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LOGISTICS INDUSTRY NEWS

MUNDRA LNG TERMINAL TO RECEIVE COMMISSIONING CARGO IN H2 JANUARY

Mundra LNG terminal in Gujarat co-owned by Gujarat State Petroleum Corp (GSPC) and Adani Group is set to receive its commissioning cargo in the second half of January, according to a source familiar with the matter.

The terminal has been operationally ready since late last year but commissioning was delayed due to a commercial dispute between the developers, market sources said.

APSEZ'S BRIGHT VIEW IS UNDER QUESTION

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) made modest cuts to its annual forecast last month despite a notable slowdown in the September quarter. Volume growth slowed from 18% in the June quarter to a mere 1% last quarter.

But the company projected revenue growth of 11-13% for FY20 compared with its earlier guidance of 12-14% growth.

Evidently, the management hopes that volumes will improve in the second half of the fiscal year. However, traffic trends at major ports do not indicate any major recovery.

SHIPPERS: LINER LOW-SULFUR SURCHARGES ARE NOT ETHICAL OR TRANSPARENT

Shippers are furious that low-sulfur IMO 2020 fuel surcharges introduced by lines vary so widely, even between carriers offering the same service within an alliance. Container lines are acting with “opacity,” using “hidden formulas and no data backup” to calculate surcharges which they are using as an “opportunity to recover from low freight rates,” according to Jordi Espín, maritime policy manager at the European Shippers’ Council.

SHIPPING INDUSTRY TO WITNESS COST RISE OF $15 BN OVER IMO REGULATIONS

With IMO (International Maritime Organisation) 2020 regulation round the corner, the global container shipping industry is expected to witness a cost escalation of $15 billion, experts said.

A new component called Low Sulphur Surcharge (LSS) will be added to the freight rate when ships start using cleaner fuel.

TRANSPAC VOLUMES SET FOR FURTHER DECLINE, DESPITE US-CHINA TRADE PACT

The suspension by the US of the planned 15% tariffs on $160bn of Chinese imports and the halving to 7.5% of the existing duty on $112bn of other goods has come too late to rescue transpacific volumes this year and next, according to Alphaliner.

BANGLADESH TO ALLOW TRANSHIPMENT OF INDIAN GOODS FROM JANUARY SANS CUSTOM DUTIES, TRANSIT FEES

Bangladesh, notwithstanding its decision to cancel visits by foreign and home ministers to India last week in the aftermath of Citizenship (Amendment) Bill controversy, will allow transhipment of Indian goods via Chittagong and Mongla sea ports from January without charging customs duties and transit fees.

CONTAINER TRADE IN THIRD QUARTER OF 2019 SEEN FLAT COMPARED TO GLOBAL GROWTH OF 1.5%: MAERSK

India's container trade in the third quarter of 2019 is seen flat as compared to global growth of 1.5%, according to a trade report released by Maersk, the world's largest container shipping company.

The Maersk report for import and export for July-September 2019 for India says that while imports into the country witnessed a subdued growth, the overall fiscal impact was nullified by an identical contraction in exports.

INDIA TO OPEN NEW PORTS TO CONNECT IRAN'S CHABAHAR

India, Iran and Afghanistan have decided to open Mormugoa and New Mangalore Port in addition to JNPT, Mundra, Kandla and Cochin as part of designated route under the Chabahar Agreement for connecting South Asia's biggest country to strategically located port.

This was decided at the second meeting of the Follow-up Committee for implementation of the trilateral Chabahar Agreement between India, Afghanistan and Iran at the level of Joint Secretary/ Director General.

UZBEKISTAN KEEN TO CONNECT INDIA VIA AFGHANISTAN & IRAN

Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev is keen that India joins a railway project in Afghanistan that will help in stabilising the landlocked country and connect it to Eurasia and Iran.

The railway, almost 650 km in length, which will connect Mazar-e-Sharif and Herat cities and will later be extended to Kabul, is a major project agreed to by President Ashraf Ghani and President Mirziyoyev.

The preliminary surveys for the project have already been completed. “Uzbekistan support a greater presence of India in Central Asia that will also help Afghanistan,” sources said.

IN A BIG RELIEF TO EXPORTERS, SBI WITHDRAWS E-BRC CHARGES

In what can be termed as a major relief to exporters, the State Bank of India (SBI) has decided to withdraw charges levied on the issuance of Bank Realisation Certificate (e-BRC) for the export of shipments.

Banks charge Rs 1000 as e-BRC fee for every shipment exported from the country. SBI decision to withdraw e-BRC charges came after the intervention of Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal.

