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ଡିବ୍ରୁଗଡ଼ରେ ବ୍ରହ୍ମପୁତ୍ର (ଜାତୀୟ ଜଳପଥ ୨) ରେ ଆଭ୍ୟନ୍ତରୀଣ ଜଳପଥକୁ ମଜବୁତ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ସର୍ବାନନ୍ଦ ସୋନୋୱାଲ ତିନୋଟି ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପର ଉଦ୍‌ଘାଟନ କରିଛନ୍ତି

ଡିବ୍ରୁଗଡ଼, ୨/୩(ଡିକେ ନ୍ୟୁଜ୍): କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ବନ୍ଦର, ଜାହାଜ ଚଳାଚଳ ଏବଂ ଜଳପଥ ମନ୍ତ୍ରାଳୟ ସର୍ବାନନ୍ଦ ସୋନୋୱାଲ ଜାତୀୟ ଜଳପଥ-୨ (ବ୍ରହ୍ମପୁତ୍ର ନଦୀ) ରେ ତିନୋଟି ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ଜଳପଥ ଭିତ୍ତିଭୂମି ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପର ଉଦ୍‌ଘାଟନ କରିଛନ୍ତି । ପ୍ରଧାନମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ନରେନ୍ଦ୍ର ମୋଦିଙ୍କ ନେତୃତ୍ୱରେ 'ବିକାଶ ଏବଂ ବିରାଟ' ର ଏକ ସମ୍ମୁଖିତ ଆଭିଯୁକ୍ତ ନେତ୍ର ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ବିକଶିତ ହୋଇଥିବା ଶ୍ରୀ ସୋନୋୱାଲ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିଛନ୍ତି । ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପଗୁଡ଼ିକ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ବୋଗିବିଲରେ କଷ୍ଟ ଏବଂ ଇମ୍ପିଗ୍ରେସନ୍ କମ୍ପ୍ଲେକ୍ସ ଏବଂ ଇମ୍ପିଗ୍ରେସନ୍ କମ୍ପ୍ଲେକ୍ସ ଏବଂ ଡିବ୍ରୁଗଡ଼ରେ ଭାରତୀୟ ଆଭ୍ୟନ୍ତରୀଣ ଜଳପଥ ପ୍ରାଧିକରଣ (ଆଇଡବ୍ଲ୍ୟୁଏଆଇ)ର ପୁନଃନିର୍ମିତ ଐତିହ୍ୟ ଭବନ ସାମିଲ ରହିଛି । ଚୈତିକିତି ଫିଲ୍ଡରେ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ଆସାମ ଶକ୍ତି ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ପ୍ରଶାନ୍ତ ପୁକନ, ପୂର୍ବ ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ଯୋଗେନ ମୋହନ, ଶିଳ୍ପ ଏବଂ ବାଣିଜ୍ୟ ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ

ବିମଲ ବୋରାହ ଯୋଗ ଦେଇଥିଲେ । ସେହିଭଳି ସାଂସଦ ରମେଶ୍ୱର ତେଲି, ବିଧାୟକ ତେରଶ ଗୋଝାଲା, ଚକ୍ରଧର ଗୋଗୋଇ, ବିନୋଦ ହଜାରିକା, ପୋନାକନ ବରୁଆ, ତରଙ୍ଗା ଗୋଗୋଇ, ସଞ୍ଜୟ କିଷାନ ଏବଂ ଭାଷ୍ଟର ଶର୍ମା ,କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ବନ୍ଦର ସଚିବ ବିଜୟ କୁମାର, ଆଇଡବ୍ଲ୍ୟୁଏଆଇ ଅଧ୍ୟକ୍ଷ ସୁନୀଲ ପାଲିବାଲ ମଧ୍ୟ ଏଥିରେ ଉପସ୍ଥିତ ଥିଲେ । କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମକୁ ସମ୍ବୋଧିତ କରି ସୋନୋୱାଲ କହିଛନ୍ତି ଯେ, ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପଗୁଡ଼ିକ ପ୍ରଧାନମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ନରେନ୍ଦ୍ର ମୋଦିଙ୍କ ଗତିଶୀଳ ଶାସନ ମଡେଲକୁ ପ୍ରତିଫଳିତ କରେ ଯାହା ସାଂସ୍କୃତିକ ପରିଚୟ ନ ହରାଇ ମଧ୍ୟ ଦ୍ରୁତ ବିକାଶକୁ ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱ ଦିଏ । 'ପ୍ରଧାନମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ନରେନ୍ଦ୍ର ମୋଦିଙ୍କ ଭବିଷ୍ୟପତ୍ନୀ ନେତୃତ୍ୱରେ, ଆମେ ବିକଶିତ ଭାରତ ଲକ୍ଷ୍ୟ ଦିଗରେ ଅଗ୍ରସର । ଆମେ ଐତିହ୍ୟ ଓ ସଂସ୍କୃତିକୁ ସଂରକ୍ଷଣ କରି ପ୍ରଗତି ଏବଂ ଆର୍ଥିକ ବିକାଶ ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରୟାସ କରୁଛୁ । ବ୍ରହ୍ମପୁତ୍ର କେବଳ ଏକ ନଦୀ ନୁହେଁ; ଏହା ଆମର



