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National Logistics Policy to soon be released, says Piyush Goyal

Aim is to bring down cost of logistics to lower than 10 per cent



India will soon come out with a national logistics policy to bring down the cost of logistics to at least below 10 per cent, Commerce and Industry and Railways Minister Piyush Goyal has said. Addressing the Asia Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum 2019 in the capital, Goyal also said that the Government was on a national effort engaging with Railways, ports, shipping industry, airline industry and roads transport ministry to collectively work on a programme to bringing down the logistics cost.

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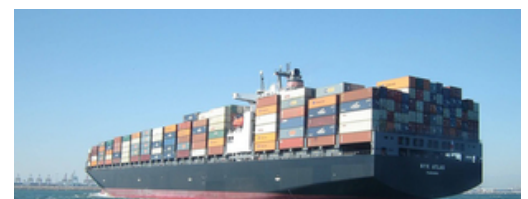
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Railway land lease terms and monopoly concern could derail CONCOR sale

An attempt to privatise Container Corporation of India Ltd (Concor) could falter over creation of a private monopoly, competition concerns and the terms set for the land leased by Indian Railways to the rail hauler to build terminal infrastructure, says experts. "You cannot deny the fact that Concor amongst all the other inter-modal operators is a dominant player. Strategic disinvestment resulting in a new private entity becoming a dominant player is not good from the market point of view. It will lead to a new private monopoly being created out of it," an executive with a top consulting firm said, asking not to be named.

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Cargo Volumes At Indian Ports Decline In August On Lower Liquid And Coal Volumes

Cargo handled by Indian ports declined in August over last year after one month of growth on global trade tensions and slowing domestic consumption. A fall in liquid cargo—oil and gas-related products—and coal volumes, which together contribute nearly three-fifth of the total cargo volumes in India, led to subdued cargo volumes in August. Volume growth at India's ports increased by only one percent in August, according to a Goldman Sachs report, largely led by container, iron ore, fertiliser and other cargo volumes. Most of these positives were offset by negative trends in coal, oil and gas-related product volumes. Ports across the country handled 576.2 lakh tonnes of cargo in August.

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Trade with northeast region to improve with access to key Bangladesh Ports: Shipping Minister

The agreement between India and Bangladesh for use of the latter's Chattogram and Mongla ports will significantly allow better connectivity with the northeast India, and help improve trade in the region, Shipping minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Monday. A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) was agreed upon last week, with Bangladesh allowing the use of its two ports for movement of goods to and from India through its territory, through which three landlocked states in the northeast region of India – Assam, Meghalaya and Tripura— will get access to open sea trade routes from Chattogram and Mongla Ports via Indian ports.

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Visakhapatnam port could be among top 3 ports in India soon

The Visakhapatnam Port has added an extra three million tons of cargo in the first half of the current fiscal compared to last year. With the additional cargo the port has achieved 35 million tons of cargo to its register. We are expecting to achieve the third place among all major ports by closing in the target of 70 million tons by the end of the current fiscal year, said VPT deputy chairman PL Haranadh. In a press conference, Haranadh said we are confident that an additional 35 million tonnes would be handled in the next six months. VPT is completing 86 years of its existence on October 7.

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Govt plans to roll out index to monitor logistics cost in key export sectors

Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), an autonomous body under the ministry of commerce and industry is developing a sector-specific index to estimate the logistics cost and bring it down to 10% of Gross domestic product (GDP) from 14%. The index that will be released early next year helps estimate the logistics cost in top nine export sectors including agriculture, leather, apparel and, gems and jewellery. Manoj Pant, Director, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) told the media, "Internationally, no one has made sector-specific indices to estimate logistics costs. We have taken the top exporting sectors and will move on to domestic trade later." "We are getting to know about their problems such as biggest constraints in transportation and warehousing," Pant further said. The government is also aiming to make it to the list of top 30 countries in the World Bank Logistics Performance Index which, in 2018, ranked India 44 from 54 in 2014. The data collection for the index which was initiated 3 months ago is collected via perception-based surveys through the respective export promotion councils.

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Cargo traffic at major ports rises 1.85 pc to 294 MT in April-August

The country's 12 major ports witnessed barely 1.85 per cent rise in cargo traffic to 293.80 million tonne (MT) during the April-August period, according to the Indian Ports Association (IPA). These ports under the control of the Centre had handled 288.46 MT cargo during the corresponding period of the previous financial year.

There was a decline in handling of thermal coal and fertiliser, according to data from the IPA.

Among the 12 major ports, Cochin Port recorded the highest growth in traffic during the period with a growth of 9 per cent, followed by Visakhapatnam Port (7.63 per cent rise) and V.O. Chidambaranar Port (7.29 per cent).

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Tuticorin Container Freight Station Association bags international award

Tuticorin Container Freight Station Association received the International Trade Facilitation Innovation Award for successful implementation of Codex at the V.O.C Port during the 9th Asia Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum (APTFF) 2019 held in New Delhi on September 18. The APTFF, a leading regional platform for exchange of information, experiences and practices on trade facilitation, was organised by the Asian Development Bank, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and partners, including United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, World Customs Organization and World Trade Organization.

