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## Country to get 13th major port at Vadhavan in Maharashtra for Rs 65,544 cr



The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the setting up of the country's 13th major port at Vadhavan in Maharashtra at a total cost of Rs 65,544.54 crore. The Vadhavan port will be developed on "landlord model" (where infrastructure is leased to private firms or industries and chemical plants). A special purpose vehicle (SPV) will be formed, with the government planning to hold 51 per cent stake in the project.

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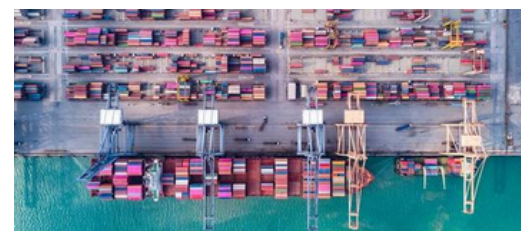
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# VOC Port Trust to seek bids for conversion of bulk berth into container terminal

The central government-owned VO Chidambaranar Port Trust (VOCPT), located in Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi district, will soon call for bids to convert one of its bulk cargo berths into a container terminal through the public-private partnership (PPP) route, its chairman TK Ramachandran has said.

VOCPT, the fourth-largest container handler among the dozen state-owned ports, currently has two container terminals run separately by PSA SICAL Terminals Ltd and Dakshin Bharat Gateway Terminal Pvt Ltd, with the capacity to handle 1.2 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs). The two terminals are handling about 8,00,000 TEUs a year. [Read more...](#)



## India: Cargo volume at 12 major ports up marginally at 586 MT in Apr-Jan

The country's 12 major ports recorded a marginal 1.14 per cent growth in cargo volumes at 585.72 million tonne (MT) during April-January period of the current fiscal, according to the Indian Ports Association (IPA). The ports had handled 579.10 MT of cargo during the corresponding period of the last fiscal. India has 12 major ports — Deendayal (erstwhile Kandla), Mumbai, JNPT, Mormugao, New Mangalore, Cochin, Chennai, Kamarajar (earlier Ennore), V.O. Chidambaranar, Visakhapatnam, Paradip and Kolkata (including Haldia).

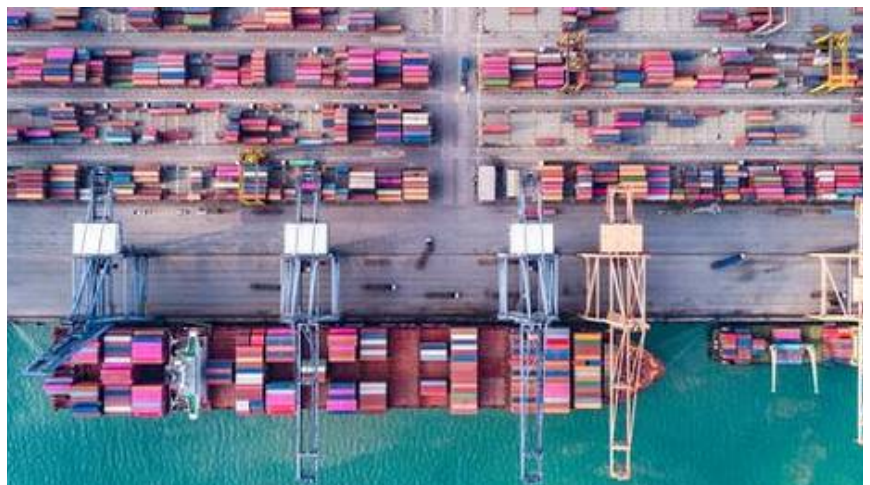
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## Government seeks to recast model concession agreement for PPP projects at major ports

Barely two years after the cabinet under NDA-1 revised the model concession agreement (MCA) for public-private-partnership (PPP) projects at major port trusts, the Shipping Ministry is back at the drawing board again, seeking to recast the key document that sets out the terms and conditions of a port contract. But, unlike previous attempts, the third edition of the MCA will be drafted by the ministry based on ideas/suggestions from the "existing/prospective investors/PPP concessionaires/individuals/stakeholders".

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# At least one major port trust to be corporatised and listed: FM

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that the government will corporatise at least one major port and list it on the stock exchange. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, India's biggest container gateway, or Deendayal Port Trust, the country's biggest port by overall volumes, could be the targets for this plan.

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# Concor to start shipping service linking Chennai and Dhaka this month

