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IMU signs MOU with IIT-M in areas of Maritime India Vision 2030

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IMU and IIT-M was signed, in the presence of Dr. Malini V Shankar, I.A.S. (Retd.), Vice Chancellor, IMU & Prof. V. Kamakoti, Director, IIT-M as a cooperative agreement between the two institutions in areas of Maritime India Vision 2030, Faculty and Student exchange Programmes, joint Research activities along with collaboration in various other Academic activities.

The objective of the MOU

is to initiate a cooperative agreement in order to promote the following activities between both Institutions:-

- Initiatives identified under Maritime India Vision 2030
- Collaboration of faculty members and Exchange of students
- Joint research activities
- Joint Ph.D. Programs
- Joint web M Tech programs
- Organisation of seminars and academic meetings
- Development of long/short-term programmes

- Enabling courses for national credit bank
- Programs for capacity building in Industries.

The MoU was signed by Dr. Rajoo Balaji, Dean i/c, IMU, and Prof. K Murali, Dean (Faculty), Department of Ocean Engineering, IIT-M in the august presence of Dr. Malini V Shankar and Prof. V. Kamakoti, Director, IIT-M on 27th February, 2023



in IMU-HQ. Mr. K Saravanan, Registrar IMU delivered the welcome address and Cmde KD Joshi (Retd), Controller of Examinations delivered the vote of thanks.

Inauguration of NUSI Indoor Sports Complex at Lonavala- By Milind Kandalgaonkar

Since 1992 hundreds of our seafarers and their families have visited and taken benefit of the NUSI Holiday Home and Sanatorium at Lonavala. NUSI members enjoy a clean, comfortable stay, food, recreation, and sports activity. NUSI has been receiving requests for upgrading the sports facility which is very popular, particularly amongst the children of seafarers.

The NUSI Sanatorium is also an old age home for our senior seafarers. Our senior seafarers are well taken care of in all manners including proper medical facilities in the evening of their lives.

Keeping in mind the mental well-being, NUSI has taken up the initiative to launch the indoor sports complex at NUSI Holiday Home and Sanatorium, Lonavala.

We have the pleasure to inform you that on 20th February 2023, the dedicated NUSI Indoor Sports Complex was inaugurated.

The inauguration was done at the hands of former NUSI Assistant General Secretary, Shri Ronald D'rose in the presence of Shri. Sunil Nair, Assistant General Secretary, and Shri. Suresh Solanki, Organising Secretary. The NUSI Indoor Sports Complex comprises of billiards, table tennis, carom board, chess, etc.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Ronald D'Rose, who retired on 9th May, 2009 stated that he was honored, even after so many years, to inaugurate the NUSI Indoor Sports Complex. In his emotional speech, he said that he was happy to

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note the good work done by NUSI for the benefit of the seafarers and their families and gave his good wishes and blessings to do more which is very much appreciated.

The NUSI Indoor Sports Complex will be an added benefit for the visiting seafarers and their families, the shipping fraternity



in general including our resident senior seafarers of Lonavala, added

Milind Kandalgaonkar, General Secretary -cum-Treasurer.

Japan discovers more islands than it owns

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Japan found that it has 7,000 more islands than it previously thought.

Digital mapping by the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (GSI) showed adding new dimension to the security

issues in the Indo Pacific, according to international media reports.

With this the total number of islands in Japanese territory stands at 14,125, more than double the figure of 6,852 that has been in official use since a 1987 report by Japan's Coast Guard

However, the body said that the new figure shows advances in technology and Japan's ability to observe detailed maps- not an overall change in land in Japan's territory. As there is no international agreement on how to count islands, the agency explained that it had used the same size criterion as the previous survey 35 years ago which included counting all naturally occurring land areas with a circumference of at least 100 meters (330 feet).



Japanese island

The new number does not include any artificially reclaimed land, the body informed. Islands surrounding Japan have been at the centre of several territorial disputes. Japan lays claim to the Russian-held southern Kuril islands, which Tokyo calls the Northern Territories.

Japan also says it has a claim to the uninhabited Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea but China has repeatedly challenged that claim. Japan and South Korea also dispute the sovereignty of a group of islets known as Dokdo by Seoul and Takeshima by Tokyo in the Sea of Japan.

Ever Given's salvors seek greater payout in court



Pic: Suez Canal Authority

most famous shipping accident, and court cases continue to swirl around the Ever Given's grounding and blocking of the Suez Canal.

A court in London is hearing a case at the moment brought about by SMIT, a salvage firm belonging to Royal Boskalis Westminster.

The salvage company is arguing that the *Ever Given's* Japanese owners,

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

Chinese bulk carrier sinks off Sakhalin Island

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A Chinese bulk carrier that was holed by ice off Russia's Sakhalin island sank 1 March.

The forepeak of the Yong Xing 56 was breached over the weekend, with the bow of the ship becoming submerged.

