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### Indonesia looks to strengthen ties with India

#### Delegation from Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs visits JNPT to identify potential cooperation opportunities between Indonesia & India

A senior delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia visited Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) recently to explore potential cooperation opportunities in the maritime sector between both countries. This visit is part of their annual study programme with the theme, '**Connecting the connectivities in Indo-Pacific: Indian Ocean and Rim chapter**'. Both Indonesia and India are maritime neighbours and seafaring nations who share synergies in the evolving maritime environment in the region and world at large. A collaborative effort from both nations will not only strengthen their maritime business but also facilitate stability and robust economic growth to the Indo-Pacific region.

### Cabinet approves scheme to rebate State & Central embedded taxes to support textile sector

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, has approved the scheme to rebate State and Central embedded taxes to support the textile sector. **This will enable the government to take various measures for making exports of apparel and made-ups zero rated.**

At present, apparel and made-ups segments are supported under the scheme for Rebate of State Levies (RoSL). However, certain State as well as Central taxes continued to be present in the cost of exports. The proposed measures are expected to make the textile sector competitive. Rebate of all embedded State and Central taxes/levies for apparel and made-ups segments would make exports zero-rated, thereby boosting India's competitiveness in the export markets and ensuring equitable and inclusive growth of the textile and apparel sector

## Container barge service to Kottayam Port flagged off

A landmark in the history of inland movement through National Waterways 3 and 9 was achieved when the first barge, *KPACT-1*, with four TEUs of import loaded containers was flagged off last week from ICTT Cochin by the Chairman (I/C), Cochin Port Trust, in the presence of the Chief Commissioner of Customs, officials of the port, DP World, Customs, the shipping line and Kottayam Port. The barge will travel to Kottayam Port and ICD, thereby reducing the carbon footprint and congestion on the roads.

A regular service between ICTT Cochin and Kottayam Port and ICD will greatly benefit importers and exporters by way of reduced haulage for the last and first mile connectivity. It is expected that the cost of movement by waterway will be 30 to 40 per cent cheaper compared to road movement. This is in line with the objective of Sagar-mala, the flagship programme of the Union Ministry of Shipping

## Rotterdam Port extends incentive to all Green Award-certified liquid

The Port of Rotterdam Authority has decided to make the incentive applicable to Green Award ships more accessible. Rotterdam now offers a discount to all oil, chemical, products, LNG and LPG tankers holding the Green Award certificate.

Every liquid bulk carrier of any size enrolled to Green Award now benefits from a discount on the vessels' port dues when calling at Rotterdam. A discount of 15 per cent on the vessels' port dues related to the GT-size will apply. The Port Authority has also facilitated the pay-out process and will introduce a new system which makes claiming incentives unnecessary. The incentive will soon be automatically awarded upon notification by the agent that a vessel with a Green Award certificate is calling at the port.

Green Award is a certification and incentives programme for shipping that was established in 1994. The Port of Rotterdam was one of the founding fathers of Green Award and its very first incentive provider

## First Afghan shipment to India via Iran's Chabahar Port arrives at Nhava

On March 13, 2019, the Afghanistan Consulate General in Mumbai, with the cooperation of JN Port, organised a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Nhava Sheva for the first Afghan shipment to India via Iran's Chabahar Port.

The occasion was graced by Mr Naseem Sharifi, Consul General of Afghanistan, Mr Vivek Johri, Chief Commissioner of Customs, JNCH, Mr Neeraj Bansal, Deputy Chairman of JN Port, Mr Khushru Reza Zadeh, Consul General of Iran, and Mr Arun Kumar Gupta, Managing Director of India Ports Global Ltd, besides dignitaries from CII and FICCI, who inaugurated the first Afghan shipment to India via Chabahar, said an official release.

The first shipment contained 570 tonnes of Afghan exports in over 20 containers, which included 130 tonnes of mung beans and 440 tonnes of talc.

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