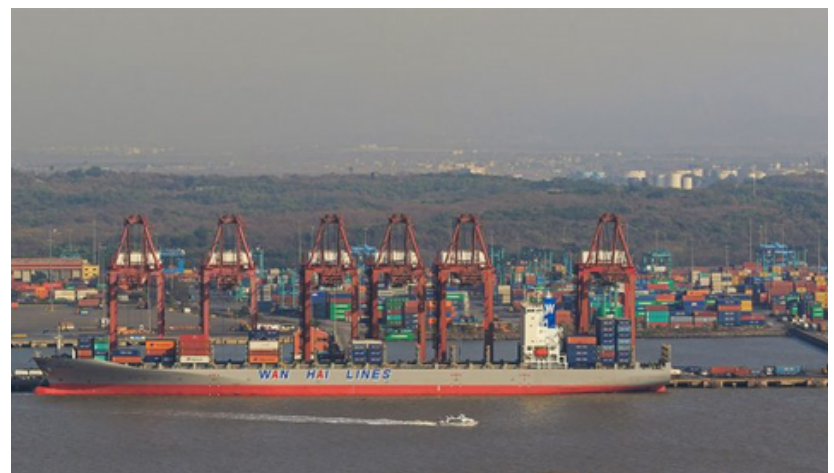
State-run Container Corporation of India Ltd (Concor) will start coastal shipping services in the next few days on the country's eastern coast, linking Chennai Port with Bangladesh's capital Dhaka. The eastern coast service will be flagged off a year after Concor entered coastal shipping in January 2019 linking Deendayal Port Trust in Kandla with VO Chidambaram Port Trust in Tuticorin, with stops at New Mangalore Port Trust and Cochin Port Trust, in a weekly call.

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# This Modi govt proposal could ease Mumbai, Kolkata space crunch, bring much-needed revenue

The Modi government has its sights set on 9,000 acres of port land in Kolkata, Mumbai and Gujarat as a potential source of much-needed revenue and space, ThePrint has learnt. The land in question is currently in use for operations other than core port activities such as cargo handling and storage, much of it leased out at a pittance for offices and residences. It has been identified under the proposed 'Land Management Policy for Township Projects for Major Ports', which is being piloted by the Union Shipping Ministry.



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# Indian private port growth outpaces major government rivals

Despite general moderating signs due to lacklustre demand conditions, the non-major ports in India – better known as minor ports – continue to grow faster than federal government-owned major ports. In the first 10 months of fiscal year 2019–20 (April-January), cargo tonnage at non-major ports increased 4.8% year over year (y/y), outpacing the 1.1% growth recorded by major ports in the same period. By volume, total cargo handling at non-major ports hit 499.72 million tonnes, up from 476.87 million tonnes in the year-ago period, whereas major ports saw traffic edge up to 585.6 million tonnes from 579.1 million tonnes.



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## 5 factors acting as a catalyst for the growth of Indian logistics sector

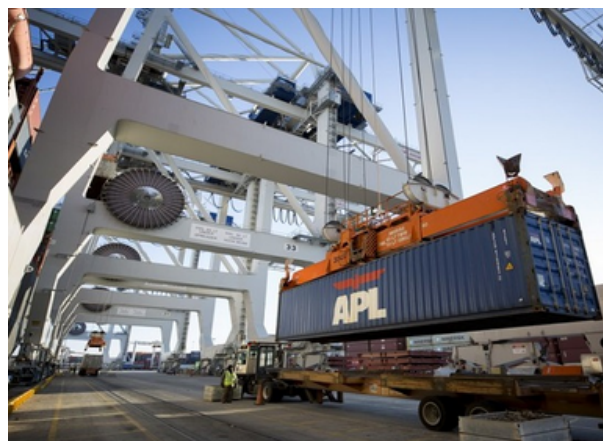
The recent conference organised by ASSOCHAM titled “India on the cusp of a logistics revolution” saw diverse stakeholders – including policymakers, transport and terminal infrastructure service providers, and logistics service providers (LSPs) – converge on multiple issues that impact the sector. The tripartite theme of the conference revolved majorly around the pre-eminence of end-to-end logistics integration, capacity expansion, effect of digital revolution, and the outlines and expediency of a comprehensive National Logistics Policy.



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## 24x7 customs clearance at all sea ports, airports till May

To facilitate faster clearance of consignments to and from China once coronavirus subsides, a 24x7 customs clearance facility will be available at all sea ports and airports till May 2020. The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has written to all Chief Commissioners (Customs and Central Tax) asking them to immediately workout the arrangement and deployment of sufficient number of officers on 24x7 basis at sea ports / Air Cargo Stations / Inland Container Depot (ICDs)/ Container Freight Station (CFSS) etc falling in their jurisdiction to tackle any incipient instance of congestion/surge.



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# India makes moves to revolutionise port sector

The Indian government has approved a bill designed to make its maritime sector more efficient by giving its ports more autonomy over governance and decisions.

According to national and international reports, the Major Ports Authority Bill 2020 was approved by the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

It will be introduced to the Indian parliament and, upon approval, will replace the current 1963 Major Port Trusts Act.

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## In a world-first, India's dozen major ports now run fully on renewable energy



The dozen state-owned major ports in the country have switched to renewable energy to meet their entire power requirements, making India the first nation to have all government-owned ports running on solar and wind energy. Under a 'green port' initiative, the Shipping Ministry had directed all the major ports to install grid-connected and roof-top solar and wind power projects to facilitate day-to-day operations including supplying shore-power to visiting ships in an eco-friendly manner.

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## DLDS participated in 12th Edition of EXIM India's Mega Cargo Show, CTL-BHP 2020



Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai. Team DLDS interacted with several stakeholders to solve their container handling queries and bring efficiency in their logistics operations. With the theme of Growth Enablers in Cargo and Logistics, CTL BHP Conference successfully gathered thoughts on improving Indian Logistics scenario. Speaking at the conference Mr. Surajit Sarkar, COO DLDS explained digital disruption in Logistics Industry and way DLDS has brought visibility in the industry.



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