Despite salvors best efforts, the vessel, carrying 29,000 tons of alumina, sank in waters of around 250 m depth.

The 21 Chinese crew



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of the 15-year-old ship were safely evacuated from the ship with

Chinese consular staff now working to get them repatriated.

New Director General of Shipping announced

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Mr Rajiv Jalota, Chairman, Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA) and Indian Ports Association (IPA), has assumed additional charge as the Director General of Shipping in the Directorate General of Shipping, based in Mumbai.

He succeeds Mr. Amitabh Kumar.

He has been Chairman of Mumbai Port since November 2020.

The Directorate General of Shipping deals with implementation of shipping policy and legislation so as to ensure the safety of life and ships at sea, prevention of marine pollution, promotion of maritime



Mr Rajiv Jalota, Chairman, Mumbai Port Authority, now DGS

education and training in coordination with the International Maritime Organization, regulation of employment and welfare of seamen, development of coastal shipping, augmentation of shipping tonnage, examination and certification of Merchant Navy Officers, and supervision and control of

the allied offices under its administrative jurisdiction.

Among its latest decisions was withdrawing trading licenses for oil tankers and bulk carriers that are more than 25 years old. Also banned was the acquisition of vessels that are more than 20 years old.

Having accompanied German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on a recent visit, he came away with optimism, Habben Jansen said at an earnings press conference.

"We are certainly committed to that market... it is going to grow faster than average and if you want to grow in a market, it is important to have a good position there," he said.

Hapag-Lloyd CEO says he is optimistic about shipping development in India

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German container liner Hapag-Lloyd (HLA.G.DE) sees great opportunity in India where containerisation levels are still low, Chief Executive Officer,



Mr. Rolf Habben Jansen CEO Hapag-Lloyd

Mr. Rolf Habben Jansen told reporters on Thursday.

TN signs MoU with UNEP for implementing urban cooling programme in the State

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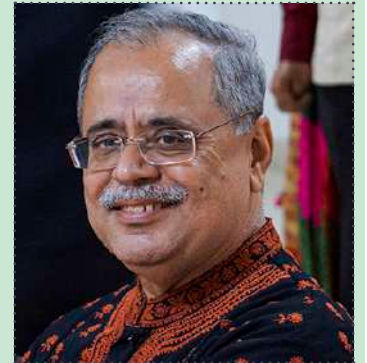
The Tamil Nadu government has signed an MoU with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) to implement the urban cooling program in the state to meet the objectives under the Tamil Nadu State Action Plan on Climate Change.

The MoU was signed on Wednesday 1 March between Atul Bagai, Country Head, UNEP and the state government represented by Environment Secretary Supriya Sahu, a release said.

The collaboration between the state government and UNEP will aim to meet the rapidly growing demand for cooling in cities while supporting the implementation of initiatives to adapt and combat rising heat.

UNEP will work with the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Forests, the Department of Municipal Administration and Water Supply and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to prepare a comprehensive action plan, including better urban design, increasing green cover in cities, building efficiency measures, extreme heat planning and district cooling, the release said.

The MoU will facilitate capacity building and awareness raising for a wide range of stakeholders in Tamil Nadu on sustainable cooling including technical, financial, policy



Atul Bagai, Country Head, UNEP

and institutional solutions. It will also enhance South-South cooperation through training and raising awareness in India and other countries on activities and lessons from the program of work in Tamil Nadu.

It will facilitate comprehensive city and state-level planning for plastic waste management through scientific assessment and decision support system, expanded producers' responsibility implementation framework, enforcement of single-use plastic bags, capacity building and awareness generation.

The special purpose vehicle was the first of its kind in India to drive climate action in the state of Tamil Nadu. The company guides three flagship missions of the government, the Green Tamil Nadu Mission, the Tamil Nadu Wetland Mission and the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission.

The state government is also setting up the Tamil Nadu Green Climate Fund with a fund size of ₹1,000 crore. It had also announced setting up of climate change missions in all 38 districts, the release said.



Bengal Tiger Line Starts New Service between India, Saudi Arabia and Iraq



BTL new service to connect India with Saudi and Iraq

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The ISI service will link the Dammam-based hub to the Indian port of Mundra and the Iraqi port of Umm Qasr aboard a 929 TEU container vessel.

It is worth mentioning that a total of five cargo services linking Saudi Arabia to 43 hubs worldwide were added to the rosters of Jeddah Islamic Port, King Abdulaziz Port, and Jubail Commercial Port during the first month of 2023.

Spot Rates for Shanghai Container Exports Fall on All Routes



Spot prices for container exports from Shanghai fall 2.9%, according to SCFI

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According to the Shanghai Shipping Exchange, the Shanghai Containerized Freight Index (SCFI), a measure for spot prices for container exports from Shanghai that do not include terminal handling charges (THCs), fell 2.9% to 946.68 points (SSE). For the seventh week in a row, the composite indicator has been falling.