ଜୀବନରେଖା, ଆମର ଇତିହାସ ଏବଂ ଆମର ଭବିଷ୍ୟତ, ' ବୋଲି ଶ୍ରୀ ସୋନୋୱାଲ କହିଛନ୍ତି । ସୋନୋୱାଲ ପୁଣି କହିଛନ୍ତି ଯେ, ନୂତନ ଭାବରେ ଉନ୍ନତ ଡିଭିଜନ୍ ଲଜିଷ୍ଟିକ୍ସ ପୁସ୍ତକ ? ?କରିବ । ଯାତ୍ରା ପରିବହନକୁ ବୃଦ୍ଧି କରିବାରେ ଏହା ସହାୟକ ହେବ । ଉତ୍ତର-ପୂର୍ବରେ ବାଣିଜ୍ୟ ଏବଂ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟଟନ ପାଇଁ ଏହି ପରକ୍ଷେପ ନୂଆ ସୁଯୋଗ ସୃଷ୍ଟି କରିବ । ବୋଗିବିଲରେ ଥିବା କଷ୍ଟ ଏବଂ ଇମ୍ପିଗ୍ରେସନ୍ କମ୍ପ୍ଲେକ୍ସକୁ ଏକ ଆଧୁନିକ

ପର୍ଯ୍ୟଟନ-କମ୍ପ୍ୟୁଟିଂ ଚର୍ମିନାଲର ଅଂଶ ଭାବରେ ବିକଶିତ କରାଯାଇଛି । ଏହା ଦ୍ୱାରା ଗୋଟିଏ କମ୍ପ୍ଲେକ୍ସ ମଧ୍ୟରେ କଷ୍ଟ, ଇମ୍ପିଗ୍ରେସନ୍ ଏବଂ ଆଇଡବ୍ଲ୍ୟୁଏଆଇ ପ୍ରଶାସନିକ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟଗୁଡ଼ିକୁ ଏକାକୃତ କରିଥାଏ । ଏହି ସୁବିଧାରେ ସ୍ୱତନ୍ତ୍ର ଆଗମନ ଏବଂ ପ୍ରସ୍ଥାନ ଅପେକ୍ଷା ହଲ୍, କାର୍ଗୋ ସଂରକ୍ଷଣ କ୍ଷେତ୍ର, ପ୍ରଶାସନିକ ବ୍ଲକ୍, କର୍ମଚାରୀ ସୁବିଧା ଏବଂ ସମନ୍ୱିତ ସ୍ୱରକ୍ଷା ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ଅନ୍ତର୍ଭୁକ୍ତ ରହିଛି । ଏହାର ଲକ୍ଷ୍ୟ ଜାତୀୟ ଜଳପଥ

୨ ସହିତ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ବକ୍ଷତା ଉନ୍ନତ କରିବା ଏବଂ ଭାରତ-ବାଙ୍ଗଳାଦେଶ ନିୟମ ଆଧାରିତ ରୁଟ୍ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ବାଣିଜ୍ୟକୁ ସହଜ କରିବା । ଧୁବି କଷ୍ଟ ଏବଂ ଇମ୍ପିଗ୍ରେସନ୍ କମ୍ପ୍ଲେକ୍ସକୁ ପଶ୍ଚିମ ଆସାମରେ ନିୟମିତ ତଦାରଖ ବୃଦ୍ଧି କରିବା ଏବଂ ରପ୍ତାନି-ଆମଦାନୀ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକୁ ବୃଦ୍ଧି କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଡିଜାଇନ୍ କରାଯାଇଛି । ଏହା ସହରକୁ ଆଭ୍ୟନ୍ତରୀଣ ଜଳ ପରିବହନ ଏବଂ ବ୍ୟାଘାତ ଏବଂ ଭୁଗୋଳ ସହିତ ସାମାପର ବାଣିଜ୍ୟ ପାଇଁ ଏକ ରଣନୈତିକ ପ୍ରବେଶପଥ ଭାବରେ ସ୍ଥାନିତ କରିଥାଏ । ଡିବ୍ରୁଗଡ଼ରେ ପୁନଃନିର୍ମିତ ଐତିହ୍ୟ ଭବନ ଉନ୍ନତ ଡିଭିଜନ୍ ସହିତ ପ୍ଳାପତ୍ୟ ବୈଶିଷ୍ଟ୍ୟଗୁଡ଼ିକର ପୁନରୁଦ୍ଧାରକୁ ମିଶ୍ରଣ କରିଥାଏ । ଅଧିକାରୀମାନେ କହିଛନ୍ତି ଯେ ଏହି କୋଠା ଜାତୀୟ ଜଳପଥରେ ଆଇଡବ୍ଲ୍ୟୁଏଆଇର ପ୍ରଶାସନିକ ଆବଶ୍ୟକତା ପୂରଣ କରିବ ଏବଂ ନଦୀଭିତ୍ତିକ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟଟନରେ ମଧ୍ୟ ଯୋଗଦାନ ଏବଂ ଅଞ୍ଚଳର ସ୍ଥାପତ୍ୟ ଐତିହ୍ୟକୁ ସଂରକ୍ଷଣ କରିବ ।

Summary:

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated three waterway projects on National Waterway-2 (Brahmaputra River) to boost inland waterways. The projects include Customs and Immigration Complexes at Bogibil and Dhubri, and a renovated heritage building in Dibrugarh, aiming to enhance trade, tourism, and administrative efficiency in the region while preserving cultural heritage.

Sonowal attends Khring Khring Baitho Puja in Dibrugarh

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DIBRUGARH: Union minister and Dibrugarh Lok Sabha MP Sarbananda Sonowal attended the Khring Khring Baitho Puja, the traditional agricultural festival of the Sonwal Kachari community, at Jokal in Dibrugarh on Monday. The programme was organised by the Government of Assam cultural affairs department.

Addressing the gathering as chief guest, Sonowal said India has been able to present itself before the world with dignity under the leadership of Narendra Modi, rooted in the country's ancient cultural traditions. He said values drawn from Sanatan culture have helped project India's intellectual, spiritual and cultural thought globally.

