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## India jumps 23 ranks in ease of doing business with port-led development under Sagarmala Improving 'Trading Across Borders'



A World Bank report 2019 on Ease of Doing Business, said India has taken a huge leap of 23 ranks from 100 in 2017-18 to 77 in 2018-19, indicating its steady shift towards global standards. One of the key indices which has contributed immensely toward this growth is 'Trading across borders' which shows an impressive improvement from 146 rank last year to 80th rank this year.

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# Major Ports Cargo Traffic Up 5.31% to 403 MT in APR-OCT

India's 12 major ports witnessed a 5.31 per cent rise in cargo traffic at 403.39 million tonnes (MT) during April-October of the current fiscal, the Indian Ports Association (IPA) data showed. These top ports had handled 383.05 MT cargo during the corresponding seven-month period of the last fiscal.

The growth in the cargo traffic was mainly attributed to increase in handling of coal, mainly coking coal, containers and petroleum, oil and lubricants (POL).

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## PM dedicates first multi modal terminal port in Varanasi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation an inland multi modal terminal port on river Ganga here at Ramnagar in his parliamentary constituency on Monday and flagged off the

inaugural run of the inland waterways between Varanasi and Haldia. The PM inaugurated the first multi-modal waterways terminal on the Ganga river as part of the Centre's Jal Marg Vikas Project which aims to develop the stretch of the river between Varanasi and Haldia, over 1300 kilometers for navigation of large vessels weighing up to 1,500 to 2,000 tonnes.

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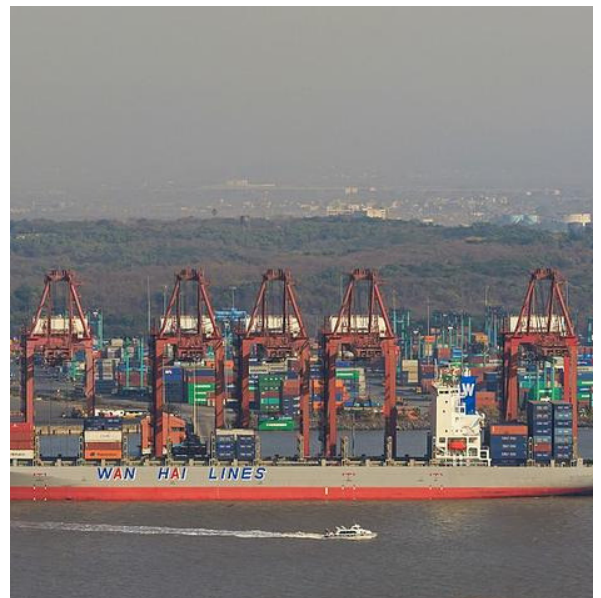
## DP World-led JV to develop free trade zone at Indian port

Hindustan Infralog Private Limited (HIPL), a joint venture between DP World and the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), has won a bid to develop and operate a warehousing zone in India.

The JV, in which DP World holds a 65 percent stake, will develop the Free Trade Warehousing Zone (FTWZ) at India's largest container gateway – Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) in a \$78 million deal.

HIPL is the recently created investment vehicle between DP World and NIIF to invest up to \$3 billion in ports, logistics and related sectors across the country. This is its second investment for HIPL following the acquisition of a 90 percent stake in multimodal logistics company Continental Warehousing Corporation (Nhava Sheva) Ltd.

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# India's first container vessel on inland waterways: All you need to know

## Highlights:

In a first for the country's inland water transport since independence, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday received a container vessel in Varanasi on the river Ganga at the newly developed multi-modal terminal. Here's all you need to know:

The Ganga - Bhagirathi - Hooghly river system between Haldia (Sagar) and Allahabad (1620 km) was declared as National Waterway No 1 (NW-1) in 1986. Since then Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is carrying out various developmental works on the waterway for improvement of its

navigability and development and maintenance of other infrastructure such as terminals and navigation aids as laid down in the IWAI Act, 1985. \* In the maiden container since Independence on inland vessel MV Rabindranath Tagore, food and beverages major PepsiCo moved its 16 containers — equivalent to 16 truckloads — from Kolkata to Varanasi. The vessel will make its return journey with fertilisers belonging to IFFCO that will be procured from its Phulpur plant near Allahabad.

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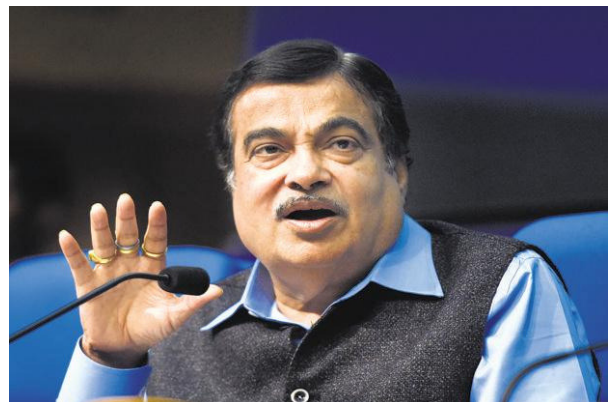


## Govt review coastal shipping rule relaxation: Nitin Gadkari

**The shipping ministry will review the cabotage policy next year and introduce changes if Indian ships have been adversely affected by the rule, says transport minister Nitin Gadkari**

The shipping ministry will review the cabotage policy next year and introduce changes if Indian shipping lines have been adversely affected in the intervening period, Nitin Gadkari, the union minister for road transport, highways and shipping, said at an event in Mumbai on Monday. He was responding to concerns raised by Indian shippers about losing business after the cabotage rules had been relaxed.

In May, a shipping ministry order eased the so-called cabotage rule, which allows only Indian shipping lines to carry export-import containers for trans-shipment on local routes. Now, foreign-flagged ships are also allowed to pick up containers along the Indian coast to a trans-shipment hubs such as Singapore or return empty containers to these ports without any restrictions.



According to Gadkari, the cabotage rules were eased by the government because local shipping lines were unable to create a major trans-shipment hub in India, despite enjoying cabotage benefits that kept foreign liners out of the market.

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# DLDS UPDATES

## DMICDC Logistics Data Services extends operations to south-eastern corridor

DMICDC Logistics Data Services (DLDS) said it has launched its digital container tracking solution at the ports of Chennai, Visakhapatnam and Krishnapatnam.

The single-window tracking solution, Logistics Data Bank (LDB), was launched at the three ports on November 1, 2018, the company said in a statement.

LDB's services are now operational across seven ports of India at 14 port terminals, signalling growing appetite of the Indian logistics sector to streamline its supply chain operations, it added.



"DLDS' foray into south-eastern ports is part of its plan to make its services available across all container port terminals of the country. This system has helped in improving efficiency among supply chain operations through advanced ICT technologies," said Alkesh Sharma, CEO and Managing Director, Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (DMICDC).

"The system will soon be operational in other major ports in the country," he added. DLDS is a joint venture between the Government of India represented by National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT) and Japanese IT major NEC Corporation, with 50:50 equity participation.

LDB, which currently handles 70 per cent of India's container volume, began its operations in the western corridor at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), and extended its container tracking services to Hazira and Mundra ports of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ).

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