On east-west trade lanes, spot rates for containers from Shanghai to Europe fell 3.1% to US\$882

further two vessels over the next 45 days, and another three vessels by the end of 2023.

The remaining six vessels are expected to be delivered by the end of third quarter 2024

per TEU, which have trended down for seven weeks in a run, and to the Mediterranean, rates waned 1.7% to US\$1,605 per TEU.

Average prices fell 3.1% to US\$1,234 per FEU on the route to North America's west coast, where they have been falling for four weeks in a row, and 4.2% to US\$2,391 per FEU on the route to the east coast, where they have been falling for 38 weeks in a row.

According to Japan International Freight Forwarders Association (JIFFA), spot prices for

containers from China to the Middle East Gulf on north-south lines fell 4.6% to US\$1,029 per TEU. Remaining bearish for three straight weeks, they have managed to remain above the US\$1,000-per-TEU level since September 2022.

Spot rates dropped 6.2% to US\$346 per TEU for exports to Australia and New Zealand, which have been in the single digits since October and have fallen as low as those for cargoes to Japan. Container spot prices to South America remained steady with a marginal drop of 0.1% to US\$1,507 per TEU. They have, however, stayed higher than pre-pandemic values since the beginning of the year, ranging between US\$1,400 and US\$1,500 per TEU. Spot prices for African shipments fell across the board. Furthermore, spot prices in intra-Asian seas fell 1.5% to US\$326 per TEU on the route to Japan's Kansai region and 1.2% to US\$336 per TEU on the route to Japan's Kanto region. Container rates to Southeast Asia fell 3.7% to US\$155 per TEU, while rates to South Korea fell 1.4% to US\$208 per TEU.

First LNG-powered Bulker Delivered to Himalaya Shipping

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The first Newcastlemax bulk carrier has been delivered to Himalaya Shipping. The company has ordered twelve LNG-powered bulkers from New Times Shipbuilding, China. The vessel was launched in November 2022, and later Mount Norefjell completed its sea trials in January 2023.

The 208,000-dwt LNG dual-fuel Mount Norefjell would start a two-year time charter at \$30,000 per day, gross.

Himalaya already chartered six out of the twelve 208,000-dwt LNG dual-fuel bulk carriers, and the firm has five more uncontracted vessels.

Himalaya said in the statement that it expects to take delivery of a



The company has ordered twelve LNG-powered bulkers from New Times Shipbuilding, China

Ever Given's salvors seek greater payout From page - 3

Shohei Kisen Kaisha, still owe many millions for its part in freeing the giant boxship that ran aground across the Egyptian waterway in March 2021.

Lawyers for the Japanese owners maintain that it was the Suez Canal Authority who were behind most of the work to free the 400 m long vessel.

The *Ever Given's* owner was forced to pay the Suez Canal Authority

many millions of dollars to free the ship months after it was refloated.

Many court cases brought by cargo interests have been initiated in the near two years since the accident while last month *Splash* reported Danish carrier Maersk had filed a lawsuit, thought to be worth around \$40m, against the owner and operator of the *Ever Given*, seeking compensation for delays caused by the incident.



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

2M Split Highlighted with Maersk Idling More Ships

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Maersk Line continues to lose ground to MSC with the highest number of ships idled at the moment while MSC is still taking on fresh charters and second-hand acquisitions, as the Swiss-Italian carrier continues to launch new services.

Linerlytica's report this week stated **that there are now 131 idle ships, and Maersk Line has the largest number of ships**

idle, with 32 unemployed vessels, compared with nine for market leader MSC.

Otherwise, despite the correction in the freight market, more ships are being employed as operators, including MSC, reintroducing services or adjusting existing services.

Linerlytica noted, "The active fleet has resumed its upward trajectory, with a steady stream of new ship deliveries that continue to outpace ships removed through scrapping."

There are now 17.65 million TEU of active ships, accounting for 67% of the total fleet.

Among the 131 unemployed ships, 55 are larger than 5,000 TEU.

This month, MSC is bringing back its "Dragon" Asia - Mediterranean service that was pulled in mid-2020 due to falling cargo volumes amid the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Eight ships, with an average of 5,800 TEU, will be deployed.

While the previous Dragon loop had a dozen 14,000 TEU ships and was jointly operated by MSC



Maersk Line with the highest number of ships idled at the moment

and Maersk under the 2M alliance, **the reinstated service will be solely operated by MSC, as both lines prepare to separate come 2025.**

Linerlytica stated, "MSC's launch of the Dragon service to the Med

in mid-March will exert downward pressure on rates on the route, with the continued influx of new ULCS capacity from March for both OCEAN and THE Alliance adding further pressure."

Jan Aushadhi Train flagged off by Ministers Mandaviya and Ashwini Vaishnaw in New Delhi on 3 March 2023

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On 3rd day of the weeklong celebrations, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, and Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister for Railways, Communications, Electronics & Information Technology were flagged off a Jan Aushadhi Train (Chhattisgarh Samparkranti Express) New Delhi 3 March '23.

