Additionally, IRU and Turkmenistan's Agency of Transport and Communications discussed the importance of investing in human capital and supporting the professionalisation of transport companies and their drivers. Such efforts would improve Turkmen operators access to international markets, boosting the country's exports. TIR digitalisation in Turkmenistan is supported by the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ).

Drive from Bengaluru to Mysuru would cost Rs 250 one way

BENGALURU
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Commuters between Bengaluru and Mysuru will be charged a total of Rs 250 in toll fees on the ambitious 10-lane Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway according to official sources.

The expressway, which will reduce travel time between Bengaluru and Mysuru to around an hour and half, is set to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the end of February or latest by early March.

"The toll price is yet to be finalised. The first stretch from Bengaluru to Nidaghatta may cost Rs 135 and the rest would be for the other stretch. It is expected that the cost would be about Rs 250 for the whole expressway and would reduce if two ways are used on the same day," a ruling party functionary who played a vital role

in sanctioning the project from the union transport and highway department, according to Media reports.

The rates will be implemented in a phased manner for the first and the second stretch, respectively, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) said. NHAI is also looking to issue monthly passes for light and heavy vehicles but might restrict the number of times they are used within a month.

Authorities will also ban two and three wheelers from the expressway once the toll rates are launched.

The expressway, which was opened to the public in parts, already witnesses many takers. The 117 kilometer-long stretch of the NH-275 is being built at the cost of around Rs 8,350 crore.

The expressway has five main bypasses including Srirangapatna bypass, Mandya bypass, Bidadi bypass, a 22-kilometre-long stretch that bypasses Ramanagara and Channapatna and the Maddur bypass. The bypasses have been constructed to avoid congestion on the Bengaluru to Mysuru route.



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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



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EXIM TREND

Talks on Free Trade Agreement with Bangladesh to start soon

DHAKA
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The formal negotiation on Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between Bangladesh and India is likely to commence "very soon" to further boost bilateral trade and investment by creating a new institutional framework and supply chain linkage according to Bangladesh government sources.

India's Commerce Secretary is expected at Dhaka for official level talks early next month;

the issue is likely to figure prominently during the bilateral discussions a Bangladesh government sources was quoted by the local media

Bangladesh has already sent an invitation to Indian authority and is expecting India's consent in this regard soon. Hopefully, the visit would commence at the end of March this year," a source familiar with the development was quoted by the media reports.

Different trade related issues, including Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), lifting of



India and Bangladesh flags

anti-dumping duty on Bangladeshi jute and jute products, withdrawal of export ban on some Bangladeshi products, ensuring supply chain of essential commodities would come up prominently in discussion during the upcoming Bangladesh-India commerce secretary meeting, the source said.

A joint feasibility report on implementing

the comprehensive economic partnership agreement has been prepared following the last meeting between the commerce secretaries of both the countries in March last year in New Delhi

Since the report was considered by both the countries it was agreed to start discussions on CEPA at an early date for greater economic benefit of the two neighbors. The agreement came at the Bangladesh-India commerce ministerial level meeting held in New Delhi in December last year. Bangladesh Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi and his Indian counterpart Piyush Goyal led their respective sides at the meeting.

Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina and her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi directed trade officials on both sides to complete the CEPA negotiations at the earliest and in time for Bangladesh's graduation from LDC status.

Bangladesh is India's biggest trade partner in South Asia. The bilateral trade has grown from 9 billion to 18 billion US dollars in the last five years, according to available reports.

Bangladesh has also become the fourth largest export destination for India with the exports registering a growth of over 66 per cent from 9.69 billion in 2020-21 to 16.15 billion US dollars in 2021-22.

2023 could be a turning point for World Economic Growth says IMF



Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva: The world economy is still in a very difficult place

New Delhi
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The International Monetary Fund (IMF) believes that a cost of living crisis that was triggered in many countries following global inflation spike is subsiding, Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said.

"We see inflation finally trimming down in quite a number of countries. The chance of finally getting on top of the problem of cost

of living being a major disrupter for millions and millions of people, we see light at the end of this tunnel," Kristalina Georgieva said as many countries in the world continue to face inflation and increased food and energy costs.

"The world economy is still in a very difficult place. Global growth is slowing down in 2023 but it might be a turning point," the IMF chief said.

Last month, IMF

estimated that world consumer-price increases would slow to 6.6 per cent this year. IMF also forecast slowing to 4.3 per cent in 2024 and inflation rates to be lower in about 84 per cent of countries in 2023 than in 2022. World gross domestic product (GDP) will likely grow an estimated 2.9 per cent in 2023, 0.2 percentage point more than forecast in October, IMF had said.

Although, IMF raised its global economic growth outlook for the first time in a year, premised on US spending and China's reopening after Covid.

Kristalina Georgieva reiterated the Fund's outlook, saying that even though global growth is falling, while global growth is at a low point, the IMF continues to be worried owing to the Covid pandemic, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the deadly earthquake that hit parts of Turkey and Syria.

Indian wheat, rice production estimated at record high

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India's wheat production during the current crop year (July 2022-June 2023) has been estimated at a record high of 112.18 million tonnes (mt) - 5 per cent higher than 106.84 mt last crop year, the Government said in its second advance estimates on Tuesday 14 Feb.

The record high production of wheat, rice and coarse cereals has resulted in foodgrains production projected at a new high of 323.55 mt, up 2.5 per cent from the previous record high of 315.62 mt in 2021-22. The estimate of a record high rice production comes despite the output being lower in the kharif season.

The estimates come at a time when core inflation remains high and speculations are rife over kharif rice production and the shaping up of the wheat harvest due in a month's time. Wheat and rice prices soared to record highs this year.



The record high production of wheat, rice and coarse cereals has resulted in foodgrains production projected at a new high of 323.55 mt | Photo Credit: REUTERS

Releasing the estimates of kharif and rabi crops, the Agriculture Ministry said record production has been estimated in rice, maize, gram, pulses, mustard, oilseeds and sugarcane for the current crop year. The record production of so many crops is the result of the "farmer-friendly" policies of the Centre, as well as the "tireless hard work of the farmers and the diligence of the scientists", an Agriculture Ministry official said.

Wheat prices surged to record highs this year and the government recently decided to offload 3 mt in the open market to cool down prices.