MSC ENHANCES ITS FALCON SERVICE

MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company is pleased to announce the addition of a port call at Nhava Sheva on the Falcon service, effective as from end of December. The first sailing from Qingdao, will start on December 30 with the MSC Ajaccio, Voyage 001A. The new rotation will be: Qingdao – Shanghai – Ningbo – Shekou – Singapore – Colombo – Nhava Sheva – Jebel Ali – Abu Dhabi – Hamad – Dammam – Umm Qasr – Qingdao.

A YEAR OF "WORRYING TRENDS" IN CONTAINER SHIPPING

INDIA TO SPEED UP IRAN'S CHABAHAR PROJECT TO BETTER ACCESS AFGHANISTAN, CENTRAL ASIA

Iran and India have agreed to speed up the development of Chabahar port which New Delhi views as a gateway to access Afghanistan and Central Asia, Iran's news agency reported.

Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar announced the news on December 23 after meeting Iranian officials in Tehran.

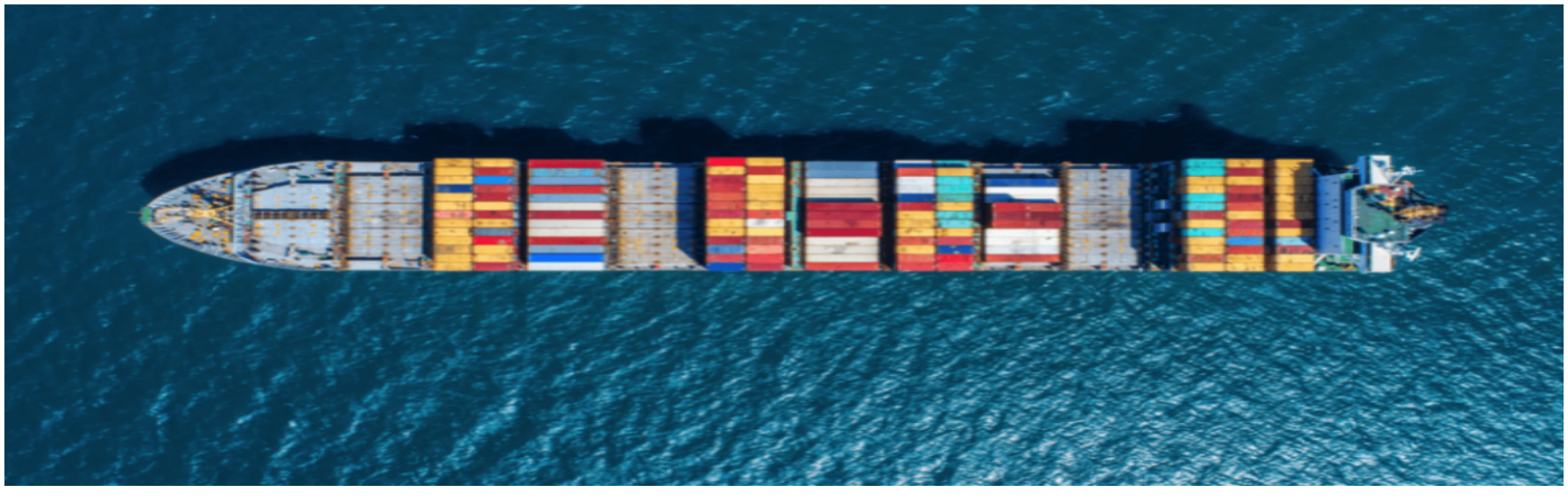
AP PROPOSES ₹10K-CR SEAPORT AT RAMAYAPATNAM

The Andhra Pradesh government is proposing to set up a Greenfield seaport at Ramayapatnam in Prakasam district at an outlay of ₹10,000 crore. The Government of Andhra Pradesh is proposing to develop a green field port at Ramayapatnam in Andhra Pradesh to meet the ever increasing cargo demand in the State.

INDIAN RAILWAYS MAY RATIONALISE FARE, CUT FREIGHT RATES TO BOOST ECONOMY

In September, the railways had announced several incentives to boost freight traffic. These included deferring the levy of busy season charge, waiving the supplementary charges applicable to loading rakes, and introducing the round-trip charge on container traffic.

AS GLOBAL SHIPPING SAILS INTO 'GREENER' FUTURE, TRADE FACES FURTHER PRESSURE



The global shipping industry will embark on a "greener" journey from 2020 as a new rule mandated by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) on using low sulphur fuel oil to cut ship emissions takes effect, raising ocean haulage costs for exporters and importers.