This train has been wrapped with branding of Jan Aushadhi scheme to spread the awareness about Jan Aushadhi Generic medicines which are available through more than 9000 Kendra at affordable prices.

This train will travel to more than 4 States for 2 months.

Also, the similar train from Pune to Danapur has been flagged off covering 4 States for 2 months for generating awareness



Jan Aushadhi train flagged off by two ministers in New Delhi, 3 March

amongst the general public about Jan Aushadhi scheme.

The third day of Jan Aushadhi Diwas, 2023 was observed as 'Jan Aushadhi - Ek Kadam Matri Shakti Ki Ore' across the country. Women beneficiaries attended at large number at 34 locations in all States/UTs at Jan Aushadhi Kendras where interaction was conducted in the presence of women public representatives, women doctors, NGO's and information sharing about Health benefits of Jan Aushadhi medicines were done. Special discussions about menstrual health

were also conducted. Kits containing women-centric products were distributed to more than 3500 women at designated locations.

On this occasion, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya said that Jan Aushadhi Kendras provide **quality and affordable medicines.** More than 9000 Jan Aushadhi kendras are working to ensure that people would get quality medicines at affordable prices and these Kendras are gaining popularity amongst public. Dr. Mandaviya further stated that Railways is also carrying a special campaign for the publicity

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of the affordable generic medicines which in turn will create awareness among the public and will also save their money.

Union Minister informed that Railways Ministry has decided to open Jan Aushadhi kendras at some big railway stations.... He further said, while inexpensive and quality medicines are available at Jan Aushadhi Kendras throughout the country, these Kendras are also providing sanitary pads to women at the price of just Re 1 per pad..

In last 8 years, PMBJP has achieved a tremendous growth and unbeatable success due to quality medicines being available at cheaper cost to the people of the nation. **It has drastically cut down the out of the pocket expenditure of the lower- and middle-class people of India.**

This has saved more than Rs. 20000 crores of citizens on cost of medicines. This wider acceptance of people has given PMBJP further impetus to enhance its outreach in every corner of the country.

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We want to make Andhra a logistics hub for south Asia: CM Jagan Mohan Reddy

As Andhra Pradesh gears up for the Global Investment Summit 2023 to be held at Visakhapatnam on March 3 and 4, Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy is offering investors tailor-made benefits and mega projects.

Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh is all set to host the Global Investment Summit 2023 on 3rd and 4th March 2023.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy gave his insights on the state's industrial road map, key sectors that it is focusing on, and its thrust on sustainable development.....

PORTS (REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)

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

LB jetty dredging at JN Port



Dredging

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LB-01 Jetty at Jawaharlal Nehru Port will be taken for dredging for 24 hours from March 2 to 3, 2023.

Thereafter, upon completion of LB-01, LB-02 will be taken for dredging from March 3 to 5, as per a communique.

It is port's administration that must take care of the draft of the water pathway for ships

to pass. Dredging helps maintain the draft free from the heavy deposits that result because of the ships' movements. Besides keeping the pathway safe and relevant for ships to pass, dredging

In general terms, dredging implies digging up the gathered sediments from the seabed and disposing of them at some other site. In short, dredging keeps the port efficient and competitive.

Mumbai Port's JD 4 berth to be decommissioned for repairs



Mumbai port

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Repair is planned on March 3-4, 2023 at Mumbai Port.

No tankers are lined up as requested by AEE MbPA to provide continuous outage

for two days to repair a 36" ball valve of BH crude pipeline (to ONGC) on the manifold at jetty no. 4.

Jetty operations will be decommissioned during this period, informed a communique.

Maharashtra Govt keen on takeover of Mumbai Port's land for welfare schemes



Port land for housing schemes and rehabilitation

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Maharashtra Government is positive about development of part of Salt pan land and Mumbai Port Trust land to provide housing under various schemes such as slum rehabilitation scheme and Prime Minister Awas Yojana, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said.

State government, he said is positive on development of Port Trust land in Mumbai. "During my tenure as chief minister, I had taken a meeting to discuss appointing Mumbai Port Trust as a planning authority.

Later, the state government appointed the three-member committee to think on

this issue. Two members expressed their view in favor of appointing MBPT as a planning authority and third member questioned if it is possible to do so," said Fadnavis. **The chief minister will soon take a decision on the report of this three-member committee.**

For such a policy decision all party consensus is important.

Replying to a question in the legislative council on March 2nd, Fadnavis urged for an all-party consensus on the issue and also indicated that the government would take some positive decisions on both the issues.

Fadnavis, who also heads housing department, said that the government is trying to resolve the issue of redevelopment of slums on defense land in Mumbai and is pursuing the matter with the Central government and a positive decision about redevelopment of 9,428 slums of that area, is expected in a few months.

