

Technological Innovations Disrupting The Logistics Sector In India



The wave of technological innovation is sweeping the world o its feet. It is impacting every other industry we know and transforming it at an unprecedented rate. The emergence of this highperformance technology is creating strong ripples even the logistics sector in India. On the one hand, it is reducing the friction in the world of logistics, while on the other side it is making it a more ecient and automated process. Considering the impact on a nation, the logistics sector in India has a signicant role in the country's functioning. Without it, everything from the market to the economy will come to a virtual halt. And with the intensity that the technological innovations are penetrating the logistics sector in India, there's no going back from here.

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At the brink of transformation: current scenario of Indian logistics, challenges, scope

During Budget 2019, it was announced that Indian customs plans to fully digitise its transactions and utilise RFID technology to improve export logistics. This, along with a few other developments such as the grant of 'infrastructure' status to the logistics sector and a substantial increase in the number of tech-focussed startups has spelt great news for Indian logistics in recent times.

A largely ignored and conventionally-run industry dominated by a number of small players and inefficient operations, logistics has turned a digital leaf, considerably boosting India's prospects when it comes to building a sustainable supply chain.



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Adani becomes first Indian port operator to record 200 MT cargo movement

Adani Port and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) Wednesday claimed that it has become the first Indian port operator to handle cargo movement of 200 million tonnes (MT) in 2018-19. APSEZ, part of Gautam Adaniled Adani Group had recorded 100 MT cargo in 2013-14. On March 21, leading private port operator APSEZ, recorded cargo movement of more than 200 MT, APSEZ said in a statement.

"Our projections were to reach this milestone by 2020 but we could achieve it ahead of schedule courtesy the techdriven operational efficiency and enhanced asset utilisation. Read more...



Four major port trusts buy DCI for Rs 1,056 crore in a 'rationale defying' deal

The Central government on Friday signed a share holders agreement to sell its 73.47 per cent stake in Dredging Corporation of India Ltd (DCI) to four major port trusts for ₹1,056 crore at ₹510 per share.

BusinessLine first reported the deal on March 4. The deal will help the Central government inch towards its target of raising as much as ₹80,000 crore through stake sale in public sector undertakings in the fiscal year ending this month.



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Relief for older BOT cargo terminals at major port trusts, Govt frames new rate setting rules

These cargo terminals are likely to win 'substantial tariff hikes'

Most of the older cargo terminals, run by private firms at Centre-owned major port trusts under a restrictive rate regime finalized in 2005, are set to win "substantial tariff hikes" after the Government framed new rules that alters the way rates are computed.

The rate hikes will incentivise some of these terminals including the Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal (NSICT) run by Dubai's D P World at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) to start handling more containers than the minimum volumes mandated under the contract, shipping ministry officials said.



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In a first in India, JNPT handles 5 million TEUs

State-owned Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) has handled 5 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) this fiscal, becoming the first Indian port to scale the peak. The milestone comes three decades after JNPT was built as a satellite port to de-congest Mumbai Port Trust with an investment of ₹1,109 crore, of which ₹956.97 crore was loaned by funding agencies, with the World Bank being one of the major contributors.

JNPT has five container terminals, of which four are run by private entities and one is run by the port trust itself.

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Adani Group may join race to acquire GMR's **Kakinada SEZ and port**

GMR owns 51 percent in Kakinada SEZ Ltd which is developing a multiproduct SEZ spanning over 10,000 acres, near Kakinada, in addition to having a license to build a multipurpose all weather deep draft port, as part of SEZ at an investment of Rs 2,123 crore.

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone, a part of the Adani Group, may be eyeing GMR's Kakinada Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Andhra Pradesh, according to sources who told Moneycontrol.

An official of GMR said there would be an announcement regarding the sale of Kakinada SEZ soon, though he declined to give specifics such as the time-frame in which the sale would be completed, or the parties that have evinced interest.



Adani Ports SEZ aims to double cargo handling to 400mt by 2025

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) has set a target of doubling cargo handling to 400 million tonne (mt) by 2025 after it recorded 200 mt recently, becoming the first Indian port to reach this milestone.

The company, which was set up two decades ago, doubled its cargo handling last week from 100 mt reached in 2013-14. "Currently, about 95% of India's trading volume is done through maritime transport and the total national traffic stands at about 1,200 mt. This gives us about 17% market share," Karan Adani, CEO, APSEZ told ET in an email.



"We anticipate that we will be able to increase our market share by about 1% annually and have set ourselves a goal to double our cargo handled to 400 mt by 2025." While a significant amount of this cargo came from the company's first port at Mundra, its other non-major ports at Hazira, Dhamra, Dahej and Kattupalli also contributed.

"We will continue to add capacity at the appropriate ports as well as target new ports in other states including Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal," said Adani. "The government's ambitious Sagarmala and inland waterways initiatives will further help us augment our cargo growth. Hence, we anticipate that a combination of India's growth and our network of ports will give us a strategic advantage hard for anyone to replicate." The company aims to become market leader in end-to-end logistics with technology driven innovations.

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Barge brings first container cargo to Kottayam port

The container barge service to Kottayam Port and Container Terminal is now on. The rest cargo arrived from Kochi on Saturday. The maiden commercial voyage to the port carried goods for TJP Rubber Industries and Diamond Flour Mills based at Kottayam. The arrival was delayed after hyacinths got stuck in the barge's propeller near the Pallam boat jetty on the outskirts of Kottayam town. The journey resumed at 6pm after workers on a pilot boat and accompanying dredger removed the hyacinths.



Cargo Handled By Indian Ports Falls For Second Straight Month in February

Cargo handled by Indian ports fell for the second straight month in February on account of Chinese New Year and trade war tensions. Ports across the country handled 55.01 million tonnes of cargo last month, a decline of 1.2 percent over the last year, according to a release by the Indian Ports Association. Volume growth dropped 2.2 percent year-on-year in January this year.

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DMICDC Logistics Data Services appoints new CEO

We're pleased to announce that we have appointed Mr. Ichiro Oshima as DMICDC Logistics Data Services' (DLDS) new CEO, effective March 2019. Mr. Oshima's appointment as CEO comes as a part of the planned leadership transition and he would be responsible for leading the overall direction of the organisation.

Mr. Oshima has been previously associated as Director, DLDS and Associate Vice President, NEC Technologies India. He is a qualified and Certified IT professional from Japan. He has extensive know how in technical and administrative projects and has rich experience of managing and leading global business teams in Transportation & Logistics division.



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