JEENA NEWS

JEENA & COMPANY HAS BEEN RATED MSE1 BY CRISIL WHICH IS THE HIGHEST GRADED RATING FOR MSE SEGMENT.

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CRISIL Rating: CRISIL MSE 1

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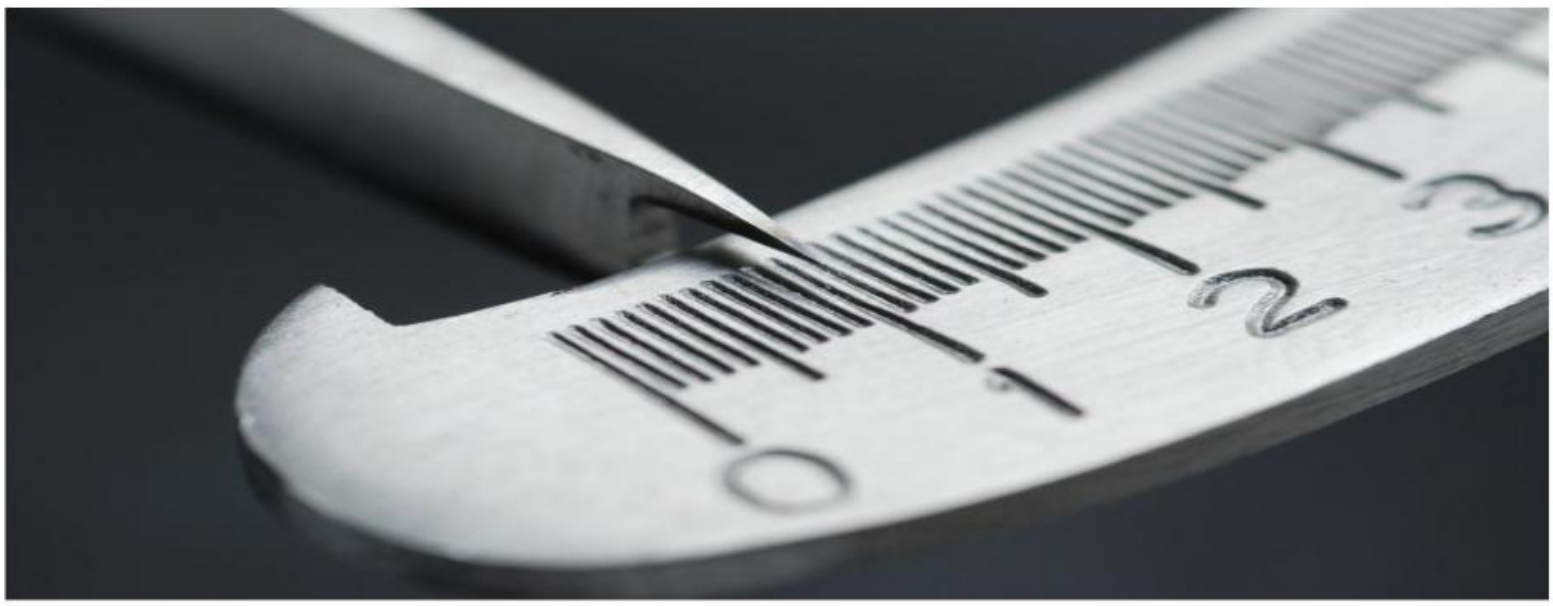

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CII REPORT PAINTS A BLEAK PICTURE OF TRADE SCENARIO

International trade is expected to slow down both internationally and domestically according to a report by the Confederation of Indian Industry.

The report titled ‘India’s Exports: Trends, Challenges and Future Strategy’, said that this slowdown traces itself to an increase in protectionism across the world, as the ongoing US-China trade war shows. “Also there has been a slowdown in growth in the EU region. Additionally, due to a lack of nominations, the appellate body of the WTO has only one remaining member. These actions together have resulted in a slowdown of international trade,” the report said.

MANUFACTURING SECTOR STARES AT ANOTHER CHALLENGING YEAR

The manufacturing sector, which is just emerging out of an historic slowdown, is in for yet another challenging year in 2020, with the banking sector tightening credit flow, and the government cutting its spending on infrastructure projects.

