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## CMMI hosts A Grand Annual Meet 2023

P. Bhasin, Secretary General of the CMMI conducted the Awards Ceremony in his humble & distinguished flair. Following are the awards announced and the names of recipients who were honored:

1. **'Founders Award for Leadership'**: Honoured to **Capt. Suresh Narayana Amirapu** and **Capt L.K Panda** for being exemplary leaders in their organizations.



'Founders Award for Leadership' Honoured to Capt. Suresh Narayana Amirapu



'Founders Award for Leadership' Honoured to Capt L.K Panda

2. **'Founders Award for Innovation'**: Honoured to **Capt. D Chandrasekhar** and **Capt Daniel Joseph** for their out-of-the-box ideas.



'Founders Award for Innovation' Honoured to Capt. D Chandrasekhar



'Founders Award for Innovation' Honoured to Capt Daniel Joseph

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The Company of Master Mariners of India (CMMI), hosted its Annual Dinner & Award Function on 11th February 2023 at The Acres Club, Mumbai with a live band and delicious layouts of cuisine and beverages. A large number of esteemed guests from all over India attended the event include **CMMI Chapters Chairman Pan India**.

Capt. B. K. Jha, Master CMMI warmly welcomed the esteemed guests and in his opening speech, described the organization as a Group of Master Mariners who had dedicated their lives to helping others and were striving to make the world a better place. He shared the key programs conducted by CMMI namely the Mentorship Program, Extra Masters' Course, MOU with NITIE on e-MBA program, and Masterclass for Directors with Institute of Directors, New Delhi.

As he explained the way forward for the association, the CMMI's Master Capt. B.K. Jha emphasized the significance of working as a group. He stated that as a Unified Force, they were capable of accomplishing anything and this was just the beginning of good things that were to happen in the CMMI.

The next followed was the award session of the event, the "Annual Award 2023 Ceremony". Ever smiling personality Capt. M.

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## 3. 'CMMI Life Time Achievement Award' : Honoured to Capt. Tarasingh Durgdas Hazari



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## 4. 'Sailing Master Exemplary Action Award' : Honoured to Capt. Anil Choudhary.



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Meeting with CMMI Chapter Chairman Pan India



Release of CMMI Souvenir 2023

CMMI's seasoned veterans Capt P.S Barve and Capt J.C Anand blessed the function and awardees and released the CMMI Souvenir 2023.

The evening was full of joy and fun with guests enjoying the dancing band. Adding flavor to the event, the Guests were given surprise gifts through a Lucky draws and Spot Prizes.



Lucky draw gift to Capt. Vinay Singh Chauhan, Thome Shipping

The Chairman of the Annual Dinner Function Committee Capt Kaustubh Pradhan said that this year's event was the best ever since he remembers. He has been associated with organizing such events for CMMI for more than a decade. He thanked the team for the success of the Function to his Committee consisting of Capt Tescelin Almeida, Capt Albe Zachariah, Capt Sasikumar, Capt M.P.Bhasin, Capt Kamal Chadha, and other support staff including Mr. Sudhir Palkar.

The memorable event came to an end with a Vote of Thanks & closing speech from Capt. Gyanendra Singh, Treasurer CMMI.



Guest enjoying evening



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## MARINE NEWS



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

## China's shipbuilding market share exceeds Japan and South Korea combined

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In 2022, Chinese shipbuilders reached a market share of 47% and for the first time exceeded the combined market share of Japanese and South Korean shipyards, according to new data released by BIMCO.

Ships delivered to new owners by Chinese shipyards in 2022 totalled 14.6m compensated gross tonnes (cgt) of the 30.8m cgt delivered globally. The two other main shipbuilding nations, Japan and South Korea, delivered respectively 4.8m and 7.8m cgt.

Shipyards in China also dominate the orderbook for ships to be delivered in the coming years. The global orderbook currently totals 109.1m cgt, and 45% of those orders are held by Chinese yards compared to 34% and 10% by South Korean and Japanese yards respectively.

According to data from Clarksons Research, today's shipbuilding capacity is around 40% lower than a decade ago. There are now only 131 large active yards, down from 321 at the peak of the previous shipyard boom in 2009.



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As the decade progresses, Kilen predicted a shipbuilding bottleneck will emerge, which will be a tailwind for all shipping sectors.

Not everyone is convinced about this potential yard crunch. Danish Ship Finance has argued that further consolidation is on the cards as up to 30% of today's shipyards are on course to run out of orders soon.

"The lopsided nature of the ordering has created a situation

where many of the yards that are not building container or LNG carriers are operating at low utilisation rates. Many are delivering vessels without securing new orders," Danish Ship Finance pointed out in a recent report, going on to highlight how yard capacity is poorly utilised on average. A group of 95 first-tier yards utilised 70% of their capacity in 2022, according to data from Danish Ship Finance. A more numerous group of second-tier yards only utilised 40% of their capacity in 2022 and will use even less in 2023, Danish Ship Finance forecast, as well as predicting that global yard capacity could shrink by 9m cgt – or 18% – by year-end 2024 if yards that are running out of orders are closed the year after their last delivery.

