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Cargo traffic at major ports up 3.77% to 519 mt during Apr-Dec 2018



The country's 12 major ports recorded a 3.77 per cent growth in cargo traffic during AprilDecember 2018 at 518.64 million tonnes (MT), according to apex ports body IPA. The growth was recorded on account of higher handling of cargos such as coal, containers and finished fertilisers.

The top-12 major ports under the control of the Centre had recorded 499.77 MT of cargo during the corresponding period of the previous fiscal, the Indian Ports Association (IPA) said. Nine major ports - Kamrajar Port, Kolkata (including Haldia), Paradip, Visakhapatnam, Chennai, Cochin, New Mangalore, JNPT and Kandla registered positive growth in traffic during the period.

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### Speed up Clearances for Ports: Parliament Panel to Environment Ministry

Stating that the development of port infrastructure is necessary to the economic health of the nation, a parliamentary committee has asked the environment ministry to speed up the environmental clearance process to "ensure that ports are getting necessary clearances without hindrances".

It also noted that "recurrent oil spills are a cause of concern for the flora and fauna" and asked the Union Ministry of Shipping to ensure that the ports have set guidelines to prevent incidents of oil spills and take steps to clean them.

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# Ports in India handle around 95 per cent of international trade volume of the country

### Check below major facts & figures regarding Indian Shipping & Port Industry

India has 12 major ports and about 200 non-major ports. Under the National Perspective Plan for Sagarmala, six new mega ports will be developed in the country. During FY18, cargo traffic at major ports in the country was reported at 679.36 million tonnes (MT), showing a growth of 4.77 per cent over the same period last year. In FY19 (up to November 2018) traffic has increased 4.83 per cent year-on-year to 461.22 million tonnes. Cargo traffic at non-major ports was estimated at 491.95 million tonnes FY18.

Since ports handle almost 95 per cent of trade volumes in India, the rising trade has contributed significantly to the country's cargo traffic. Capacity at major Indian ports reached 1,451 million tonnes by March 2018. Capacity at non-major ports is expected to reach 968 MMT in 2019 from 750 MMT in 2016. Given the positive outlook, proposed investments in major ports are expected to total US\$ 18.6 billion by 2020, while those in non-major ports would be US\$ 28.5 billion.

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### Need to open up India's dredging market to boost ports trade: Niti Aayog

India needs to open up its dredging market to boost trade by its major ports which at present cannot handle very large vessels in absence of proper draft depth, government think tank Niti Aayog has said. More competition mainly from global players in dredging activities would help increase and maintain draft depth at ports and attract large vessels, enabling them to become hub ports, the Aayog mentioned.

At present, the Dredging Corporation of India (DCI) and a limited set of private vendors serve the Indian dredging market, limiting competition. "The government needs to open up the dredging market to attract more players, particularly international players, in dredging activities to increase and maintain draft depth at ports to attract large vessels and enable them to become hub ports," Niti Aayog has said.



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### India Gateway Terminal registers CAGR of 13.57 pct

DP World-operated India Gateway Terminal (IGTPL) in Vallarpadam announced on Tuesday that it has delivered a CAGR of 13.57% in the past three years — higher than the three year CAGR of 11.41% registered at all Indian ports. The transshipment terminal also achieved an annual throughput of more than 574,000 TEUs in 2018 and recorded its all-time highest monthly throughput of more than 52,000 TEUs in March 2018. At present, the terminal boasts connectivity to Australia, Far-east, South-East Asia, Middle East, Europe and the Mediterranean. With the close proximity of six hours to the hinterland,



fast turnaround and increase in the cargo destined for the Far-east and the US market, the terminal is poised to strengthen its connectivity with a direct service in its portfolio, said Praveen Joseph, CEO, DP World Cochin.

### From Mungeri Lal Ke Haseen Sapne to India's 1st inland voyage of container ship post-Independence

'Mungeri Lal Ke Haseen Sapne' - that is how vision and dream to run cargo ships on the Ganga used to be butt of many jokes recalls Nitin Gadkari.

Four years down the line - 80 lakh tonnes of cargo sailed on Ganga waters this year and is set to swell to 280 lakh tonnes next year - isn't it a mini revolution, asks the man in-charge for Shipping, Ganga Rejuvenation, Water Resources and River Development in Prime Minister Narendra Modi Cabinet.



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# Logistics industry: Warehousing looks to shed its baggage

It's a sector associated with inefficiency, with logistics costs accounting for 13-14% of India's GDP, as against 7% in most developed economies. This scenario is set to change, with technology and investment transforming warehouses from godowns to IT-enabled depots that can ensure seamless distribution.

In the process, the average size of a warehouse has increased from around 20,000 sq ft to 2-3 lakh sq feet. Cumulatively, the total warehousing space is estimated to grow from the present 900 m sq ft to 1439 m sq feet by the end of 2019. Says Prabal Basu, CMD, Balmer Lawrie & Co, a mini-ratna PSU, "the Indian warehousing industry, estimated to be worth around `50,000 crore at present, is growing at an average 10% per annum."



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### After taking away Chennai port's share, Krishnapatnam eyes JNPT cargo

Privately built Krishnapatnam port (Nellore district of Andhra) has been eating, it says, into the earlier cargo share of the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT, at Navi Mumbai), the country's largest container port.

Krishnapatnam, owned by Navayuga Engineering, was opened in 2008.

"Switching central India cargo to Krishnapatnam from JNPT would save seven to 10 days of transit time and also lower cost by \$200-300 per TEU," Vinita Venkatesh,



director at Navayuga Container Terminal, told Business Standard. TEU or Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit, is used to measure a ship's cargo carrying capacity. One TEU are equal to a standard 20 ft shipping container — 20 ft long and eight ft tall. Read more...

### Vizag port adjudged 2nd cleanest in India

The Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT) has been adjudged the second cleanest on the basis of sanitation parameters among the major ports in the country, for the third consecutive year. The selection was made on the basis of an independent assessment made by the Union Ministry of Shipping.

The VPT has received the Swachh Survekshan award for the third time in a row ever since the award was introduced. The New Mangalore Port has received the top honours for the second time. Haldia Port was adjudged the cleanest in the country when the award was instituted.



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DLDS has been awarded with the "ET Now Presents Star of the Industry Awards For Excellence In Branding & Marketing."

The event took place on 21st December, 2018 @ The Taj Mahal Hotel, New Delhi.

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