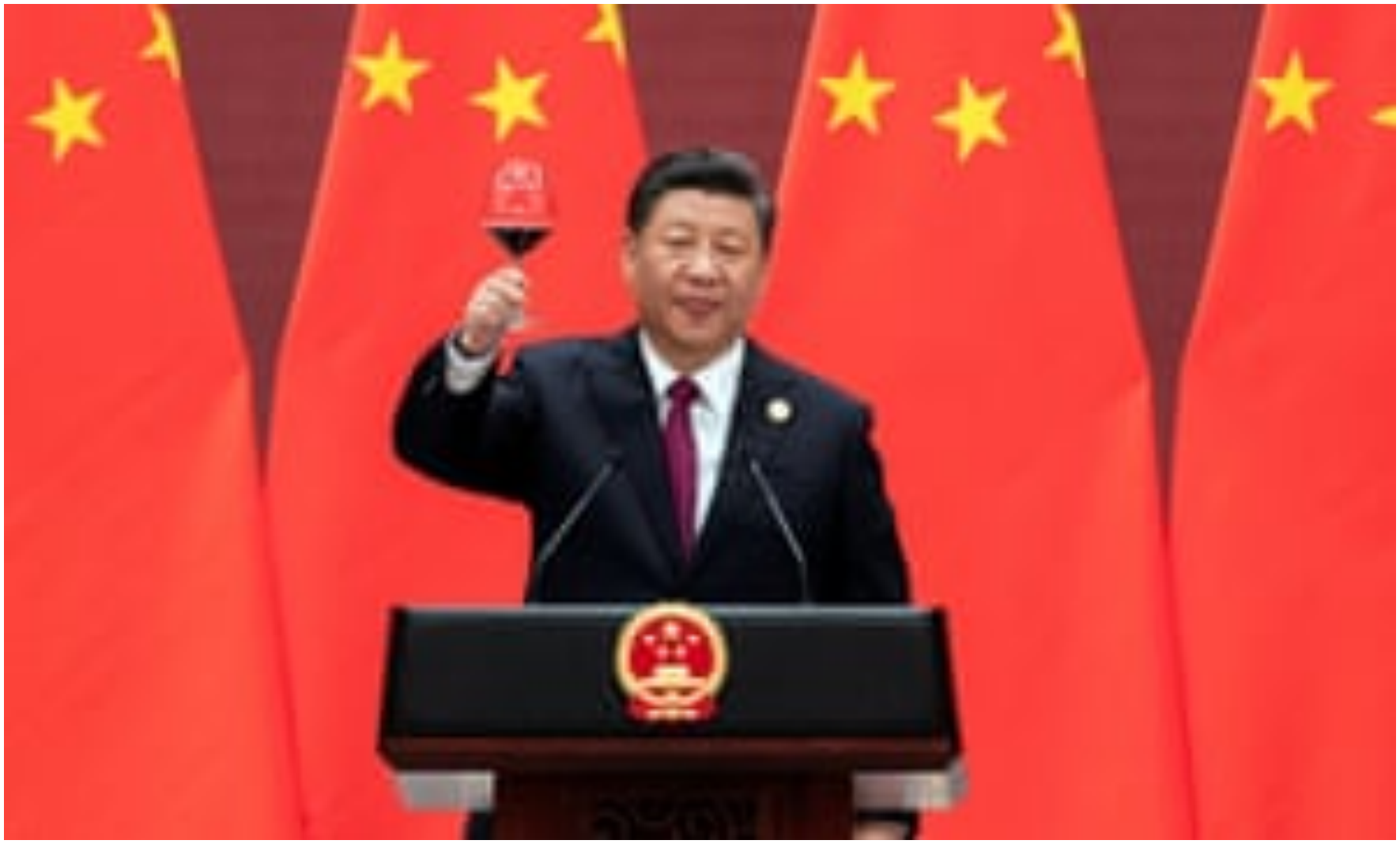
INDIA'S EXPORTS MAY TOUCH $330-340 BILLION THIS FISCAL: EXPORTERS BODY FIEO

The country's exports are expected to touch USD 330-340 billion during the ongoing fiscal on account of uncertain global situation and rising protectionism, exporters body FIEO said on Monday.

INDIA'S Q2 CAD NARROWS SHARPLY TO 0.9% OF GDP ON LOWER TRADE DEFICIT

India's current account deficit (CAD) narrowed sharply to 0.9 per cent of GDP in the July-September (Q2) of FY2019-20 from 2.9 per cent in the year ago period and 2 per cent in the preceding quarter. This contraction in CAD was primarily on account of lower trade deficit.

TRUMP SETS DATE FOR SIGNING US-CHINA 'DEAL'

Donald Trump has announced he will sign a long-awaited trade agreement with China on 15 January. The pact, a "phase one" deal, is expected to reduce tensions between the two economic giants.

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