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### **Nitin Gadkari calls on states to cooperate with one another & with the Centre to expedite projects for inter-linking of rivers**

The Union Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Road Transport and Highways and Shipping, Mr Nitin Gadkari, has called upon state governments to cooperate with one another and with the Centre to expedite the projects for interlinking of rivers. He was addressing the fourteenth meeting of the Special Committee for Inter-linking of Rivers in New Delhi on Wednesday. He stressed upon the need to design better technical models that aimed at bringing down construction cost while maintaining quality so that projects do not languish for want of funds. He also called upon state governments to explore new financing models, including low-interest loans from foreign agencies.



Mr Gadkari said that inter-linking of rivers will bring a big social and economic change in the country, and usher in prosperity in many regions that are poorly developed today.

## **Canada implements regulation for shipping operations in the Arctic**

Transport Canada has formulated a new regulation to control pollution from shipping operations in the Arctic region, which connects the country with other nations via waterways and serves as an important lifeline for its northern communities.

The new 'Arctic Shipping Safety and Pollution Prevention Regulations' include the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (the Polar Code), which aims to address issues faced by certain vessels operating in the Arctic and Antarctic.

The new regulation also features multiple safety and pollution prevention measures, including initiatives related to vessel design and equipment, vessel operations and crew training, reports said.

Transport Canada is the department within the government of Canada which is responsible for developing regulations, policies and services of transportation in Canada. It is part of the Transportation, Infrastructure and Communities portfolio.



## **Port of Antwerp makes historic freight volume record 5th year in a row**

The Port of Antwerp has achieved a record freight volume for the fifth straight year in a row. In 2017 the port handled 223,606,610 tonnes of freight, an increase of 4.4% compared with the previous year. Practically all sectors turned in an excellent performance: the container volume expanded in tonnage by 4.3% (123 million tonnes), liquid bulk such as oil derivatives by 5.7% (73.1 million tonnes), and conventional breakbulk such as steel by 4.8% (10.3 million tonnes), while ro/ro completed the growth list with 10.5% (5.1 million tonnes).



Only dry bulk such as coal and ores lagged behind in the tables, finishing the year with a drop of 3.7% (12.2 million tonnes).

Mr. Jacques Vandermeiren, CEO of Antwerp Port Authority, drew positive conclusions: "Finishing the year with such strong growth figures gives us confidence for the future. The port companies too remain firmly convinced of the advantages of Antwerp and the strengths that it has to offer, witness the many investments that we were able to welcome in 2017. In 2018 we seek to build further on the momentum of the previous year. This means that we will take the entire world as the scale for our decisions, with maximum facilitation for our customers as the basis."

## West Bengal to see Rs 4,300-crore investment in logistics by 2020

West Bengal will see an investment of Rs 4,300 crore in the warehousing and logistics sector in the next coming years till 2020, according to property consultant JLL India.



According to JLL, the proposed investment of Rs 4,300 crore will give "orbital velocity to the State. The warehousing space was expected to grow at CAGR of 28% with supply moving up to 22 million sq.ft. in West Bengal by 2020." The State that acts as a gateway to North-East and to South Eastern countries has a total stock of 11.6 million square feet of warehousing space.

The key markets across the State that would see the first phase of development include Dankuni, Alampur/Dhulagarh, Ulberia, Kalyani, and Sirakol, and, mostly around Kolkata. This apart, potential logistics nodes such as Asansol - Durgapur, Haldia and Siliguri would be seeing additional developments in the next phases.

### HUMOUR:

