



Economic Survey 2019: Port capacity augmentation top on government agenda

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Terming port development crucial for economy, the Economic Survey 2018-19 Thursday said the government has accorded topmost priority for capacity augmentation of the sector through initiatives like Sagarmala.

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"Port sector development is very crucial for the development of any economy...In order to meet the ever increasing trade requirements, expansion of Port Capacity has been accorded the highest priority with implementation of well-conceived infrastructure development projects like sagarmala, project Unnati etc," the Economic Survey, tabled by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Parliament, said.

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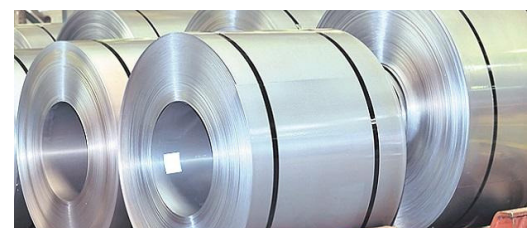
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Indian Port Association conducts road show for stakeholders of Cochin Port Trust

Indian Ports Association in collaboration with the logistics software company Portall has organised a road show on Port Community System (PCS 1x) for the stakeholders of Cochin Port Trust.

PCS is an ease of doing business initiative of Government and PCS 1x is the upgraded cloud version of PCS. The road show was conducted with the objective of sensitising and creating awareness amongst the maritime community and taking the stakeholders on-board.

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High port costs hurt Indian hub efforts: study

The Indian government has been working hard to transform some of its key domestic ports into regional hubs to discourage foreign transshipment, but there is one major obstacle standing in the way: port charges for mainline ship calls.

The country's main industry body, the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (Assocham), in a paper filed in June with the Ministry of Shipping, said high port tariffs make Indian ports uncompetitive compared to global peers in their bid to attract more large-size direct calls, which was the primary reason for the abolition of restrictive cabotage rules in May 2018.

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Sri Lanka keen on enhancing connectivity with Indian ports

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) is keen on enhancing connectivity with Indian ports using ferry services to facilitate easier trade and tourism, its chairman Kavan Ratnayaka said. "If the two countries can set up a ferry service connecting Kankesanthurai port (KKS) in Jaffna with Karaikal near Puducherry, and similarly between Colombo and Tuticorin in south India, there is scope for increased trade activity and tourism," he told The Hindu.

The ferry connection, he said, would primarily facilitate tourism and small-scale trade both ways. "It will help especially with Buddhist tourism from the south of the island, and by extension people-to-people connections," he said. Further, the KKS Port will facilitate increased trade opportunities for communities living in proximity to the port and reduce the cost of road and rail transport for bulk items such as cement. In 2011, India and Sri Lanka launched a ferry service between Tuticorin and Colombo, but it was soon terminated after private operators running it said it was not commercially viable.

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Tata Steel to invest Rs 5,000 cr in logistics to boost competitiveness

From owning rail rakes and laying slurry pipelines to building greenfield ports, Tata Steel — the country's oldest steel producer — is leaving no stone unturned to lower its logistics cost and make more competitively priced products.

With a total investment of close to Rs 5,000 crore, the company has drawn up a plan to lower its logistics cost in a phased manner. "The immediate plan is to own eight to nine rail rakes. This will be done in the next one year through Tata Martrade International Logistics (TMILL), our subsidiary," T V Narendran, chief executive officer and managing director, Tata Steel, told Business Standard.

TMILL is a joint venture of Tata Steel, NYK Holding (Europe) BV, and Germany-based IQ Martrade Holding und Managementgesellschaft mbH. "It is not just about lowering logistics cost, but also about assuring reliable supplies," said Narendran.

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India sets deadline for digital ports platform

The Indian government this week told all ports in the country they must adopt an upgraded digital collaboration platform by July 20.

Most have already begun using the enhanced system — called PCS1x — so the deadline targets a handful of ports that have lagged in their adoption.

Among leading private container ports, Mundra, Pipavav, Hazira, and Kattupalli have signed on to the digital interface, but a few others — including Krishnapatnam, Kakinada, Karaikal, and Gangavaram — have yet to come on board. All major public ports have already settled into the platform.

The upgraded PCS, which was launched in December last year, is a digital collaboration platform that connects marine terminals, transport service providers (shipping lines, forwarders, truckers, and railroads), and related intermediaries (customs brokers, storage yards, and stevedores, among others) through a single window. The application enables users to electronically process delivery orders, transport orders, gate open cut-off times, delivery gate schedules, gate-in bookings, and pre-gate schedules, rather than manually on paper, increasing efficiency.

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Maritime Anti-Corruption Network Launches Campaign in Indian Ports

With the support of the Government of India, the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN), a global business network of over 110 companies working together to tackle corruption in the maritime industry, announces the launch of a groundbreaking Port Integrity Campaign in India.

The campaign, which aims to reduce and (in the long term) eliminate integrity issues and bottlenecks to trade during operations in Indian ports, is a collective action of MACN, the Government of India, international organizations, and local industry stakeholders. The pilot of the campaign will take place in Mumbai ports (MbPT and JNPT) and will run until October this year.

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Transshipment hub planned in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Terminal expected to provide alternative to ports in Colombo and Singapore

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration plans to develop a container transshipment terminal with the Free Trade Warehousing Zone in South Bay, Great Nicobar Island, to provide Indian shippers an alternative to the Colombo, Singapore and Port Klang (Malaysia) transshipment ports.

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Cochin Port's export volume drops 6%

: The export and import of various commodities through Cochin Port declined year over year in fiscal 2019, showed data from the Cochin Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI). In fiscal 2019, 12.18 lakh tonnes of commodities were exported, compared to 12.92 lakh tonnes in fiscal 2018, registering a decline of 73,295 tonnes or nearly 6%.

Among various commodities, cashew kernels, coir products (other than mats and mattings), frozen fish and prawns, china clay, plywood, pepper and provisions recorded a decline in quantity exported

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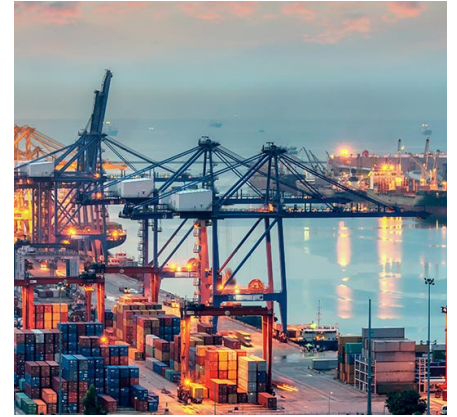


Ports in India: Where to Find the Most Efficient Port

Ports in India handle 90 percent of the country's export-import cargo by volume and 70 percent by value. Accordingly, the quality of port infrastructure and its operational efficiency plays a critical role in improving the competitiveness of importers and exporters in the country.

For example, a recent analysis by Goldar and Paul (Ideas for India), shows that reducing the average turnaround time of a ship – the duration when the vessel reports at the anchorage of a port to the time of its departure –by 50 percent can boost India's manufacturing exports by at least 20-25 percent. Accordingly, businesses that want to import or export in India should seek to identify the most efficient ports in India as part of their site selection process.

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Kochi Container Terminal to get new mobile scanner

Customs Commissioner Sumit Kumar said the installation of mobile scanner would enhance the local risk management system.

After installing drive-through container scanner at International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT), Customs Department is all set to install a new mobile scanner at the port soon. With the introduction of the mobile scanner, checking of incoming and outgoing containers will become foolproof.

Last year, Customs had introduced a highly advanced drive-in scanner using Gamma-Ray technology at ICTT. However, citing radiation and subsequent health issues, many stakeholders and drivers had come out against it.



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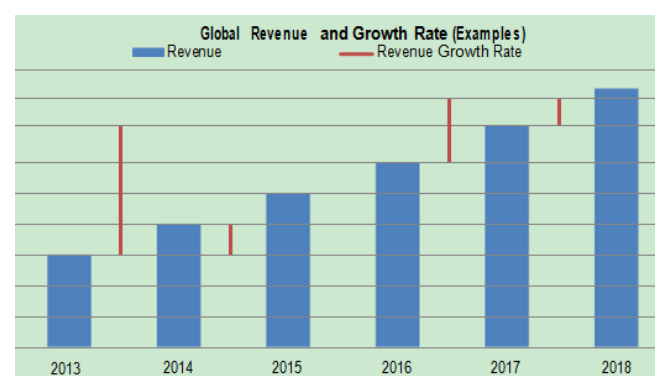
Artificial intelligence (AI) in Supply Chain and Logistics Market Set to Witness an Uptick during 2019 to 2024 | Key Futuristic Trends and Opportunities in Grooming Regions

Artificial intelligence (AI) in Supply Chain and Logistics Market Scope:

The Asia-Pacific will occupy for more market share in following years, especially in China, also fast growing India and Southeast Asia regions.

North America, especially The United States, will still play an important role which cannot be ignored. Any changes from United States might affect the development trend of Artificial intelligence (AI) in Supply Chain and Logistics.

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DLDS Commemorates Successful Implementation of Its Services In the Eastern Region

DMICDC Logistics Data Services hosted an event to commemorate the successful implementation of its services in the Eastern region with an aim to create awareness among importers/exporters and the logistics fraternity of the region about the benefits of Logistics Data Bank Services. The event was organised with the support of Kolkata Port Trust, said a release.

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DLDS shared 'Impact of Tracking & Tracing System for Containers' at Indian Infrastructure Event

DLDS Senior Management presented their views on 'Impact of Tracking & Tracing System for Containers in a Port-based Supply Chain' at the 13th Annual Conference on Container Infrastructure and Bulk Cargo in India on July 9-10 at Shangri-La's Eros, New Delhi, organized by Indian Infrastructure with the support of the Ministry of Shipping, CONCOR and Sagarmala.

At the conference key trends and developments in the container infrastructure and logistics segments were discussed. Key officials from Supply Chain and Logistics fraternity analysed the impact of recent government initiatives, examined the key challenges and showcased new projects, relevant technologies and equipment solutions. The conference also provided a platform to industry players and government officials to share their experience and exchange ideas.



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