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Gujarat tops Ease of Logistics Index 2nd time in a row

Gujarat, the homeland of prime minister Narendra Modi, has once again topped a survey of logistics ease in the country. Punjab and Andhra Pradesh closely followed Gujarat in the perception-based index of the mobility of goods and efficiency of the logistics chain. The survey known as Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) is an initiative of commerce and industry ministry has placed Gujarat on top for the second consecutive year. Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal released the report on Wednesday.

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Inter-terminal transfer of boxes at JNPT boosts rail volumes in August

The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, the country's busiest container gateway, handled a record volume of rail containers in August after the port authority brokered a new deal on inter-terminal rail handling operations among all the five container terminals at the port which took effect from August 1.

JNPT's inland container depot (ICD) rail volumes hit 70,398 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) in August from 68,374 TEUs in July. From January 2019 till date, JNPT's rail volumes have touched 514,694 TEUs.

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Indian Ports Association upgrades PCS 1x with eDO facility

Indian Ports Association (IPA) has launched a value-added service - Electronic Delivery Order (eDO) facility - to its cloud based new generation technology Port Community System 'PCS1x'. The eDO is a single platform to perform all eDO related activities including e-invoice and e-payments, with highly secure data interchange between requester and provider. The service will help the trade save time and money in clearing cargo, speed up delivery order extension and the empty offload process.

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Chennai Port welcomes largest container ship MV CMA CGM Rhone

MV CMA CGM Rhone, the largest container vessel to visit India's south and eastern coast, called on Chennai Port on September 8. It was berthed by Chennai Container Terminal, operated by DP World. The 299.95-m-long vessel, flagged from Malta, has a capacity of 9365 TEUs (Twenty feet Equivalent Units). The vessel arrived from Singapore with 2434 TEUs imports and loaded 1345 TEUs exports. "We have worked in tandem with the terminal operators to enhance infrastructure at the port. The permissible vessel draft has been deepened in order to welcome next generation large vessels at the port. It gives me a sense of pride to see a ship of this size calling the Port of Chennai. We encourage and look forward to receiving larger vessels at the port," said P Raveendran, IRTS – chairman, Chennai Port Trust.

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Container strike called off

More than 6,000 trailers and 2,000 open trucks that carry containers to Chennai, Kamarajar and Kattupalli ports have called off strike after the revision of hire charges and other issues were sorted out. M.S. Arun, chairman, National Association of Container Freight Stations (Chennai chapter) told Express that the operations would resume from tonight. He said the talks between trailer owners associations and container freight stations (CFS) have resulted in revision of rates. "Now it is flat Rs 1,000 irrespective of distance or the location of CFS. Earlier, the rates were different and were fixed on the basis of distance and location of CFS. This is applicable for 20ft TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit) containers only," he said. He also said that the charges by CFS with regard to 40 feet long containers have been reduced by Rs 100. It is learnt that the strike had an impact as 33 per cent of cargo was affected during the last five days. Around 1,500 import containers and 1,000 export containers pass through the three ports daily and these are moved by the trailers to and from the 32 container freight stations in and around the city.

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DLDS

DLDS received “Best Logistics Data Service Provider” of the year award at India Logistics Summit & Awards 2019.

Another propitious moment for DMICDC Logistics Data Services Limited (DLDS) as it received the “Best Logistics Data Service Provider” of the year award at “**India Logistics Summit & Awards 2019**” held on 27th Sept’19 in Mumbai. DMICDC bagged the award for providing container visibility services for more than 95% of India’s Container Volume and bringing much required transparency and visibility in container tracking. LDB has tracked more than 19 million EXIM Containers till date through a single window i.e. ldb.co.in. LDB promotes modal shift from truck to rail transport which contributes in improving environmental condition of India. LDB also can help in reducing the transportation lead-time by approx. 5 days which in turn would result in savings of USD 3.2 Billion annually.

About the awards:

“India Logistics Summit & Awards 2019” was organized with an aim to discuss on the focus areas of the ongoing changes which includes the Innovation in the Logistic Business Model, Block Chain etc. With the theme “Mobilising The Nation” providing the platform for the industry stakeholders to work together for the development of the logistics business.



DLDS received Best in Supply chain Visibility Award at “The Technology Supply Chain Excellence Awards”

DMICDC Logistics Data Services Limited (DLDS) was bestowed with another industry accolade for its LDB project. DLDS received the Supply Chain Visibility Award at “Technology Supply Chain Excellence Awards” held on 20th Sept'19 in Mumbai.

The Technology Supply Chain Excellence Awards recognized DMICDC LDB project for bringing visibility and transparency in Logistics environment, streamlining the operations across the supply chain and helping in Government's plan of improving the Ease of Doing Business in India.

LDB system is integrated with 22 Port terminals, 45 toll plazas, over 125 CFSS and ICDs. LDB has helped in reducing 49% of Port Dwell time (Import Cycle) & 22% Port Dwell Time (Export Cycle) and has brought much required efficiency in the logistics sector.

DLDS further plans to cover 150+ more toll plazas in INDIA and maximize the coverage of CFSS and ICDs along with extending visibility to Nepal and Bangladesh bound import and export containers.

About the awards:

CPO Innovations presented the award for the most innovative idea to team leveraging technology solutions to impact procurement operations and performance. The award gives an opportunity to companies to shine and be known for their innovative products and services.



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