Extending greetings on the occasion, Sonowal expressed hope that the festival would strengthen heritage, unity and traditional values of the Sonwal Kachari community and bring prosperity, peace and a bountiful harvest.

Highlighting the importance of spiritual education, he said



: Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at the Khring Kring Baitho Puja in Dibrugarh on Monday.

discipline in society is rooted in spiritual values and added that the spiritual identity of the Sonwal Kachari community is reflected in the observance of Khring Khring Baitho Puja, a tradition passed down through generations. He offered prayers for the welfare and prosperity of all.

The union minister said that while the 21st century is marked by rapid advances in science and technology and growing global competition, communities must remain spiritually and culturally

strong to preserve their distinct identity.

Urging the younger generation to excel in diverse fields, he stressed the need to empower youth in education, culture, sports, science, agriculture, industry, commerce and research.

Among those present were Dibrugarh Development Authority chairman Ashim Hazarika, Dibrugarh Municipal Corporation deputy mayor Ujjwal Phukan and Dibrugarh district BJP president Dulal Bora.

Summary:

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal attended the Khring Khring Baitho Puja in Dibrugarh, a traditional agricultural festival of the Sonwal Kachari community. Sonowal highlighted India's progress under Narendra Modi's leadership and emphasized the importance of spiritual education and cultural preservation in the face of global competition.

Discipline Cannot Be Mastered Without Spiritual Education: Minister Sonowal at Khring Khring Baith Puja in Jakaichuk

আধ্যাত্মিক শিক্ষা অবিহনে শৃংখলাবদ্ধতা আয়ত্ত কৰিব নোৱাৰি

■ জকাইচুকত শ্ৰীং শ্ৰীং বাইথ' পূজাত কেন্দ্ৰীয় মন্ত্ৰী সোণোৱাল ■

দৈনিক অসমৰ প্ৰতিনিধি

ডিব্ৰুগড়, ২ মাৰ্চ : অসমৰ অন্যতম ভূমিপুত্ৰ সোণোৱাল কছাৰী জনগোষ্ঠীৰ পৰম্পৰাগত পাৰ্বণ শ্ৰীং শ্ৰীং বাইথ' পূজা উপলক্ষে আজি অসম চৰকাৰৰ সাংস্কৃতিক পৰিক্ৰমা বিভাগৰ উদ্যোগত বৰ্ণাঢ্যা কাৰ্যসূচীৰে ডিব্ৰুগড়ৰ জকাইত আয়োজিত বৰ্ণাঢ্যা অনুষ্ঠানত কেন্দ্ৰীয় মন্ত্ৰী তথা ডিব্ৰুগড় লোকসভা সমষ্টিৰ সাংসদ সৰ্বানন্দ সোণোৱাল মুখ্য অতিথি হিচাপে উপস্থিত থাকে। ভাষণ প্ৰসংগত মন্ত্ৰী সোণোৱালে কয়— কৃষিভিত্তিক এই ধৰ্মীয় উৎসৱে আমাৰ ঐতিহ্য-পৰম্পৰা, একতা সুদৃঢ় কৰি কঢ়িয়াই আনক শাসাসত্ত্বা বতৰা আৰু সকলোৰে জীৱনত বিৰাজ কৰক অক্ষুৰ্ত সুখ-শান্তি, সমৃদ্ধিৰ অমিয়া বতৰা। সোণোৱালে লগতে কয়— সোণোৱাল কছাৰী সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ আধ্যাত্মিক পৰিচয় শ্ৰীং শ্ৰীং বাইথ' পূজাৰ যোগেদি প্ৰকাশ পায়। তাহানি কালৰে পৰা আমাৰ উপৰিপুৰুষসকলে আমাক এই শক্তিশালী আধ্যাত্মিক পৰম্পৰা উপহাৰ দি গৈছে। আজি এই শুভক্ষণত সেইসকল মহান মনীষী, উপৰিপুৰুষ, দেৱতাসকলসে মই মোৰ গভীৰ প্ৰণিপাত যাচিছোঁ। যদি আমি সকলোৰে জীৱনৰ বাটত শৃংখলাবদ্ধভাৱে অগ্ৰগতি লাভ কৰিব বিচাৰোঁ, তেতিয়াহে আধ্যাত্মিক চিন্তা-চৰ্চাৰে সমাজক প্ৰাণবন্ত কৰি তুলিব লাগিব। আধ্যাত্মিক শিক্ষা অবিহনে মানুহে কেতিয়াও শৃংখলাবদ্ধতা আয়ত্ত কৰিব নোৱাৰে। সেইকাৰণে



তাহানিকালৰ পৰা আমাৰ গুৰুসকলেও বিভিন্ন শতিকাত এই কথাবিলাক আমাৰ সমাজ ব্যৱস্থা শক্তিশালী কৰাৰ নিমিত্তে, সমাজখন শৃংখলাবদ্ধ কৰি তুলিবৰ বাবে শক্তিশালী আধ্যাত্মিক পৰম্পৰা প্ৰৱৰ্তন কৰি থৈ গৈছে। পাঁচ হাজাৰ বছৰ পূৰ্বনি ভাৰতীয় সনাতন সংস্কৃতিৰ বিষয়ে আপোনালোক সকলোৰে অধ্যয়ন কৰিছে। সেই সনাতন সংস্কৃতিৰ পৰাই যিটো সংস্কাৰ আমি লাভ কৰিছোঁ, সেই পৰম্পৰাৰ আধাৰতে আজি ভাৰতবৰ্ষই মাননীয় প্ৰধানমন্ত্ৰী নৰেন্দ্ৰ মোদীৰ বলিষ্ঠ নেতৃত্বত বিশ্বৰ বুকুত মৰ্যাদাসহকাৰে নিজৰ বৌদ্ধিক, আধ্যাত্মিক আৰু সাংস্কৃতিক চিন্তা-চৰ্চাৰে সূৰ্য্যোজ্জ্বল পৰিচয় দাঙি ধৰিবলৈ সক্ষম হৈছে। একবিংশ শতিকাত বিজ্ঞান আৰু প্ৰযুক্তিৰ প্ৰভাৱ যথেষ্ট

