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“It’s not the organizations that are competing. It’s the Supply Chains that are competing.” –  
Wael Safwat

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## LOGISTICS INDUSTRY NEWS

### Shipping Minister of India directs ports to procure, charter indigenously –built vessels



In line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision of “Atmanirbhar Bharat”, the Ministry of Shipping has directed all major ports to procure or charter small vessels which are built in India in order to promote ship building in the country. Speaking to ANI, Union Shipping Minister Mansukh L Mandaviya said that the new plan will help to build small vessels at 16 major shipyards in the country.

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## COVID impact: Cargo handling at Indian ports drops 17% to 245 mn tonnes in April – August



Impacted by disruptions caused due to COVID-19, India's major ports continued to witness a fall in cargo handling, registering 16.56% dip to 245.04 million tonnes (MT) between April and August this fiscal, according to the apex ports body IPA.

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## Unions urge Govt. to revoke advisories to ports on offering concessions to users hit by pandemic



Port workers unions have urged the Government to withdraw the advisories issued to the 12 state-owned major ports directing them to grant exemption/remission in charges due to force majeure triggered by the pandemic stating that it would plunge them into “deeper financial crisis.”

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**90% commercial vehicles back on road, toll collections indicate: ICRA**



Post the resumption of tolling on national highways from April 20, 2020, the movement of commercial vehicles picked up significant pace over the last three months and has reached near 90 percent of pre-COVID levels in July, according to the credit rating agency ICRA.

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The third day of the Supply Chain Triathlon organized by Logistics Insider was powered by Jeena and marked the first event by Jeena under the innovative umbrella concept of “Embracing the New Normal.” There are many more to come. It gives us immense pleasure to announce that the event was a huge success.

It was a knowledge-packed LinkedIn live session where we had eminent speakers: Dr Pramod Sant VP – Head of EXIM & Customs, Siemens, Mr. Saurabh Kumar, CEO, GMR Hyderabad Air Cargo & Logistics, Mr. AV Vijyakumar, Chairman, Federation of Freight Forwarders Association of India (FFFAI), and Mr. Hardik Thosani, Senior Manager – EXIM, Jeena & Company as the moderator.

## **Jeena to begin e-invoicing from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

e-invoicing is a metamorphosis that Jeena is going to undergo from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020. By virtue of this process, B2B invoices would be electronically uploaded and authenticated by the designated portal of GST. E-invoicing comes with a plethora of benefits and Jeena is glad to adapt to this change.

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## **Pandemic created tech opportunities in customs clearance**



The coronavirus pandemic has forced every sector to embrace technology, and logistics and customs have been no different., as sector players say that it has created more opportunities for technology in customs clearance making the process less cumbersome.

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## Airlines plan global airlift to distribute COVID vaccines worldwide



IATA has estimated that reaching the vaccine to all 7.8 billion people on the planet would call for an airlift filling the equivalent of 8,000 Boeing 747 freighters.

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# World Bank helping Indian Railways to formulate private freight terminal policy



The World Bank, which has part-funded the dedicated freight corridor, is working with the Railways to formulate the private freight terminal (PFT) policy. The Railways, meanwhile, has taken policy decisions to attract freight to the rail-mode.

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## China's Exports Ramp Up as Countries Emerge From Lockdowns

China's export machine gained steam in August as countries gradually recovering from coronavirus lockdowns, including the U.S., snapped up more Chinese-made goods.

Outbound shipments from China rose 9.5% in August from a year earlier, beating July's 7.2% increase and economists' median forecast for 7.3% growth, data released by the General Administration of Customs showed Monday.

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