## Japanese Naval Ships at Cochin Port



Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) Ships Uruga and Awaji made port call at Kochi from February 14 -16

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Capt Nakai Eichi, Commander, Mine-sweeper Division One along with Commanding Officers of JS Uruga and JS Awaji called on Commodore Upal Kundu, Chief Staff Officer (Training), Southern Naval Command and discussed matters of mutual interest.

### The ship's crew visited professional training schools and ship of Southern Naval Command.

During the visit, they were familiarized with various training facilities and activities undertaken at the Training Command of the Indian Navy. Visit and professional interaction onboard Japanese ships

were conducted to enhance interoperability and share best practices between the Navies.

Presently, the ship is on her passage to Bahrain. The visit of Japanese Naval ships has significantly contributed towards strengthening bilateral defense ties and enhancing maritime cooperation in the region.

## Naval chopper airlifts a patient in night operations from Lakshadweep



Image Source: Twitter/@IN\_HQSN) Indian Navy Dornier aircraft at midnight evacuation from Lakshadweep

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A young boy with a severe head injury was airlifted from Agatti islands in Lakshadweep by the Indian Navy to

Kochi for further medical treatment in a Dornier aircraft.

"On the request of the Lakshadweep administration, a swift medical evacuation of the boy with a severe head

injury was undertaken on the intervening night of February 15 -16 by a Naval Dornier of INS Garuda," Southern Naval Command said.

### The Dornier aircraft carried out its maiden night evacuation from the islands on Wednesday, the Navy said.

"This night casualty evacuation was possible due to the validation of the night flying operations from Agatti airfield undertaken by the Indian Navy on October 22," the Navy added.

The efforts towards operationalizing Agatti airfield by night have thus paved the way for undertaking quick humanitarian aid and casualty evacuation missions.

## EXIM NEWS

### Twenty banks open special rupee vostro account

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To facilitate overseas trade in the rupee, 20 banks have opened a special rupee vostro account, said Mr Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).

All major banks have shared a list of nodal officers to sort out exporters' issues about these accounts.

The Commerce Ministry is in regular touch with banks, the Department of Financial Services

### and exporters on the issue.

This is a new initiative; there are teething troubles relating to the exchange rate mechanism and the repatriation of money. So, it has not fully taken off but the government is constantly in touch with the banks, the RBI and exporters to ensure that it picks up, he said.

He added that some exporters have started rupee trade, as per a report.

#### VOSTRO ACCOUNTS

- Vostro is latin word which means "yours"
- When a bank (foreign bank) open its a/c in domestic bank (India) in our country is know as vostro a/c.
- Vostro a/c is opposite of Nostro a/c.
- Vostro a/c is maintain in domestic currency.

Vostro account facilitates overseas trade in rupee





## Carnival's Costa Group in MOU on methanol fueling for cruise ships

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**M**ethanol continues to make new inroads into the marine fuel market. Yesterday, it was the bulk carrier segment where methanol fueling was in the news. Today, it's cruising. Costa Group, part of Carnival Corporation and a leading European cruise operator with its two brands Costa Cruises and AIDA Cruises, has signed an MOU with one of the world's leading methanol producers, Proman.

The MOU aims to push forward the implementation of methanol as a marine fuel by the cruise industry, by enhancing the supply of sustainable methanol,



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paving the way for the retrofitting of existing vessels to operate on clean fuel, as well as investment in further methanol-fueled newbuilds.

The MOU reaffirms methanol's potential to play a key role in the ongoing reduction of GHG emissions of the cruise

sector and other shipping segments.

Costa and Proman say that it is a cleaner-burning fuel which virtually eliminates airborne pollutants such as particulate matter and sulfur oxides and is widely available and increasingly produced via lower-carbon,

biogenic or hydrogen-based pathways. When used in fuel cells, methanol has the potential to allow for lifecycle zero emissions in the near future.

Methanol is emerging as a leading alternative fuel to meet GHG reduction goals due to its easy-to-handle properties, making it attractive for both new builds and for refitting existing ships..

Costa Group has a history of steadily pioneering advanced technologies on board its new and existing ships. The company was the first to introduce liquefied natural gas (LNG) propulsion for emission reduction with four ships already in service in the Costa Group fleet. The

majority of Costa Group ships are equipped with shore power capabilities to be zero emissions in ports where the technology is available, and the company has also performed its first tests on biofuels.

"We are reducing the carbon footprint of our fleet while at port and at sea, investing in advanced environmental technologies and partnering with companies such as Proman who share a passion for sustainable energy transition," said – said Dr. Christoph Schladoer, VP decarbonization at Costa Group. "By enabling cruise ships to use methanol as a propulsion fuel, Costa follows the ambition to take the next big step towards GHG neutral operations of our fleet by 2050.

## MSC Group and MSC Foundation support Earthquake Relief Initiatives in Türkiye and Syria



MSC Aurelia, with a cargo capacity of 40 trucks and 400+ cars, loaded basic necessities and first aid items for Türkiye and Syria earthquake victims

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**T**he MSC Group and the MSC Foundation have organized an urgent response to support the population in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in Türkiye and Syria.

A wide effort is underway across the MSC family and the company is closely coordinating with the Turkish authorities, the

Italian Foreign Ministry and the Vatican.

MSC Aurelia, normally used as a passenger and vehicle ferry, departed from the Port of Naples on 16 February heading for the Port of Iskenderun (Alexandretta).

