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Maiden RoRo export shipment of trucks flagged off from Kolkata Port to Bangladesh

The first-ever RoRo export shipment of 240 trucks from Kolkata to Bangladesh was flagged off on November 23, 2017 from Kolkata Port. These trucks, manufactured by Tata Motors, are being shipped to the Port of Mongla in Bangladesh. They set sail from Kolkata Dock System, Berth 2 of Netaji Subhash Dock, in the vessel M.V. IDM Doodle.



This is a new facilitation as the trucks, manufactured in the Jamshedpur and Pantnagar plants of Tata Motors, had been previously shipped to and from the Petrapole border. Kolkata Port expects to regularise this service in the coming months,

For the first time, Kolkata Port Trust is an enabler in starting this new trade lane. This showcases the port's potential to create a new venture with the neighbouring country and enhance customer satisfaction and value, the release emphasised.

Commerce Ministry preparing proper business plan to promote exports, says Minister



The Ministry of Commerce and Industry is in the process of preparing a proper business plan, based on scientific market research, to promote Indian goods and services globally, said Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Mr Suresh Prabhu, at an ASSOCHAM event held here recently.

For each of the markets, the Ministry is in the process of preparing a proper business plan based on scientific market research. Proper market segmentation is needed to understand where there is the possibility of penetration of goods and services globally, said Mr. Prabhu while inaugurating the event.

We are also trying to create a new industrial policy and trying to create new markets for Indian products globally. Also trying to create demand for all kinds of products.

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JNPT's Wardha Dry Port to become engine of growth in Vidarbha: Neeraj Bansal

The Wardha Dry Port, being developed by Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), will generate direct employment for about 1,000 persons. This was shared by Mr. Neeraj Bansal, Chairman in-charge, JNPT at the recently concluded Annual Global Nagpur Summit 2017 held in Nagpur. The summit was organized by Nagpur First, a non-profit organization, with the aim of facilitating Nagpur as a global city by 2020.

Presenting the blueprint of Wardha Dry Port which is coming up at Sindi station near Wardha, Mr Bansal said the facility will be developed in three phases and tenders for the first phase of the work will be floated soon. The dry port will be spread over 346 acres when fully developed, will connect to the hinterland and offer huge relief in transporting domestic cargo.

Explaining the rationale for selecting Wardha, Mr Bansal said that Wardha enjoys excellent connectivity, both land and air, and the proposed dry port will assist many industries located around Wardha and the Vidarbha region. Proximity to Nagpur, which being at zero mile of India, will provide seamless connectivity to north-south and east-west and would also develop as a logistics hub for domestic cargo distribution. This will connect many parts of the country and facilitate faster movement of goods. Many industries like steel, food products, units located in special economic zones, and agriculture and food processing sectors too will benefit after the development of the dry port, Mr Bansal added.



JNPT charter hires new multi-purpose utility launch



Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) has hired a new multi-purpose utility launch (MPUL) from SHM Shipcare, Mumbai recently. Manufactured in India, it will be deployed to combat minor oil spills within the port area, collecting floating debris on a daily basis and is a step towards a green and cleaner port, stressed a release.

The launch has a cruising speed at par with the other hired launches and, therefore, can be used for other purpose such as inspection of channel buoys and their lighting, security patrolling, pilotage, etc.

Mr Neeraj Bansal, IRS, Chairman-in-charge, JNPT, inaugurated the launch in the presence of senior officials of the Port. "With the increase in traffic as well as vision of port to have clean ocean, the need for such multi-purpose launch was overdue and we are happy that this new launch will further help JNPT to undertake different activities under green port," Mr Bansal said.

Ship operating costs seen increasing

The cost of operating cargo ships rose marginally in 2017 following two consecutive years of falls, but shipowners should prepare for higher costs led by a spike in insurance premiums, according to the latest Ship Operating Costs Annual Review and Forecast 2017/18 report published by global shipping consultancy Drewry.

After two years of marked decline, average vessel operating costs stabilized in 2017 as pressure on owners was lifted by a nascent recovery across most cargo shipping markets. Trends in ship operating costs are heavily linked to developments in the wider shipping market, external cost pressures notwithstanding, it explained in a release.

But the recovery has not been uniform across all sectors, and risks remain. Despite a brighter economic outlook, the industry is still weighed down by excess capacity, poor profitability and high levels of debt and many owners are struggling to survive. Poor financial returns have kept the pressure on costs and Drewry expects this to remain the case for the foreseeable future.



Humor



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Panel 2: HOW DOES IT HELP AN ENGINEER TO SEE AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO BE A MIDDLE MANAGER?

Panel 3: THAT'S LIKE TEACHING PHYSICS BY SHOWING EXAMPLES OF MONSTER TRUCK RALLIES.

Panel 4: SHOULD WE SAY DUMB THINGS, TOO, OR HAVE YOU NOT STARTED LEADING BY EXAMPLE YET?

Panel 5: NOW WHAT IS HE DOING? ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO THAT?

Panel 6: I THINK HE'S LEADING BY EXAMPLE NOW!

Panel 7: I'M STARTING TO WONDER IF EVERYTHING I READ ON THE INTERNET IS WRONG.

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