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Port push for logistics ease

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The Calcutta Port Trust on Saturday introduced a logistics data bank that aims to track container cargo almost on a real time basis using radio frequency identification services.

According to port officials, the service will allow different stakeholders such as exporters, importers, shipping lines and freight forwarders to check the movement of containers.

Officials said the scanning of containers will take place at port gates, container freight stations, inland container depots and identified toll plazas. Each container will have a radio frequency ID (RFID) tag which will be tracked through different RFID readers installed at these locations.

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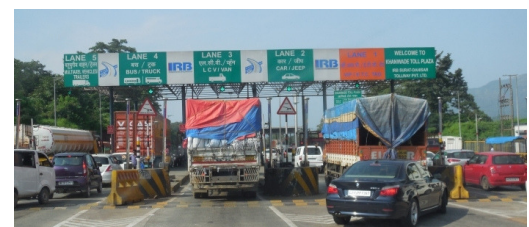
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Major Ports Cargo traffic Up 4.83% in Apr-Nov

India's 12 major ports witnessed a 4.83 per cent rise in cargo traffic at 461.21 million tonnes (MT) during April-November of the current fiscal, the government said Monday.

These top ports had handled 439.96 MT cargo during the corresponding eight-month period of the last fiscal.

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Indian Ports Association launches 'PCS 1x' to increase ease of doing business

The Indian Ports Association (IPA) has launched the port community system 'PCS1x', a cloud-based technology that offers services like notification, work-flow and track and trace, the government said Tuesday.

It is estimated that this feature alone will reduce up to 2 days in the life of a transaction.

This system will enable trade to have an improved communication with the customs as they have also embarked on an Application Programming Interface (API) based architecture, thereby enabling real time interaction, the Ministry of Shipping said in a statement.



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Building terminals is key to India's goal of establishing viable logistics hubs – Gujarat State sets the pace

Indian shipping experts have long recognized that building terminals and shipping infrastructure is key to India's foreign trade; they are convinced that logistics constitutes the backbone of a nation's economic activity. India's Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu, who has been saying that India is headed to become a \$ 5 trillion economy, underscored during a recent event in New Delhi that the Indian Government's policy of making the logistics sector as part of a comprehensive plan – a "proper integrated plan", as he put it – will boost exports.

Indian states are, meanwhile, scrambling to improve their existing shipping infrastructure by either modernizing or expanding the existing facilities. Gujarat, in Western India, is already leading the Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) Index, which serves as a logistics chart and indicates the efficiency of logistical services needed for encouraging exports and economic growth. Other Indian states that closely follow Gujarat are Punjab (2), Andhra Pradesh (3), Karnataka (4) and Maharashtra (5).



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FASTag: How GST will cruise ahead with new-age tech

The government took a leap in logistics by introducing e-way bills to check tax evasion by tracking the movement of goods and establishing direct linkage between what is declared and what is actually moved. Now it is trying to make the e-way bill system even stricter. It has found an innovative way to check evasion of the Goods and Services Tax (GST). It is planning to link the GST Network with FASTag mechanism of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Logistics Data Bank (LDB) services of the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation.

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India needs to map its supply chain, draw master plan for non major ports coupled with regulatory changes to boost coastal shipping

India must draw a master plan for non-major ports on the same lines as major ports to map its supply chain linking it to key manufacturing sectors to boost coastal shipping with requisite policy and regulatory changes, according to maritime experts speaking at workshop on Coastal Movement of Cargo in India.

“Maharashtra and Gujarat account for 52% of the total coastal cargo while rest is spread across the remaining coastal states due to absence of mapping the infrastructure and missing railway links to its mines, minerals and manufacturing hubs,” said Captain Amit Wason, President of Maritime Association of Nationwide Shipping Agencies at the workshop held on Thursday December 6.



For instance, due to congested berths at Paradip, coal loading through dry cargo export berths at Dhamra will ease the capacity constraints significantly and boost coastal shipping volumes and give \$29 per ton cost advantage, Captain Wason said.

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How digitization is transforming logistics and supply chain management

With the aggressive pace of economic growth, India is on a fast track to development, powered by innovation and disruption across key sectors, encouraging government policies, and robust and aggressive growth in IT. Globally, as in India, the logistics sector is undergoing an unprecedented transformation, fuelled by innovations in IT and digitization.

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Logistics Data Bank project introduced in KoPT

The Logistics Data Bank (LDB) project was launched in the Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT) on Saturday, which aims to track cargo on a real-time basis.

The project was unveiled in July 2016 to make India's logistics sector more efficient through the use of information technology.

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DMICDC Logistics Data Services extends to Cochin Port

Expanding its operations in India's south-eastern corridor, the digital container tracking solution of DMICDC Logistics Data Services (DLDS) on Friday brought in its ambit Cochin Port, an initiative that would tremendously streamline the container logistics operations at one of the largest and busiest ports in India.

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Container tracking operations launched at New Mangalore Port

DMICDC Logistics Data Services launched container tracking service at the New Mangalore Port Trust here, which is meant to streamline the container operations at this all-weather port in Karnataka which is also one of the busiest in India on the west coast.

Logistics Data Bank (LDB), the single window container tracking solution aimed at improving operations in Indian container logistics, began its services at the ports of Chennai, Visakhapatnam and Krishnapatnam in India's south-eastern corridor from November 1 this year. On November 16, it expanded its operations to Cochin Port Trust.

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