MSC Aurelia, with a cargo capacity of 40 trucks and 400+ cars, loaded basic necessities and first aid items collected by the MSC Group and the MSC

Foundation, together with the Rava Foundation. The cargo onboard includes 60 pallets of medical supplies, food, hygiene items, warm clothing and blankets, as well as toys and crayons for children. An additional 50 boxes of thermal shirts are being carried on behalf of the Vatican.

**We express our gratitude to the EcoEridania Group for participating in the initiative with an in-kind donation and for assisting with logistics for the relief shipment.**

Once it reaches its destination, the MSC Aurelia will be available as emergency accommodation, providing the impacted communities with over 1,000 beds and leisure spaces including a restaurant and cinema, as well as video-game entertainment for children.

In addition, thanks to the collaboration between the MSC Foundation and the UN Refugee Agency – also known as the United Nations

High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) – a further 100 containers carrying first aid supplies (including blankets, mattresses, sleeping bags,

kitchen sets, jerry cans and lamps) are departing from Jordan via Haifa, the headquarters of the UN Refugee Agency's warehouses.

### NEWS IN BRIEF (To Read Full News Please go to [www.sagarsandesh.in](http://www.sagarsandesh.in))



#### Bangladesh bars entry of 69 Russian ships after US, EU sanctions

The government of Bangladesh has imposed restrictions barring the entry of 69 Russian ships into its maritime waters in line with US and EU sanctions.....

#### In many cases, more funds have been disbursed than collected: FM Nirmala Sitharaman

The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman got back with numbers on allegations that the States were not getting their rightful share of tax devolution.....



The Federation of Indian Exporters Organization FIEO has predicted that the Indian

#### Exports to touch 445 billion US dollars during current fiscal says FIEO

exports to touch 435 to 445 billion US dollars with a growth of 3 to 5 per cent this.....



## SHIPPING (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)



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

## Tata Steel Completes First Multimodal Shipment of TMT Bars from Bengal to Tripura

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The first leg of the journey was through the inland waterways using Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) route to the transfer point at Ashuganj port in Bangladesh.

The bars were then unloaded and the second leg transportation via road to a Land Port Authority of India warehouse at Agartala at the India-Bangladesh border was carried out. In the third and final leg of the journey, trucks were used to transship goods from this warehouse to the distributor's warehouse in Agartala. **Tata Martrade International Logistics**

**Limited (TMILL) was in-charge of the entire logistics management for this maiden voyage.** The entire transportation from flag-off to the receiving of material at distributor's warehouse was completed in 17 days.

The flag-off event was virtually inaugurated by Peeyush Gupta, Vice President GSP and Supply Chain, Tata Steel. D. Samanta of TM International Logistics Limited (TMILL) and A.K. Mahapatra, GM (Traffic), Haldia Dock Complex also joined the ceremony."

Earlier in 2022, the Company had successfully shipped 1,800 tonnes of finished steel products from Haldia Port in West Bengal



On January 8, 2023, the barge "MV Bulker I" was flagged off from the Haldia port.

to Pandu Port in Assam using the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) route via the Brahmaputra River.

**The commencement of the use of Inland Waterways, a historic initiative to decarbonise the steel industry and the nation, was flagged off by Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways & Ministry of Ayush.**

India's desire to realise its

ambitions envisioned under the National Logistics Policy relies heavily on the utilisation of multimodal transportation, which would include an interconnected inland waterways system. This will lessen the amount of material moved through chicken neck, hence reducing the overall distance and reliance on rail and road, as well as aid in the decarbonisation of the logistics sector.

## OOCL welcomes its first 24,188 TEU container vessel

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The new vessel was officially named OOCL Spain at a ceremony held on Thursday 16 Feb at the No. 2 outfitting quay of Nantong COSCO KHI Ship Engineering Co. (NACKS) in Nantong, China.

**Capable of carrying up to 24,188 twenty-foot container boxes, and having a total length of 399.99 metres and a width of 61.3 metres, the OOCL Spain was built by Nantong COSCO KHI Ship Engineering Co.**



Orient Overseas Container Line Ltd (OOCL) has introduced the first 24,188 TEU mega vessel to its fleet.

This scale makes her not only the first of OOCL's vessels to exceed the 24,000 TEU threshold, but also places her among the very largest container ships in the world (as measured by carrying capacity). **The vessel has been awarded three "Smart**

**Ship" notations by the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS).**

This is recognition that OOCL's use of the latest intelligent technology onboard, together with big data acquisition, will optimise the operations of OOCL Spain, enabling fuel efficiency improvements, gains in structural health monitoring, and long-term navigational safety.

Mr Kenny YE, Chief Operating Officer of Orient Overseas Container Line Ltd, said that the new vessel OOCL Spain is of great significance to OOCL: "OOCL Spain is not only

the first newbuilding that has been delivered to us in over five years, but it is also OOCL's first vessel with a capacity over 24,000 TEU. **More importantly, she is the first newbuilding received by OOCL since the company joined the COSCO SHIPPING Group,** and so it is the first vessel jointly created by OOCL and other sister companies. I would like to thank NACKS, who, using their own R&D and technological capabilities, have designed this mega vessel, equipped with the most advanced eco-friendly and intelligent technologies.

## EXIM NEWS Nokia's Chennai Unit has emerged as largest Exporter of Telecom Equipment

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Nokia Manufacturing facility in Chennai has emerged as the largest telecom manufacturer in the country and is exporting fifty per cent of its turnover and is increasing investment taking advantage of the production linked incentive scheme introduced by Government of India

**The Finnish Telecom Gear Maker has been manufacturing in India now for almost 12 to 14 years.**

We are the largest telecom manufacturer in India, and we have a big factory in Chennai, which is also exporting 50 per cent of what we manufacture there. We manufacture and export 2G to 5G equipment all over the world. The



company exported 5G equipment to the US and other countries, even before 5G was launched in India," a spokesman of the company was quoted by media reports. .

**Telecom operators Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel, both have**

**chosen the Finnish company as a vendor to supply 5G gear.**

Calling the PLI scheme a right move, the spokesman said **India can become a telecom gear manufacturing hub.** In a bid to boost domestic manufacturing, investments and export in the telecom and networking products Department of Telecommunications (DoT) notified the PLI Scheme on 24 February 2021. **It allocated Rs 12,195 crore for implementation of the scheme for over a period of five years from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26.**



## NF Railway strengthens freight operations

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The mechanical department of N. F. Railway has registered noteworthy achievements towards freight operation for efficiency and safety in 2022 – 23 (up to December, 2022). These achievements have been made possible by the deliberate, sustained and concerned efforts of N. F. Railway workforce.

The wagon ineffective up to December, 2022 was all time low with 2.4% against the previous year



and performance of 3.4% in the same period. Due to this, availability of wagons for traffic purpose has increased. This quantum jump could be achieved by redistribution of manpower to have

additional batches at the examination points as well as to maximize the repairs during the examination. Further, Routine Overhauling (ROH) of 3043 wagons have been done up to December, 2022 against the previous year and figure of 2901 during the same period.

Presently, NFR has geared up its infrastructure to carry out ROH on all the arriving freight wagons within the Railway. As on December, 2022, NFR is maintaining 29 closed

circuit rakes as compared to 14 rakes in December, 2021. The increased number of closed circuit rakes has resulted into improved availability of wagons for traffic loading. The average yard examination time of the freight rakes for issuance of Brake Power Certificate up to December, 2022 was 3:47 hours as compared to 4:16 hours during the same period of previous year. This was achieved despite increased number of closed circuit rakes, premium examination and more repairs during examination. Provision of wider pathways along with lighting and

welding arrangements in the examination yards at New Jalpaiguri and New Guwahati facilitated these improvements.

In a bid to further strengthen freight train operations many infrastructural works and innovative items have been approved. NFR is now fully geared up to take up the challenges of additional traffic coming to NFR and has taken initiative to set up infrastructure requirement for projected demands as envisaged in the National Rail Plan to develop capacity by 2030, stated a press release.

## Distribution Logistics Infrastructure handles Long-Haul Rake with Export Laden Containers bound for Nhava Sheva

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Distribution Logistics Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. through their flagship terminal ICD Borkhedi, Nagpur operated a Long-Haul Rake with Export Laden Containers bound for Nhava Sheva on 15th February 2023.

**This Long-Haul Rake / Python Train was comprised of 85 BLC Wagons carrying 170 TEUs deployed with 2 Engines, 2 Brake Vans and the Crew.**

The operation saved time and energy along with reduced pressure on Rail Traffic on one of the busiest routes of Indian Railways which also serves Passenger Traffic and Essential Goods transportation by Railway Wagons.

Indian Railways honoured the request of Distribution Logistics Infrastructure (DLI) to give them this Long-Haul rake arrangement to clear their Export Laden pendency at their Terminal at Borkhedi ICD.

This Python Rake (Long Haul Rake) will have minimal stoppages only at main junctions so as to reduce transit time from Borkhedi ICD to Nhava Sheva.

This arrangement will also



Long-haul freight train

reduce carbon footprints thereby saving cost to DLI as a rail operator and to the Indian Railways with optimum utilization of their resources.

This new attempt was carried out by DLI as a preparedness measure to cater the trade when there is huge pendency of Imports at the Sea Port and Exports at their terminal in Borkhedi ICD.

Nagpur trade has welcomed this initiative by DLI and praised their timely operations to handle this rake and reported this special arrangement as a path braking phenomenon.

**DLI Management is hopeful in future to run these kinds of Long-Haul Rakes / Python Trains to facilitate the trade at large.**

## EXIM NEWS

### India Myanmar discuss connectivity projects



Minister for Tourism G Kishan Reddy

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India and the troubled neighborhood at Myanmar discussed New Delhi's grant in aid connectivity projects being implemented in that country aimed at infrastructure development and economic well being of people of Myanmar.

**India has funded the Kaladan project in Myanmar through which the cargo loaded at Kolkata port will reach Sitwe port in that country and move in a multi modal way through canals and road to reach North Eastern states of India. The**

projects were conceived and implemented for the past 15 years but the progress has been tardy.

Minister for Tourism G Kishan Reddy held a virtual meeting with the Minister for Border Affairs of Myanmar on February 17th.