শক্তিশালী। এই শতিকাতো প্ৰতিযোগিতাৰ শতিকা। গতিকে এই শতিকাত যদি এটা জনগোষ্ঠীয়ে স্বকীয় ৰৈশিষ্ট্য অটুট ৰাখি নিজৰ শক্তিশালী পৰিচয় দিব বিচাৰে, তেতিয়াহে আধ্যাত্মিক আৰু সাংস্কৃতিকভাৱে সেই জনগোষ্ঠীটো বিশেষভাৱে শক্তিশালী হ'ব লাগিব। গতিকে মই ভাৰোঁ যে আজি আমাৰ সোণোৱাল কছাৰী সম্প্ৰদায়টোক একবিংশ শতিকাত পৃথিৱীৰ অন্যতম শক্তিশালী সম্প্ৰদায় হিচাপে গঢ়ি তুলিব লগা হ'লে শিক্ষা, সংস্কৃতি, ক্ৰীড়া, বিজ্ঞান, কৃষি, উদ্যোগ, বাণিজ্য, মহাকাশ বিজ্ঞান, গৱেষণা, মহাসাগৰ বিজ্ঞান আৰু গৱেষণা আদি সকলো ক্ষেত্ৰতে নতুন প্ৰজন্মক শক্তিশালী কৰিব লাগিব, যাতে তেওঁলোকে পাবৰ্শিতা দেখুৱাব পাৰে। আৰু পাবৰ্শিতা দেখুৱাব লগা হ'লে শৃংখলাবদ্ধ যাত্ৰাৰে আওৰাই যোৱাৰ বাবে সংকল্পবদ্ধ হ'ব লাগিব। এই সময়ছোৱাত লগতে উপস্থিত থাকে অসম চৰকাৰৰ মন্ত্ৰী বিমল বড়া, খোৱাং সমষ্টিৰ বিধায়ক চন্দ্ৰধৰ গগৈ, সোণোৱাল কছাৰী স্বায়ত্তশাসিত পৰিষদৰ মুখ্য কাৰ্যবাহী সদস্য টংকেশ্বৰ সোণোৱাল, ডিব্ৰুগড় জিলা পৰিষদৰ সভামন্ত্ৰী পুষ্পাঞ্জলি সোণোৱাল, জিলা পৰিষদৰ মুখ্য কাৰ্যবাহী বিষয়া দীপু ডেকা, ডিব্ৰুগড় উন্নয়ন প্ৰাধিকৰণৰ অধ্যক্ষ অসীম হাজৰিকা, ডিব্ৰুগড় পৌৰ নিগমৰ উপ-মেয়ৰ উজ্জ্বল ফকন, ডিব্ৰুগড় জিলা বিজেপিৰ সভাপতি দুলাল বৰা প্ৰমুখ্যে বিশিষ্ট ব্যক্তিসকল।

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মেঘ : পদমৰ্যাদা ক্ষুণ্ণ। কামনা-বাসনা পূৰ্ণ। প্ৰিয়জনৰ আগমন। বাৰসায়-বিবাহ আদি শুভ কৰ্ম পৰিচালনা কৰা ব্যৱসায়ীসকলে আৰ্থিক দিশত যথেষ্ট উন্নতি লাভ কৰিবলৈ সক্ষম হ'ব। শত্ৰুৰ পৰা ভয়। স্বাস্থ্যৰ প্ৰতি আৰু ভাৱধাৰাৰ প্ৰতি সচেতন হোৱাটো জতি আৱশ্যক।



বুধ : বায় বৃদ্ধি। বন্ধু বিচ্ছেদ। নাচ-গান, খেলা-খুলা, কবিতা-গল্প লিখা আদিৰ জৰিয়তে সমান কঢ়িয়াবলৈ সক্ষম হ'ব। প্ৰেম-প্ৰণয়ত বাধা, ভুল বুজাবুজি, অৰ্থ বায়, মানসিক অশান্তি আৰু সমান হানি আদিৰ সম্ভাৱনা দেখা যায়। ধন ক্ষতি। বন্ধুৰ সৈতে মনোমালিন্য, মিছা অপবাদ।



মিথুন : ৰোগৰ ভয়। ধন লাভ। বয়সস্থ জাতক-জাতিকাই বিবাহত মন মেলিব পাৰে। ধন প্ৰাপ্তি। আৰ্থিকভাৱে জৰুৰিত কৰিব পাৰে। কৰ্মত লাভ। বেহা-বেপাৰ আদিত লোকজনৰ সমুখীন হোৱাৰ আশংকাই দেখা দিব। অপবাদ-প্ৰাৰ্ণি। বাৰসায়-বাণিজ্যৰ মাধ্যমত প্ৰতিষ্ঠা লাভৰ যোগে দেখা দিব।



কৰ্কট : নানা হতাশাই দেখা দিব। দুৰ্বলতা-ৰোগ। শুভ সংবাদ প্ৰাপ্তি। গৃহ অশান্তি, মাতৃ পীড়া, ব্যৱসায়ৰ দিশত অনুকূল পৰিবেশ, সমসাই ভাৰাজ্ঞাত কৰিব পাৰে। পাৰিবাৰিক সম্বন্ধ মধুৰ হ'ব। মাটি, সম্পত্তি ক্ষেত্ৰত সমস্যাৰ সমুখীন হ'ব পাৰে। সম্পত্তি কিৰাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত সাৱধান হোৱা উচিত।



সিংহ : সামান্য কাৰণত বিবাদ। প্ৰত্যাহ্বাৰ ভয়। চিকিৎসাদিত

Summary:

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal attended the 'Khring Khring Baith' Puja in Dibrugarh, emphasizing the importance of spiritual education for discipline and societal progress. He highlighted the role of the Sonowal Kachari community in preserving their unique identity through spiritual and cultural strength. Sonowal also urged the new generation to excel in various fields to build a strong community, drawing inspiration from India's ancient Sanatan culture under Prime Minister Modi's leadership.