Speaking on various issues causing delay in the rehabilitation project, Mr. Fadnavis expressed the need for policy decisions on the development of various types of land in Mumbai. **"If we don't use all types of lands available in Mumbai, we will not be able to implement the Prime Minister Awas Yojna successfully.** Salt pan land development is important. All Salt pan lands are not natural but some are buildable. We will have to use this buildable salt pan land for providing housing to all slum holders." said Mr. Fadnavis..

Two Ukrainian Seafarers Found Dead Aboard Bulker



Caravos Harmony (File image courtesy Iason Hellenic Shipping)

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Health authorities in Brazil are investigating two mysterious deaths aboard the bulker *Caravos Harmony*, which arrived at the Amazon River port of Macapá on Sunday 26 Feb.

Caravos Harmony left Port Elizabeth, South Africa on February 10 and got under way for Brazil.

On February 21, as the vessel was transiting several hundred nautical miles off the Brazilian port of Recife, **the vessel's second and third engineers were found dead in their cabins.** Brazilian news outlet g1 identified the

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deceased as Ukrainian nationals Oleksiy Stavytskyy and Denys Gutsu.

Caravos Harmony passed Recife, Natal and Fortaleza, and she maintained course and speed for the next five days, according to AIS data provided by Pole Star. She arrived at Macapá at the mouth of the Amazon on February 26.

When the ship arrived, Brazil's National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa) and the state public health agency (SVS) sent **investigators to the ship to determine the cause of the casualties on board. The other crewmembers have tested negative for COVID-19,** according to g1, and SVS reported that the crew had no symptoms of other diseases. Further lab testing is scheduled.

LOGISTICS (ROAD/RAIL/AVIATION)

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

ICRA revises rating for two Adani firms to negative

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ICRA has revised the outlook for Adani Total Gas Limited (ATGL) and Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZL) to Negative on account of the deterioration in the Adani Group's financial flexibility, following a sharp decline in share prices and an increase in the yield of international bonds raised by the Adani group entities.

This followed a report published by US-based short seller Hindenburg. ICRA notes that while ATGL has staggered some of the capex plans over the next two years considering



progress achieved in projects awarded in ninth and tenth rounds. **Further, ATGL has funding tie-ups to meet the capex requirements in the near term,** it has large capex requirements over the longer term which need

significant debt funding. Hence, the Adani Group's reduced financial flexibility can impact ATGL's ability to raise funds from the domestic and international markets and result in higher cost of capital.

"ICRA will be

monitoring the Adani Group's ability to raise funds from the domestic/global market as equity/debt at competitive rates. Further, ICRA also sees an increased risk of regulatory/legal scrutiny on the Adani Group entities and its impact on the credit quality of ATGL will be monitored," the rating agency said.

ICRA noted that any review of investment in ATGL by Total, in the backdrop of current developments leading to any weakening of linkage remains a sensitivity factor and the developments will be monitored.

ICRA noted that the Group's strong financial flexibility and APSEZL's track record of refinancing

a large part of its debt with borrowings (mostly from overseas debt capital markets) of longer tenures at lower interest rates were the key credit strengths, which have been adversely impacted. ICRA will be monitoring the Group's ability to raise funds from domestic/global market as equity/debt at competitive rates.

Further, ICRA sees an increased risk of regulatory/legal scrutiny on the group entities and its impact on the credit quality of APSEZL will be monitored. However, **ICRA notes that the APSEZL's liquidity profile remains robust and a large repayment of international bond of \$650 million is due only in FY2025.**

Wake up call for States neglecting Infra

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Mumbai lost out to Bengaluru on the technology front because of poor infrastructure which made the financial capital "unaffordable", Maharashtra Deputy Chief minister Devendra Fadnavis said.

Fadnavis, who has served as the Chief Minister for a full term and came back as the Deputy Chief Minister last year, said **the state is redoubling its focus on the infrastructure front.**

"... We lost a lot to Bengaluru, I must agree, because we didn't create infrastructure," Fadnavis said here speaking at a conference.

Karnataka's capital is home to a slew of technology companies, global delivery centers and also innovative startups due



Maharashtra Deputy Chief minister Devendra Fadnavis

to which it is frequently referred as India's Silicon Valley. It was become "unaffordable" for businesses to stay in Mumbai, which led them to Bengaluru and Hyderabad.

The state is now creating quality infrastructure like the Trans Harbor sea link and a network of metro railways which will open up newer areas for development and also bring down rentals. Additionally, the airport in Navi Mumbai is also being constructed and a huge data center capacity in the satellite city will also help.

The 22-Km long Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) will be thrown open for traffic by early next year, Fadnavis said, adding that work is also underway on a coastal road on the western coast.

Navi Mumbai is home to nearly two-thirds of the overall data center capacity being put up in the entire country, Fadnavis said.

Maharashtra is the real startup capital because 15,000 out of the 80,000 registered startups are in the state, Fadnavis said, adding

the state is also home to 25 unicorns and the highest number of profitable startups. Initiatives from the government have helped generate Rs1,000 crore in investments into 800 fintech companies by 500 investors, he added.