The two sides discussed the need to ensure peace, stability and economic development along the border in the context of recent developments inside that country and their repercussions along the India Myanmar border

It was emphasized that an early restoration of peace and security and implementation of development projects in Myanmar will benefit the people residing along both sides of the border. India also sought continued cooperation of the Myanmar authorities for early repatriation of trapped Indian nationals in the Myawaddy region.

Other issues discussed included creation of conducive conditions for the return of Myanmar nationals currently taking shelter in India, combating drug trafficking and other transnational crimes, strengthening people to people exchanges in the bordering areas, Free Movement Regime, and ways to augment border trade.



## PORTS (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)

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

# Chattogram Port Authority to end forced shipment of empty containers

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The forced shipment of empty containers from the yard of the Chattogram port is finally coming to an end, a positive development for foreign shipping liners as it would allow them to avoid the financial losses they have been incurring for the last six years.

During a meeting on February 14th Chittagong Port Authority (CPA)



Chattogram port

assured the Bangladesh Association (BSAA) and Shipping Agents the Bangladesh Container

Shipping Association (BCSA) that the practice would be discontinued

**The Chattogram Port Authority would soon issue an official order to this effect.**

The port authorities may attach some conditions, including moving away empty containers through preferable vessels or shifting them to private off-docks after keeping them at

the yard for three days, said an official of the port.

**Bangladesh Shipping Agents Association Chairman Arif was quoted by a local daily as saying that the forced shipment causes problems for Main Line Operators.**

This is because feeder operators usually levy higher freight rates and may leave containers at a port where they are not supposed to end up when there is no arrangement between them, he said.

# Govt keen to utilise India Ports Global for running ports secured overseas on G2G basis

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The Union government is veering around to the view that it should utilise India Ports Global Ltd to own and run ports secured overseas on government-to-government (G2G) basis as New Delhi seeks to limit the political fallout of nominating a private firm to run such facilities in the backdrop of the recent developments surrounding the Adani Group.

"The terminal at Colombo was given to APSEZ by the government on a platter. It is a gold mine for Indian container transshipment cargo. Together with the container transshipment port it is building at Vizhinjam in Kerala,



"Many countries are ready to entrust India with the operation and management of their ports on a G2G basis," said a government official briefed on the plan.

APSEZ can play around with the two facilities," an industry official said, asking no to be named.

This deal is among the accusations levelled by political opponents to suggest that the Ahmedabad-based group "benefitted" from contract wins due to its proximity

to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Adani Group has denied these allegations.

India Ports Global Ltd is a unit of Sagarmala Development Company Ltd, a government entity controlled by the Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. It is tasked

with developing and running the Chabahar port in Iran.

"Many countries are ready to entrust India with the operation and management of their ports on a G2G basis," said a government official briefed on the plan.

East Africa, Indonesia and Sri Lanka are on the radar of the government for port operations due to the good diplomatic relations with these nations.

"There are discussions happening in Delhi; now everybody wants India," he said. "We can get ports in East Africa, Indonesia and Sri Lanka at low rates," he said.

"Africa is the next growth story. India should utilise the India Ports Global vehicle to quickly

move into the African region and start operating and managing ports there. Even in Sri Lanka and Indonesia which have very good relations with India, we should work out some deals quickly," the official said.

**India Ports Global is currently running only the port at Chabahar in Iran.**

"The government should seriously think of giving more ports it gets overseas on G2G basis to India Ports Global for operations.

And IPGL, the official said, should find port developers and operators, both Indian and global, who will invest in cargo terminals, but the port ownership will always be with the government of India.

# High level Meet on Technical textiles in Mumbai next week

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The Textile Ministry will conduct a premier show on Technical Textiles, 'Technotex 2023: Envisioning Indian Technical Textiles@ 2047', held from February 22nd to 24th at Bombay

Exhibition Centre, Goregaon, Mumbai.

It is a flagship event in collaboration with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce Industry for the purpose of promotion of technical textiles, which includes textiles

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meant for some specific purpose like Medical, Defense, Industrial, Agriculture, Automotive, Building, Packaging textiles etc.

Technotex 2023 would comprise of B2B (international, Domestic, and Institutional), Exhibition, Conference and Seminars, CEO's Forum, Reverse Buyer Seller



Meet (RBSM), High Level Roundtables, Investor Discussions, Country and State Sessions.

**Maharashtra is the Host State for the event**

and Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Madhya Pradesh are the Partner States. In addition, the event will house 150+ Technical Textiles exhibitors and 250+ buyers from 30+ Countries including Taiwan, Germany, Switzerland, Guinea (South Africa), South Korea, Russia, and Luxembourg, among others.

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## PORTS (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)

### India vs China in Bangladesh's Mongla Port

NEW DELHI  
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China and India are stepping forward to invest in the same Bangladeshi port, raising eyebrows as the regional rivals compete for influence in the South Asian country.

The two have zeroed in on the development of Mongla, Bangladesh's second-largest port, in the southwest of the country. China and India have been eyeing the facility for years, promising to provide hundreds of millions of dollars according to Japanese media reports.

Since December last year



Mongla port, new battleground for India and China

India and China in quick succession have signaled that they were moving forward with the projects in the Port... China already has a significant presence in Bangladesh's ports and shipping industry, while India has transshipment facilities at two

Bangladeshi ports -- Chittagong and Mongla -- to carry goods to its landlocked northeastern states.