As the Iran war intensified, disrupting Gulf shipping lanes and unsettling energy and equity markets, the Union government activated a multi-ministry war room to stabilise trade and ease port congestions. Alongside, India stepped up efforts to protect its people in West Asia. Among the steps, the civil aviation ministry announced 10 evacuation flights to be operated by IndiGo, from Jeddah

Govt moves to shield trade as Iran war chokes sea routes

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With the Iran war escalating sharply and crisis deepening in the global energy market, India on Monday unveiled a coordinated plan to support exporters and shippers caught in the fallout.

In New Delhi, officials moved to set up a multi-ministry support desk to help exporters and importers manage disruptions in trade flows, after industry representatives warned of cargo pile-ups at ports and mounting logistics challenges linked to the conflict.

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● जहज में लकड़ी की पट्टियों को रस्सी से सिलकर प्राकृतिक रेजिन से सील किया



ओमान की यात्रा पूरी करके सोमवार को मुंबई नौसेना डाकघार पर पहुंचा आइएनएस कौडिन्य ● एएनआइ

वर्षों की जड़ों पर आधारित है। यह अभियान भारतीय नौसेना की भूमिका को न केवल समुद्री सुरक्षा में बल्कि भारत की सभ्यता की समुद्री विरासत को संरक्षित करने में भी रजगार करता है। ध्वज-फहराने के समारोह ने पोत की पहली अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रा का समापन किया,

जिसके दौरान इसने अरब सागर को पार किया और भारत की समृद्ध समुद्री परंपराओं और समुद्री यात्रा की विरासत को प्रदर्शित किया। वाइस-एडमिरल कृष्ण स्वामीनाथन ने कहा कि आइएनएसवी कौडिन्य निकट भविष्य में अपनी दूसरी विदेश यात्रा के लिए तैयार है।

अजंता गुफाओं में चित्रित दृश्य से प्रेरित

आइएनएसवी कौडिन्य एक पारंपरिक टंकाई विधि से निर्मित जहाज है, जिसे प्राचीन भारतीय जहाज निर्माण तकनीकों का उपयोग करके बनाया गया है, जहां लकड़ी की पट्टियों को नारियल की रस्सी से हाथ से सिला जाता है और प्राकृतिक रेजिन से सील किया जाता है। यह पोत भारत की सदियों पुरानी समुद्री शिल्पकला के पुनरुद्धार का प्रतीक है और देश के पारंपरिक ज्ञान प्रणालियों को संरक्षित करने के प्रयासों को दर्शाता है। यह पोत 5वीं सदी की अजंता गुफाओं में चित्रित एक दृश्य से प्रेरित है और इसे भारतीय नौसेना की देखरेख में पारंपरिक कारीगरों के सहयोग से बनाया गया है, जो पारंपरिक शिल्पकला और आधुनिक नौसैनिक मान्यता का अनूठा मिश्रण है। इस पोत का नाम प्रसिद्ध नाविक कौडिन्य के नाम पर रखा गया, सांस्कृतिक पहुंच की भारत की दीर्घकालिक परंपरा का प्रतीक है।

Summary:

The Indian Navy's sailing vessel INSV Kaudinya, built using ancient methods, completed its first foreign voyage to Oman, retracing ancient sea routes and strengthening cultural ties. The vessel symbolizes the revival of India's maritime art and the preservation of traditional knowledge, inspired by the 5th-century Ajanta caves. Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan announced that INSV Kaudinya is preparing for its second international voyage.



INSV Kondinya sets out on ancient sea route

आइएनएसवी कौनडिन्या ने तय किया प्राचीन समुद्री मार्ग

मुंबई, एएनआइ : प्राचीन विधि से बने भारतीय नौसेना के सेलिंग वेसल आइएनएसवी कौनडिन्या को एक मार्च को रक्षा राज्य मंत्री संजय सेठ द्वारा मुंबई हार्बर में औपचारिक रूप से ध्वज फहराया गया, जो ओमान की पहली विदेश यात्रा के समापन का प्रतीक है। भारतीय नौसेना ने बताया कि यह पोत मस्कट की सफल यात्रा पूरी करने के बाद मुंबई नौसेना डॉकयार्ड पहुंचा, जिसने प्राचीन समुद्री मार्गों का पुनः अनुसरण किया और भारत की समुद्री विरासत और ओमान के साथ सांस्कृतिक संबंधों को मजबूत किया।

रक्षा मंत्रालय के अनुसार

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मसालों, वस्त्रों और लोबान के व्यापार में हजारों वर्षों की जड़ों पर आधारित है। यह अभियान भारतीय नौसेना की भूमिका को न केवल समुद्री सुरक्षा में बल्कि भारत की सभ्यता की समुद्री विरासत को संरक्षित करने में भी उजागर करता है। ध्वज-फहराने के समारोह ने पोत की पहली अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रा का समापन किया, जिसके दौरान इसने अरब सागर को पार किया और भारत की समृद्ध समुद्री परंपराओं और समुद्री यात्रा की विरासत को प्रदर्शित किया। वाइस-एडमिरल कृष्ण स्वामीनाथन ने कहा कि आइएनएसवी कौनडिन्या निकट भविष्य में अपनी दूसरी विदेश यात्रा के लिए तैयार है।