He said the physical infrastructure, coupled with the data connectivity, will help the state achieve its aspiration of having 1 trillion US dollars in GSDP.

Stating that 28,000 villages have been now connected with Optic fibre, Fadnavis also exhorted the tech industry to come up with solutions to help address the education and healthcare challenges. Technology has helped save over Rs 2 lakh crore because of direct transfers and also plugged leakages, Fadnavis said, adding that the savings creates resources which can be ploughed in for common good.

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Taiwanese Electronics Major switches over to Telangana



Taiwanese Multinational Electronics Major Foxconn of Hon Hai Technology Group on Thursday 2 March signed a Memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Telangana government for setting up of its manufacturing facility in Hyderabad.

The decision is seen as a setback to Tamil Nadu where the Taiwanese electronics major had invested in plants to manufacture Apple brand iPhones.

A delegation from Foxconn led by its Chairman Young Liu called on chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao at the latter's camp office Pragati Bhavan, after which the MoU was signed between the representatives of the company and the state government.....

LOGISTICS (ROAD/RAIL/AVIATION)



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Kale and IPCSA Drive Adoption of Maritime Single Window for Electronic Data Exchange

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Kale Logistics Solutions (Kale) and International Port Community Systems Association (IPCSA) have released a joint whitepaper to drive uptake of the Maritime Single Window (MSW) concept, ahead of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) January 2024 mandate for digital data exchange.

Kale's MSW is a platform that enables information and documentation to be transferred electronically between maritime and port stakeholders, in accordance with IMO standards.

The whitepaper sets out usage guidelines for MSW and a framework for the complete life cycle of the solution to accelerate digital maturity in worldwide maritime operations.

"Some uncertainty remains about the need for and challenges

regarding Maritime Single Window," said Suneet Gupta, Global Head – Cargo Community Systems, Kale Logistics Solutions.

"This whitepaper plays a major role in clearing up the ambiguities regarding technology adoption and how MSW can seamlessly facilitate trade for the global maritime ecosystem."

A digitised five-step process flow of the Maritime Single Window defined in the report starts with submission of the Notice of Arrival by the ship owner/agent, followed by notification of vessel and cargo information to the port by the shipping line.

An import manifest file can then be created and integrated into the Customs system online, IMO Standard FAL forms and certificates can be uploaded, and vessel arrival clearance can be given to the ship owner.

In the final step, the ship owner can seek and receive departure clearance, digitally.

100 industrial clusters to be commissioned



Ms Sumita Dawra Special Secretary Logistics

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The Central Government has planned to set up about One Hundred industrial clusters as part of the government's area based development of infrastructure in coordination with states, Ms Sumita Dawra Special Secretary Logistics said.

The largest industrial cluster on a global scale would come up at Dholera near Ahmedabad. The number of clusters would go up as we move ahead said the top official of the logistic department.

These clusters were planned as part of

the industrial corridors but most of them have not taken off. **The situation is worse in southern states where land acquisition is one of the major issues which came in the way of commissioning these clusters.**

Using the Gati Shakti National Master Plan, the Centre and relevant states will identify gaps in infrastructure in an area of around 150-200 kilometers from a cluster that houses an important project, and work towards bridging the shortfall.

Ms.Dawra said the government has identified 66 large green-field projects worth about Rs 5 lakh crore for development under the Gati Shakti initiative to boost infrastructure.



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The full system enables MSW stakeholders to monitor a vessel's status in real time, ensuring information only needs to be inputted once and simplifying documentary procedures between all actors involved in sea-side operations.

Further benefits include enhanced crew and cargo safety, uninterrupted global supply chains, and data harmonisation, while also combatting illegal trade and malpractices associated with ship-shore interface.

"Maritime Single Window is

going to be the future of maritime trade, and now the whole world is looking forward to the first of January 2024 when it will become a mandatory norm," said Nico De Cauwer, Lead of Standards & Technology of IPCSA.

Already discussed at the recent maritime symposium co-hosted by IMO, International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH), and Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), the pair's whitepaper is billed for further discussion at the upcoming FAL committee meeting later this year.

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Nitin Gadkari Inaugurated 7 National Highway Projects in MP

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Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated 7 National Highway projects worth Rs 2,444 crore, totaling 204 km in Rewa, Madhya Pradesh.

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari informed that with the construction of

the Churhat tunnel and bypass, the length between Rewa to Sidhi has decreased by 7 km.

Now instead of two and a half hours, people will be able to cover this distance in 45 minutes.

The Minister informed that the movement of vehicles in the Rewa-Sidhi section will be facilitated



Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurating 7 National Highway projects in Rewa, Madhya Pradesh.

by the construction of the tunnel, white tigers, and other wild animals, and the

entire forest ecosystem will be protected.

With the construction of

the Devtalab-Naigarhi road, the connectivity of Rewa district with Prayagraj and Varanasi will be easy.

