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### Shipping Ministry to make PCS mandatory for all Indian Ports

The Shipping Ministry is set to issue an order making Port Community System (PCS) mandatory for all Indian seaports. The move is based on the recommendations of a 11-member panel set up at the behest of the Prime Minister's Office in May to promote Ease of Doing Business. The panel headed by RK Agarwal, Joint Secretary (Ports), also recommended that a legal framework be explored to make it mandatory to carry out transactions through PCS.

Mandating usage via a legal framework will improve Ease of Doing Business, trade across borders and logistics performance index, the panel wrote in its report submitted on August 17. Portall, a logistics management application, was developed by Mumbai-based logistics conglomerate JM Baxi Group. The group was awarded the contract by the Indian Ports Association, an autonomous body under the Shipping Ministry to roll out a pan-India PCS by December.

### Ports are key to the Country's development

Ports play a major role in the country's economic development as 95% of India's foreign trade by volume and 70 % by value are through maritime operations, said Pon Radhakrishnan, Union Minister of State for Shipping.

"With raising economic growth, the country's integration with the world economy grows further. It signifies the need for the maritime sector's development in infrastructure and efficiency," he said speaking at the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Port Conclave 2018 titled 'Port Led Economic Development'. The Minister asked the CII to come out with suggestions for achieving industrial targets and announced the Government's readiness to act on them.

Kailash Kumar Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India, said 41 PPP projects in the private sector involving an investment of Rs. 20,000 crore were in progress.

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## APM Terminals launches Global Core Competency Centre

APM Terminals has launched its new Global Core Competency Centre (GC3) which will ensure that the company not only continues to lead in terms of technology, but will proactively rethink how technology can drive company growth. The GC3 commenced in July with more than half of its employees already onboard, but launched officially this month in Algeciras, Spain, said a release.

"The vision is to create an internal technical centre to meet the demands of our business in the areas of Terminal Operating Systems (TOS), Asset Digitisation and Workforce Management," explains Mr Richard Ventre, Global IT Director at APM Terminals. "As this team matures, we will have an unrivalled internal capability around TOS that will reduce our reliance on vendors and allow us to determine the pace we move at." The transport and logistics industry is evolving rapidly, with digitisation and IT taking centre stage when it comes to meeting the requirement of customers and partners. GC3 will employ industry best practices to reduce incident resolution time, the overall number of incidents, and ultimately exceed customer expectations. In other words, it will offer consistent and high-quality IT support and services to APM Terminals' operations, the release highlighted.

Over 25 GC3 trainees have commenced the intensive industry and operational training as well as application-specific training for Terminal Operating Systems, Application Development (AD), and Wireless Fleet Management Systems (WFMS).

## Port of Le Havre's expertise facilitates training of global port executives

The Port Institute of Teaching and Research (IPER) of the Business Higher School (EM Normandie) and HAROPA - Port of Le Havre is organising the 32nd edition of the advanced course on port operations and management, under the aegis of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), from September 10 to October 12, 2018 in Le Havre.

This course groups together 20 port executives from 18 emerging or developing countries (Bangladesh, Brazil, Jamaica, Kenya, Mexico, Panama, Seychelles, South Africa, Suriname...) holding posts such as Technical Director, Internal Control Director, Head of the Accounts Department, Sales Development Manager, etc. They come to acquire the new skills necessary for higher efficiency in the management and operation of their ports, relying on the knowhow of the port community in Le Havre.

The initial deal will be for five years, but it can be extended for another five years automatically. However, any side can cancel the agreement after giving six months' notice and can suspend the deal if a necessity arises.

## BMCT achieves vessel productivity of 155 moves per hour & monthly throughput of 50,000 TEUs

PSA's Bharat Mumbai Container Terminals (BMCT), at JN Port, has achieved a new vessel productivity benchmark of 155 moves per hour on COSCO Shipping Lines Co. Ltd's vessel *M.V. Xin Hong Kong*, which departed the terminal on September 30, 2018.

Together with sister vessels from service partners CMA CGM and Hapag-Lloyd, *M.V. Xin Hong Kong* operates the India Ocean/EPIC 2 weekly service, linking India and the Middle East directly with the North European ports of Antwerp, Hamburg and London, said a release.

A total of 2,462 moves were handled during the call which took less than 16 hours of operations, including 47 units of Out-of-Gauge (OOG) cargo—a demonstration of BMCT's flexibility in being able to handle large amounts of non-standard cargo to meet customers' needs.

With an increasing number of vessel calls, BMCT recorded a new monthly throughput record of 50,434 TEUs in September. Throughput at BMCT has progressively increased since commissioning in February 2018.

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