India decided to upgrade Mongla under a line of credit from New Delhi in 2015. India selected Egis India Consulting Engineers. The Mongla Port Authority signed a deal with the company in late December.

China, meanwhile, signed an umbrella deal in 2016, when President Xi Jinping visited Dhaka, under which it pledged to fund 27 development projects including an expansion and modernization of Mongla's facilities

India, Nepal and Bhutan are all keen to use Mongla to facilitate their trade. In addition, modernization is considered necessary for the

proposed Bangladesh, China, India and Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor.

Md. Touhid Hossain, a former Bangladeshi foreign secretary, acknowledged the rivalry between India and China but stressed Dhaka has sought to maintain close relations with both.

In Bangladesh's case, Hossain noted that the country has signed the Mongla deal with India but has yet to do so with China. **"We have to observe whether India tries to influence Bangladesh not to sign the pact with China for the Mongla port expansion project,"** he said, adding, **"Since a deal is already signed with India, now Delhi's reaction will matter."**

### Record handling of cargo by Kolkata Port



Kolkata port chairman P L Haranadh addressing a news conference

KOLKATA  
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The Kolkata Port named after Syama Prasad Mookerjee has handled an all time high cargo traffic of 54.254 million tons during the first ten months of the current financial year 2022-23 the Port Chairperson P L Haranadh said.

**The port handled 47.282 million tons during the corresponding period previous year thus registering a growth of nearly 15 per cent, higher than the national average in the government owned ports'**

Kolkata Port ranked 5th in Cargo handling amongst Indian Major Ports during April 2022 to

January 2023. It held the sixth rank last year.

Mr. Haranadh, said that Haldia Dock Complex (HDC) handled 40.162 Million tons of cargo during April 2022 to January 2023 vis-à-vis 34.749 Million Tons during April 2021 to January 2022 (an increase of 15.58 per cent).

Kolkata Dock System (KDS) handled 14.092 Million Tons of cargo in April 2022 to January 2023 vis-à-vis 12.533 Million Tons during April 2021- January 2022 (growth of 12.44 per cent).

During April 2022 to January 2023, Kolkata Port handled rail-borne traffic of 28.823 Million Tons (KDS-4.92 MT, HDC-23.903 MT) against 24.974 Million

Tons (KDS-4.91 MT, HDC-20.064 MT) in April 2021 to January 2022, registering a growth of 15.41 per cent. During April 2022 to January 2023, 1221 rakes were received and 1249 dispatched at KDS; at HDC, 5293 rakes were received and 5300 were dispatched during the same period.

The success has been achieved due to growth of diverse cargo, arrival of new and additional cargo coupled with multi-faceted user-friendly measures like better services, improved facilities, cost-effective and customer-friendly charges and all-out efforts of the employees of the port.

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## TRADE BODY NEWS



"Worrying will never change the outcome"

## The International Chamber of Shipping reaffirms commitment to 2050 net zero

New Delhi  
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The Board of the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), which represents over 80% of the world's merchant fleet, has submitted a revised proposal to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) that reaffirms the industry's commitment to meet 2050 net zero carbon goals and sets out the full details of how this can be achieved via a 'Fund and Reward' system.

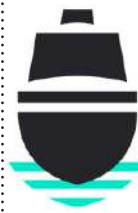
The Fund and Reward mechanism will be financed by a mandatory contribution by ships per tonne of CO2 emitted to an IMO fund, which will reward first movers for the CO2 emissions prevented by the use of alternative fuels such as methanol, ammonia and hydrogen, as well as sustainable

biofuels and synthetic fuels plus new technologies including carbon capture.

In addition to funding the rewards programme for the uptake of low and zero-carbon fuels the contributions by shipping companies will generate billions of dollars annually to support the production of alternative marine fuels in developing countries. **The fund will also be available to de-risk the rollout of the new bunkering infrastructure that will be required on an accelerated timescale.**

Simon Bennett, Deputy Secretary General of the International Chamber of Shipping commented:

"The Fund and Reward mechanism put forward by ICS is intended to be as simple as possible for IMO to establish. With political



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will, it can be readily adopted via the existing IMO MARPOL Convention by 2024, so that our commitment to net zero by 2050 can remain plausible given the enormous challenge of transitioning the entire global industry to new fuels and technologies in less than 30 years.

"Our immediate goal is to ensure that some kind of levy-based global economic measure will be prioritised for rapid finalisation by the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee at its next meeting in July."

**The level of contributions to the IMO fund will be a decision for governments.**

Guy Platten, Secretary General of the International Chamber of

Shipping added: "If we are to have a sustainable decarbonised future, governments need to support the shipping industry's willingness to come forward with innovative measures that can incentivise first movers whilst also providing support to developing countries."

At the previous Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 79) in December 2022, there was increasing support among governments for an economic measure which could provide the world fleet with the needed incentive to effectively accelerate the energy transition.

The latest ICS submission provides additional information to assist a decision at MEPC 80 in July 2023 about the GHG reduction measures to be prioritised for development, and explains the core elements of the mechanism that need to be finalised and the variables that will determine the initial quantum of the contribution by ships and the reward rate for the use of eligible alternative fuels.

## MINISTRY NEWS

## India's Mineral Production goes up by 10 % in December 2022

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

The index of mineral production of mining and quarrying sector for the month of December, 2022 (Base: 2011-12=100) at 107.4, is 9.8% higher as compared to the level in the month of December, 2021, as per the provisional figures of Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM). **At the same time, the cumulative growth for the period April-December, 2022-23 over the corresponding**

**period of the previous year is 5.4 per cent.**

Production level of important minerals in December, 2022 were: Coal 833 lakh tonnes, Lignite 35 lakh tonnes, Natural gas (utilized) 2888 million cu. m., Petroleum (crude) 25 lakh tonnes, Bauxite 2272 thousand tonnes, Chromite 340 thousand tonnes, Copper conc. 10 thousand tonnes, Gold 174 kg, Iron ore 251 lakh tonnes, Lead conc. 30 thousand tonnes, Manganese ore 307 thousand tonnes, Zinc conc. 137 thousand tonnes,

Limestone 355 lakh tonnes, Phosphorite 170 thousand tonnes, Magnesite 9 thousand tonnes and Diamond 43 carat

Important minerals showing positive growth during December, 2022 over December, 2021 include: Gold (64.2%), Phosphorite (53.9%), Iron Ore (19.5%), Limestone (14.5%), Manganese Ore (12.8%), Coal (11.4%), Zinc conc (9.4%), Lead conc (4.5%), Copper conc (3.9%), and Natural Gas (2.6%).

Other important minerals



**India's mineral production records positive growth in December 2022**

showing negative growth 10.7%), Chromite (-11.5%), include: Petroleum (-1.2%), Magnesite (-22.5%) and Bauxite (-9%). Lignite (-Diamond (-38.6%)

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Technotex 2023 would support in exemplifying the immense potential for trade and investment between India and foreign countries in Technical Textile sector. Now that India has assumed G-20 Presidency, the event would offer an excellent opportunity to foster our

international connects in the global technical textiles industry.

**Currently, Indian Technical Textiles market is the 5th largest in the world, sized at 22.5 billion US dollars in 2021-22. The growth of Technical Textiles in India has gained significant momentum in**

the past five years, growing at 9-10 per cent per annum. Large demand of Technical Textiles products in varied application areas, coupled with the existing global market dynamics, portrays gigantic prospective of this sunrise industry in India. Therefore, the time for the industry to realize its

far-reaching potential, is now.

Technotex 2023 is aligning with Government's concerted efforts in direction of making India a leading manufacturing hub in the area of Technical Textiles

**Besides, Technotex 2023 will witness a CEOs' Roundtable,** wherein the business leaders from around the world will share

their insights, spotlight opportunities and layout the future course for the rapidly growing segments of Technical Textiles. Further, a Knowledge Report and BIS Standards would also be released during the three-day Technotex 2023. Union Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal, and his deputy Ms Darshana Jardosh, will be addressing in the event.





## Railways and Dept of Post launch a door to door delivery of parcels

NEW DELHI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The Railways and the Postal Department have launched the Rail Post Gati Shakti Express Cargo Service in four sectors of the country including Surat-Muzaffarpur, Delhi to Kolkata, Bengaluru to Guwahati and Hyderabad-Hazrat Nizamuddin in an attempt to provide seamless logistics for the service sector.

The launching of the service was announced in this year's budget proposal by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman

However, **total 15 sectors have been planned to be covered in the first phase.**

The highlights of this service are Total logistic Service: Pick-Up and Delivery at customer premises, Palletization -Transportation through covered and sealed boxes, Semi-mechanized handling, Time tabled service, Insurance at 0.05% of the declared value of the cargo



Joint parcel service by Railways and Dept of Post

for loss, damage and deterioration, Integrated Parcel Way Bill. Joint Marketing Teams between Posts and Railways have been made to take this initiative forward. Doing away with the slab system of pricing is an innovation herein.

Railways and Department of Posts have collectively upgraded their tools, machinery and handling equipment, storage space for optimum use. **Specially designed Fold type box, Envelope box, Mesh type Box, Bubble Guard Box made up of aluminium and light weight material have been developed.** Similarly, Parcel Aggregation Centre have been

equipped with conveyor system alongwith specially designed rakes for efficient stacking. BTU Deck where palatized material can be easily rolled are provided for effortless movement.

**Salient Features for Customers include Door step Pick-Up and Delivery:** India Post will pick up the consignment at the doorstep of the customer and transport to the Railway Station (first mile activity) and at the destination railway station, India Post will transport the consignment from the station to the destination address and deliver the consignment at the doorstep of the addressee (last mile activity). There is no fixed obligation of

loading as party can book small load of 100 kg also.

Parcel Train operated under JPP Scheme is a time tabled train with scheduled departure and arrival of Train at Originating, intermediate and Destination stations..

First mile and last service charges at Rs 6/- per kg gives competitive and cost effective solution to the customers in comparison to existing road rates. India Post will be the single point of contact for the customer for the dispatch of consignment from pick up till delivery. A mobile app is being developed where customers availing JPP service can book the consignment with online payment facility and also can track the status of consignment with live tracking facility.

## Night flights may be introduced in Tuticorin airport soon

TUTICORIN  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Night flights may be introduced in Tuticorin airport in the next two months when the work on merging of two runways are completed an official of the airport said.