गुफाओं में चित्रित दृश्य से प्रेरित

आइएनएसवी कौनडिन्या एक पारंपरिक टंकाई विधि से निर्मित जहाज है, जिसे प्राचीन भारतीय जहाज निर्माण तकनीकों का उपयोग करके बनाया गया है, जहां लकड़ी की पट्टियों को नारियल की रस्सी से हाथ से सिला जाता है और प्राकृतिक रेजिन से सील किया जाता है। यह पोत भारत की सदियों पुरानी समुद्री शिल्पकला के पुनरुद्धार का प्रतीक है और देश के पारंपरिक ज्ञान प्रणालियों को संरक्षित करने के प्रयासों को दर्शाता है। यह पोत 5वीं सदी की अजंता गुफाओं में चित्रित एक दृश्य से प्रेरित है।

Summary:

The Indian Navy's sailing vessel INSV Kondinya, built using ancient methods, was flagged off in Mumbai after completing its first foreign voyage to Oman. The voyage retraced ancient trade routes, strengthened cultural ties between India and Oman, and showcased India's maritime heritage. The vessel is built using traditional techniques and symbolizes the revival of India's maritime architecture.



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Historical Success of 'INSV Kaundinya' Successful Oman Voyage of a Boat Built with Ancient Technology

'आयएनएसव्ही कौंडिण्य'चे ऐतिहासिक यश

प्राचीन तंत्रज्ञानाने बनवलेल्या बोटीची यशस्वी ओमान सफर

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भारतीय नौदलाच्या सागरी इतिहासात आज सुवर्णक्षरांनी नोंद झाली आहे. ५ व्या शतकातील प्राचीन भारतीय जहाजबांधणी तंत्राचा वापर करून तयार करण्यात आलेले 'आयएनएसव्ही कौंडिण्य' हे जहाज आपली पहिली परदेश मोहीम यशस्वी करून मुंबईच्या नेव्हल डॉकयार्डमध्ये सुखरूप परतले आहे. संरक्षण राज्यमंत्री संजय सेठ यांच्या हस्ते या जहाजाचे दिमाखात स्वागत करण्यात आले.

'आयएनएसव्ही कौंडिण्य'

या जहाजाची रचना अजिंठा लेण्यांमधील ५ व्या शतकातील चित्रांवरून प्रेरित आहे. या जहाजाच्या बांधणीत एकाही लोखंडी खिळ्याचा किंवा आधुनिक इंजिनाचा वापर करण्यात आलेला नाही. लाकडी फळ्यांना



ओमान मोहीम

२९ डिसेंबर २०२५ रोजी पोरबंदरहून निघालेल्या या जहाजाने अरबी समुद्र पार करत ओमानमधील मस्कत गाठले आणि आता ते मुंबईत परतले आहे. 'तरुणांसाठी प्रेरणेचा स्रोत' याप्रसंगी बोलताना संरक्षण राज्यमंत्री संजय सेठ म्हणाले की, आयएनएसव्ही कौंडिण्य हे केवळ एक जहाज नसून भारताच्या प्राचीन सागरी ज्ञानाचे जिवंत प्रतीक आहे. आपल्या संस्कृतीवर विश्वास ठेवून तरुणांनी साहस आणि नवनिर्मितीच्या क्षेत्रात पुढे यावे. पश्चिम नौदल कमांडचे व्हाईस डायरेक्टर कृष्णा स्वामिनाथन यांनीही नौसैनिकांचे कौतुक केले. आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाशिवाय केवळ वाऱ्याच्या वेगावर आणि शिडांच्या साहाय्याने अरबी समुद्र ओलाडणे हे अत्यंत कठीण आणि धाडसाचे काम असल्याचे त्यांनी नमूद केले.

नारळाच्या काथ्यापासून बनवलेल्या दोरीने 'शिवून' आणि नैसर्गिक डिकाने सांधून हे

जहाजाचे नाव 'कौंडिण्य' का ?

पहिल्या शतकात आग्नेय आशियापर्यंत प्रवास करणाऱ्या 'कौंडिण्य' नावाच्या महान भारतीय खलाशाच्या स्मरणार्थ या जहाजाचे नाव ठेवण्यात आले आहे. गोव्यातील 'होडी इनोव्हेशन्स' आणि केरळच्या कुशल कारागिरांनी या जहाजाची निर्मिती केली आहे.

जहाज तयार केले गेले आहे.

Summary:

The 'INSV Kaundinya', a ship built using 5th-century Indian shipbuilding techniques, successfully completed its first foreign mission to Oman and returned to Mumbai. The ship's design is inspired by Ajanta cave paintings and constructed without modern technology, symbolizing India's ancient maritime knowledge and inspiring youth in courage and innovation.



INSV Kaundinya flagged into harbour

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MUMBAI

Union minister Sanjay Seth on Monday flagged into the Mumbai harbour INSV Kaundinya, a traditionally constructed stitched sailing vessel of the Indian Navy, which returned home after the successful completion of her historic maiden overseas voyage to Muscat.

The vessel was welcomed with a colourful parade of sails



and a traditional water arc salute, creating a spectacular and emotionally charged atmosphere at the Naval Dock-

yard.

The engineless vessel embarked on a maiden voyage on December 29 from Gujarat's Porbandar to Muscat, to retrace old maritime routes that once connected the western coast of India with Oman.

Addressing the gathering, Seth, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence, highlighted the national significance of the project.