Nitin Gadkari noted that with the construction of the Satna-Bela four-lane road, connectivity will become easier for the coal, cement, and diamond industries in the region.

He informed that with the construction of this route, access to famous tourist places like Jhansi, Orchha, Khajuraho, Panna, and Satna will be easy.

Union Cabinet approves procurement of 70 HTT-40 basic trainer aircraft from HAL

New Delhi
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The Union Cabinet approved the procurement of 70 HTT-40 basic trainer aircraft from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

The approval was given to the Indian Air Force (IAF). The procurement would cost around Rs 6,828 crore.

The aircraft will be

supplied over a period of six years.

The HTT-40 is a turboprop aircraft designed to have good low-speed handling qualities and provide better training effectiveness. It has a fully aerobatic tandem seat turbo trainer with an air-conditioned cockpit, modern avionics, hot refueling, running change over and zero-zero ejection seats.



The acquisition of the HTT-40 would boosting efforts towards the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'. (Photo/File)

The aircraft is expected to meet the shortage of basic trainer aircraft of the IAF required for training newly inducted pilots. The aircraft, being an indigenous solution, is configurable for upgrades to incorporate the futuristic

requirements of the IAF. The procurement will include associated equipment, training aids and simulators.

The HTT-40 contains around 56 per cent indigenous content, which would increase to

over 60 per cent through the indigenisation of major components and subsystems. The HAL would engage Indian private industry, including MSMEs, in its supply chain.

Procurement is seen as the means of employment, which is expected to generate direct employment for nearly 1,500 personnel and indirect employment for up to 3,000 people spread over more than 100 MSMEs.

The acquisition of the HTT-40 provides a fillip to the Indian Aerospace Defence ecosystem by boosting efforts towards 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'

Nitin Gadkari meets Austrian Delegation led by Ambassador of Republic of Austria to India, Ms. Katharina Wieser

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In the meeting, views were exchanged on the latest technologies and innovations in the road infrastructure development and green technologies. Representatives from Austrian Companies apprised the Minister about the various innovative technologies and the innovative products being manufactured by them.

Shri Gadkari informed

several ropeways and cable car projects are being executed by India.

He appreciated the high quality of the ropeways and cable cars components and equipment are being manufactured by Austrian companies and emphasized on collaboration in technology transfer and manufacturing the same in India. He also invited the companies to set up manufacturing plants in India to reduce the overall costs.

Deliberations also

took place about other potential areas of collaboration such as new technologies in highways construction, tunnel construction, electronic toll systems, intelligent transportation systems, traffic management systems, green technologies tunnel monitoring systems and road safety.

The meeting paved the way for strengthening India's continued partnership and developmental cooperation with Austria for



Union Minister for Road transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari met Austrian Delegation led by Ambassador of Republic of Austria to India, Ms. Katharina Wieser.

bringing innovations in the road transport sector and develop effective solutions to contemporary challenges

in Transportation and Logistics. Austrian Ambassador also extended an invitation to Shri Gadkari to visit Austria.

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Warehouse Developer Pragati Raises \$200 Million

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Gurgaon-based industrial and logistics real estate developer Pragati Group has raised \$200 million (about Rs 1,600 crore) in equity from a Singapore-based private equity fund.

With this fund infusion, existing financial partner Morgan Stanley has been provided an exit, the company said, without disclosing the name of the private equity firm.

“We want to be one of the top five industrial and logistics real estate developers in the country

by developing a portfolio of 30 million sq ft across key tier-1 and tier-2 Indian cities,” said Jitender Yadav, founder, Pragati Group.

Part of the deal involved the acquisition of two operational assets of about 2 million sq ft in National Capital Region (NCR) – Pragati One and Pragati Farukhnagar Logistics Parks.

“Pragati has worked with companies like Amazon, Flipkart, DHL, Daikin, Bosch, and this capital will enable us to expand to other major cities in India,” said Yadav.

Pragati Group has developed 12 million sq ft of logistics parks over the past decade.

Last year, Flipkart had leased 2 million sq ft of warehouse space with Pragati Warehousing in Delhi-NCR and Ludhiana.



Warehouse

66 Big Infra Projects Recommended For Approval under PM GatiShakti



66 big-ticket infra projects under PM GatiShakti, recommended

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As many as 66 big-ticket infrastructure projects worth about Rs 5 lakh crore of different ministries have been recommended for approval under the PM GatiShakti initiative so far this fiscal, a senior official said on Thursday. These projects have been recommended by the Network Planning Group

(NPG) constituted under the PM GatiShakti initiative launched in October last year.

Special secretary in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Sumita Dawra said that every ministry should adopt the PM GatiShakti concept up to the field level so that every district collector, officer and state is equally involved in it.

On October 13, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Gati Shakti- National Master Plan aimed at developing an integrated infrastructure to reduce logistic costs.

Govt to upgrade 5,500 km of highways into e-ways through PPP

New Delhi
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The government is finalising a plan to upgrade 5,500 km of existing highways into National Highways for Electric Vehicles (NHEV) through public-private partnership across 23 cities in 12 states.