1,530 m x 30 m to 3,115 m x 45 m to facilitate the landing of Boeing aircrafts. Tamil Nadu government has handed over the necessary lands required for expansion of the airport a few years ago.

A new terminal building measuring 13,500 square meters is also under construction. The new terminal block of the airport will be opened for the public in December this year. **50 per cent of the runway extension works have been completed so far.**

The merging of the runways



The runway is extended as part of modernization of the airport

**The Tuticorin airport functioning at Vagaikulam is being modernized at an estimated cost of Rs 380 crore.**

As a part of the project, the runway is being extended from

will be completed by April. Night flights will be possible after that. The airport terminal block will be completed by September and the project will be brought to the public utility by December, the official added.

### VESSEL SCHEDULES



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



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KICT - Kandla International Container Terminal  
NSICT - Nhavasheva International Container Terminal  
NSIGT - Nhavasheva International Gateway Terminal  
JNPCT - Jawaharlal Nehru Port Container Terminal  
GTI - Gateway Terminals India  
BMCT - Bharat Mumbai Container Terminals  
ICTT - International Container Transshipment Terminal

#### EAST COAST

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## EXIM TREND

### India-Bangladesh EXIM trade in local currency soon?

DHAKA  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

**India and Bangladesh will consider trading in local currencies.**

This was amongst the things that were discussed when Foreign Secretary, Vinay Mohan Kwatra met with Bangladesh's Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina, in Gono Bhaban, Dhaka, on February 15th.

India and Bangladesh are in the process of simplifying the terms and conditions of the Indian Line of Credit (LoC) to Bangladesh to



PM Hasina said that she hoped this friendship would deepen further and both nations would work on the socio-economic development of their people

enable Bangladesh to repay quickly.

**"You and your leadership have our total support. India will remain**

beside Bangladesh during its development journey, including political and economic progress," Foreign Secretary Kwatra said when he met PM Hasina. Amongst those present in the meeting were India's Ambassador to Dhaka, Pranay Verma and Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen.

**Meanwhile, PM Hasina has accepted Foreign Secretary Kwatra's invitation to attend the G20 Summit in New Delhi,**

**which will be held on September 9th and 10th**

India has invited Bangladesh as a 'guest country' to all its meetings.

Describing the bilateral ties between the two neighboring countries as very firm, Kwatra said the whole world now values the Bangladesh-India relationships, which has already reached a strategic level. This relationship is being strengthened further.

**"Bangladesh is the pivot of India's 'Neighborhood First Policy' and a key partner of its 'Act East Policy'," FS Kwatra said.**

PM Hasina said that

she hoped this friendship would deepen further and both nations would work on the socio-economic development of their people.

Both sides agreed to further strengthen the ongoing bilateral cooperation in diverse areas, including trade and investment, connectivity, power and energy, defense and security and people-to-people ties.

Both countries also agreed to extend reciprocal support to each other's upcoming candidature for Non-Permanent membership of the UN Security Council.



FM Nirmala Sitharaman : Slowing economy abroad is going to be challenge for Indian exporters

### Exporters bound to feel the heat of slowing global economy

NEW DELHI  
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

Indian exporters will feel the heat of a slowing global economy, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said while exhorting them to engage with the government in these times of uncertainties.

She said that the EXIM traders need to be receptive to what is happening worldwide and be on their toes. The statement comes at a time when India exports plunged for a second straight month by 6.58 per cent to touch 32.91 billion US dollars in January.

**"Slowing economy abroad is going to be challenge for Indian exporters.** So exporters will have to be more receptive of what is happening there or even foresee how that will pan out for them and keep engaging with the government otherwise at a time when exporters have to be on their toes, such challenges demotivate them," FM Nirmala Sitharaman said at the Assocham event.

### India Green Lights Sea-Air Route for Bangladeshi Exports

New Delhi  
Sagar Sandesh News Service

An air freight window for Bangladesh transit cargo is available from February 15, according to India's Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC).

CBEC said using the Delhi Air Cargo facility would improve cargo evacuation and logistics efficiency, as per reports.

**Transshipment through India can also lead to significant cost savings for Bangladeshi exporters,**

as it allows them to take advantage of the lower air cargo rates and more competitive shipping options available through Delhi Air Cargo, added the neighbouring country's industry insiders, as per reports.

Transshipment through Delhi Air Cargo will allow Bangladesh exporters to reach a wider reach of markets, including those in Europe, the Middle East and Asia, which may not be accessible directly from Bangladesh, mentioned stakeholders.

Also, the Delhi air freight opening builds

on a sea-rail multimodal logistics system CBEC laid out in September to permit transshipment of Bangladesh export containers from Nhava Sheva and Mundra ports by sea.

Historically, for sea freight, in the absence of direct mainline services, Bangladesh containers have mostly been feedered to Sri Lanka's Colombo Port or Singapore.

The alternative transshipment facilitation push, both for sea and air services, comes as the Bangladesh government and local exporters are looking to capitalise on global sourcing shifts away from China, with RMG goods leading that migration.



The Indian government approved Bangladesh's transshipment cargo to be handled at the Delhi Air Cargo complex

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**Qatar lifts ban on import frozen sea food from India**



Qatar lifted its temporary ban on the import of frozen seafood from India, paving the way for enhanced export and improved bilateral relations with the West Asian country.....