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Summary:

Union Minister Sanjay Seth flagged INSV Kaundinya, a traditional sailing vessel of the Indian Navy, into Mumbai harbor after its historic voyage to Muscat. The engineless vessel retraced old maritime routes from Gujarat's Porbandar to Muscat, connecting the western coast of India with Oman. INSV Kaundinya symbolizes the revival of India's ancient maritime knowledge and serves as an inspiration. The traditionally constructed stitched vessel represents India's historic seafaring traditions and civilisational linkages across the Indian Ocean, marking a remarkable achievement for the Indian Navy.

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INSV Kaundinya...

INSV Kaundinya represented the revival of India's ancient maritime knowledge systems and would serve as an inspiration to the country's youth, he said.

He also underscored the courage, resilience, and spirit of rediscovery reflected by the voyage, encouraging young Indians to embrace adventure and innovation rooted in civilisational confidence.

Speaking on the occasion, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, commended the crew for their extraordinary dedication and professionalism in sailing a traditionally constructed stitched vessel across the Arabian Sea.

He noted the immense hard work involved, right from the conceptualisation and research to design, traditional construction, crew training, and execution of the voyage.

INSV Kaundinya is a 20-metre, traditionally constructed stitched sailing vessel, inspired by a 5th-century CE depiction from the Ajanta Caves. Built using ancient Indian shipbuilding techniques in which wooden planks are stitched together with coir rope and sealed with natural resins, the vessel represents a revival of India's rich maritime heritage.

Inducted into the Navy in May 2025 and named after the legendary mariner Kaundinya, she symbolises India's historic seafaring traditions and civilisational linkages across the Indian Ocean.

Operating a square-sailed, stitched wooden vessel without modern structural reinforcements required exceptional planning, seamanship, teamwork, and endurance, making the successful completion of the expedition a remarkable achievement for the Indian Navy.

Consul General of the Sultanate of Oman, Mahboob Issa Alraisi, in Mumbai, senior officers, veterans, historians and sailing enthusiasts were present on the occasion.

Summary:

INSV Kaundinya symbolizes the revival of India's ancient maritime knowledge and serves as an inspiration. The traditionally constructed stitched vessel represents India's historic seafaring traditions and civilisational linkages across the Indian Ocean, marking a remarkable achievement for the Indian Navy.

Raksha Rajya Mantri Welcomes INSV Kodinya After Successfully Completing Its First Foreign Trip to Oman

रक्षा राज्य मंत्री ने ओमान की अपनी पहली विदेशी यात्रा सफलतापूर्वक पूरी करने के बाद आईएनएसवी कौडिन्य का स्वागत किया

■ संजय सेठ युवाओं को सभ्यतागत आत्मविश्वास पर आधारित साहसिक कार्य और नवाचार को अपनाने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करते हैं

नई दिल्ली। रक्षा राज्य मंत्री श्री संजय सेठ ने 2 मार्च, 2026 को मुंबई के नौसेना गोदी में भारतीय नौसेना के पारंपरिक रूप से निर्मित पोत कौडिन्य का स्वागत किया। यह पोत मस्कट, ओमान की अपनी ऐतिहासिक पहली समुद्री यात्रा सफलतापूर्वक पूरी करने के बाद स्वदेश लौटा है। सभा को संबोधित करते हुए रक्षा राज्य मंत्री ने परियोजना के राष्ट्रीय महत्व पर प्रकाश डालते हुए कहा कि आईएनएसवी कौडिन्य भारत की प्राचीन समुद्री ज्ञान प्रणालियों के पुनरुद्धार का प्रतीक है। उन्होंने कहा यह परियोजना देश के युवाओं के लिए प्रेरणा का स्रोत बनेगी। श्री सेठ ने इस यात्रा में प्रदर्शित साहस,

दृढ़ता और पुनर्खोज की भावना को रेखांकित करते हुए युवा भारतीयों को सभ्यतागत आत्मविश्वास पर आधारित साहसिक और नवाचार को अपनाने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया।

इस अवसर पर, पश्चिमी नौसेना कमान के ध्वज अधिकारी कमान-इन-चीफ वाइस एडमिरल कृष्णा स्वामीनाथन ने अरब सागर में पारंपरिक रूप से निर्मित जहाज को सफलतापूर्वक चलाने में चालक दल के असाधारण समर्पण और व्यावसायिकता की सराहना की। उन्होंने अवधारणा और अनुसंधान से लेकर डिजाइन, पारंपरिक निर्माण, चालक दल के प्रशिक्षण और यात्रा के क्रियान्वयन तक की प्रक्रिया में शामिल अथक परिश्रम पर बल दिया।

आधुनिक संरचनात्मक सुदृढ़ीकरण के बिना, वर्गाकार पाल वाली, लकड़ी से बनी नाव को संचालित करने के लिए असाधारण योजना, नाविक कौशल, टीम वर्क



और सहनशक्ति की आवश्यकता थी। इससे इस अभियान का सफल समापन भारतीय नौसेना के लिए एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि बन गया है।

जैसे ही आईएनएसवी कौडिन्य ने औपचारिक प्रवेश किया, रंगारंग पाल जुलूस और पारंपरिक जल चाप सलामी के साथ उसका स्वागत किया गया, इससे बंदरगाह में एक शानदार और भावपूर्ण वातावरण बन

गया। यह आयोजन भारत की समुद्री विरासत पर गर्व और चालक दल की उपलब्धि के प्रति प्रशंसा का प्रतीक था।

मुंबई में ओमान के महावाणिज्यदूत श्री महबूब ईसा अलरैसी, वरिष्ठ अधिकारी, पूर्व सैनिक, होडी इनोवेशन के प्रतिनिधि, नागरिक समाज के प्रतिष्ठित सदस्य, समुद्री समुदाय के सदस्य,