The e-highways will collectively have 111 stations with charging and other facilities.

Investment will also be made in geo-fencing, breakdown back-ups



Electric vehicle charging

and the purchase of a fleet of electric cars and buses

The project will be under annuity hybrid e-mobility model, as per a report.

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NSICT	- Nhavasheva International Container Terminal
NSIGT	- Nhavasheva International Gateway Terminal
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GTI	- Gateway Terminals India
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Honda Cars will never leave India market, says Country Head

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Premium car maker Honda Cars said on Wednesday 1 March that it is not leaving India and is here for a long-term commitment with a new model launch every year, starting this year with the new sports utility vehicle (SUV).

The company added that it has been profitable in the last two years, amidst pandemic and semiconductor shortage,



Takuya Tsumura, President and Chief Executive Officer, Honda Cars India | Photo Credit: KAMAL NARANG

and is on track to invest ₹260 crore, of which it has already spent ₹100 crore on revamping its dealer network and marketing campaigns.

"For Honda cars, the US, China, and Japan are the three biggest markets, but others like Indonesia, Thailand, Canada, and India are the next big markets. India is an important and promising market for future growth compared to the other big markets. The results of the last two years in terms of sales and business side are proving we are returning to better times, and that is why we are getting certain line-ups for the future," Takuya

Tsumura, President and Chief Executive Officer, Honda Cars India (HCIL), told *businessline* on the sidelines of the new City launch.

The company plans to launch the new SUV by the middle of this year, for which it has started pre-production at Honda's Tapukara (Rajasthan) plant. HCIL has an installed manufacturing capacity of around 1.8 lakh units per annum, which can be ramped up to around 2.2 lakh units in the future. Currently, the company is producing 1.20-30 lakh vehicles per annum, including for exports.

Going forward, the

company said it will also import its global products as completely built units (CBUs) or in semi-knocked down (SKD) form as the Indian market for premium cars is growing, even though there are higher import and custom duties on such vehicles.

"If we have CBUs, our target customers should be of luxury or premium cars, so there won't be much impact... of course, lower tax is always better for a customer. CBU models are part of our plan, but we have not decided on any time line," Yuichi Murata, Director - Marketing and Sales, HCIL, said.

China wants resumption of direct flights to India

New Delhi
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China wants the border issue to be put on the back burner and instead India should join hands to resume normalcy in cooperation in other spheres of economic activity. China wants an early decision on resumption of direct flights between the two countries suspended three years ago.

We should put the border issue in the appropriate place in bilateral relations and promote the early shift of the border situation to normalized control," Qin told our external affairs minister Jaishankar during



Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang

the meeting, their first since Qin took over as China's foreign minister replacing Wang Yi.

China is willing to accelerate the resumption of exchanges and cooperation with India in various fields, resume direct flights

as soon as possible and facilitate people-to-people exchanges," Qin said. Direct flights between the two countries have remained suspended since March 2020 when China shuttered its international borders because of the

Covid-19 outbreak in the country

The continuing suspension of flights between India and China is interpreted by many as a symptom of the worst chill in ties between the two countries since the Galwan Valley incident in June 2020

Lifting Covid-19 related restrictions in the recent months, Beijing has resumed direct flights with several countries in recent months, including South Asian countries such as Bangladesh and Pakistan.

"The two sides should implement the important consensus between the leaders of the two countries, maintain dialogue, settle differences,

and promote the improvement of bilateral relations as soon as possible and move forward steadily," Qin said, according to a Chinese foreign ministry readout released on March 3rd, several hours after the bilateral meeting took place in New Delhi.

The Indian minister was direct with his Chinese counterpart in explaining New Delhi's consistent stand on the ongoing dispute. "We spent maybe about 45 minutes talking to each other and the bulk of our conversation, was about the current state of our relationship, which many of you have heard me describe as abnormal," Jaishankar told a media briefing on March 2nd

Electronic Data interchange system inaugurated at 2 Land Customs Stations in West Bengal

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman virtually inaugurated Indian Customs EDI - Electronic Data Interchange - System (ICES) in recently operationalized two Land Customs Stations, Nagarakata in Jalpaiguri district bordering Nepal and Kulkuli in Alipurduar District bordering Bhutan.

These two land customs stations would examine goods moving from India to Nepal and Bhutan.



Inauguration of ICES by FM Nirmala Sitharaman

In her address, the Union Finance Minister said that the electronic data interchange

introduced for the first time in the land customs stations will facilitate data sharing on real-time basis and therefore encourage more border trade.

Ms Sitharaman also stated that EDI system will help in tracking, monitoring and facilitating the bilateral trade happening between India and its neighboring countries. "Such systems are being deployed all across the country. The Finance Minister also said that Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs should give special attention towards the land-locked counties like Bhutan and Nepal and be a helpful nation to the neighboring countries