इतिहासकार और नौकायन के शौकीन इस अवसर पर उपस्थित थे। आईएनएसवी कौडिन्य भारतीय नौसेना का 20 मीटर लंबा, पारंपरिक रूप से निर्मित एक जहाज है, यह अजंता गुफाओं में मिली 5वीं शताब्दी ईस्वी की एक कलाकृति से प्रेरित है। प्राचीन भारतीय जहाज निर्माण तकनीकों (लकड़ी के तख्तों को नारियल की रस्सी से बांधकर

प्राकृतिक रेजिन से सील करने का काम) का उपयोग करके निर्मित यह जहाज भारत की समृद्ध समुद्री विरासत के पुनरुद्धार का प्रतीक है। मई 2025 में नौसेना में शामिल इस जहाज का नामकरण प्रसिद्ध नाविक कौडिन्य के नाम किया गया है। यह जहाज, हिंद महासागर में भारत की ऐतिहासिक समुद्री परंपराओं और सभ्यतागत सम्बंधों का प्रतीक है।

Summary:

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INSV Kondia's Flag to be Hoisted at Mumbai Port

آئی این ایس وی کوئڈنیا کا جھنڈا ممبئی بندرگاہ پر لہرایا جائے گا

معززین اور بھارتیہ تارکین وطن کے اراکین کی موجودگی میں ان کا رسمی استقبال کیا گیا۔ اس کے قیام کے دوران، جہاز کو زائرین کے لیے کھول دیا گیا، جو سمندری ورثے اور ثقافتی سفارت کاری کی تیرتی علامت کے طور پر کام کرتا ہے۔ اس سفر نے بھارت اور عمان کے روادید کو نمایاں طور پر مضبوط کیا، جس کی جڑیں مسالوں، کپڑوں اور لوہان میں ہزاروں سال کی تجارت سے جڑی ہوئی ہیں، اور بحیرہ عرب میں مشرقی سمندری سفر کی روایات کو تعلقیت ملی ہے۔

اس مہم نے بھارتیہ بحریہ کے کردار کو نہ صرف سمندری تحفظ فراہم کرنے والے کے طور پر بلکہ بھارت کی تہذیبی بحری میراث کے ایک محافظ کے طور پر بھی اجاگر کیا۔ افسانوی بحری جہازوں کو کوئڈنیا کے نام سے موسوم یہ بحری جہاز بھارت کی سمندری نیوی کیشن اور بحر ہند کے اس پار تھتھے کی قدیم روایت کی علامت ہے۔ اس کا کامیاب سفر روایتی بحری تعمیراتی طریقوں اور اس کے عملے کی پیشہ ورانہ صلاحیتوں کی چمک کا ثبوت ہے۔

ممبئی میں پرچم کشائی ایک تاریخی بحری ورثے کے احیاء کے منصوبے کے اختتام کو نشان زد کرے گی اور سمندری رسائی، ثقافتی سفارت کاری اور روایتی سمندری دستکاری کے تحفظ کے لیے بھارت کی مسلسل وابستگی کی نشاندہی کرے گی۔



PIB پرچم کشائی کی تقریب سلطنت عمان کے لیے بحری جہاز کے اولیٰ سمندر پار سفر کی کامیاب تکمیل اور بحیرہ عرب کے اس پار تاریخی واپسی کے سفر کی نشان دہی کرتی ہے، جس سے بحر ہند میں بھارت کے پائیدار سمندری ورثے اور بھارت اور عمان کے روادید کی تصدیق ہوتی ہے۔ آئین این ایس وی کوئڈنیا ایک روایتی طور پر بنایا ہوا جہاز ہے، جو مکمل طور پر قدیم بھارتیہ تکنیکوں کا استعمال کرتے ہوئے بنایا گیا ہے جس میں کلاسیک تھتھے کو کوزری کا استعمال کرتے ہوئے ہاتھ سے ٹانگے جاتے ہیں اور قدرتی رال سے بند کر دیا جاتا ہے۔ یہ جہاز بھارت کی صدیوں پرانی بحری فنکاری کے احیاء کی نمائندگی کرتا ہے اور اپنے بھارتی نظام کو دوبارہ دریافت کرنے اور محفوظ کرنے کے لیے ملک کے عزم کی عکاسی کرتا ہے۔

چھٹا غاروں میں 5 ویں صدی عیسوی کی تصویر سے تصور کیا گیا اور روایتی کاریگریوں کے ساتھ مل کر بھارتیہ بحریہ کی نگہانی میں تعمیر کیا گیا، یہ جہاز جدید بحری انجینئرنگ کی توثیق کے ساتھ روایتی فنکاری کے امتزاج کو جسم کرتا ہے۔ آئی این ایس وی کوئڈنیا 29 دسمبر 2025 کو پور بندر سے منظر کے لیے روانہ ہوا، قدیم سمندری راستوں کو واپس لے کر جو بھی بھارتیہ میریٹز استعمال کرتے تھے۔ وہ 14 جنوری 2026 کو پورٹ سلطان قابوس پہنچی، جہاں عمانی

Summary:

The INSV Kondia, a traditionally built ship using ancient Indian techniques, completed its first overseas voyage for the Sultanate of Oman, marking a historic return across the Arabian Sea. This voyage symbolizes the strong maritime ties between India and Oman, highlighting India's commitment to preserving its maritime heritage and promoting cultural diplomacy. The flag hoisting ceremony in Mumbai signifies the end of a project to revive historic maritime traditions and India's dedication to maritime access and traditional craftsmanship.



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INSV Kaundinya represented the revival of India's ancient maritime knowledge systems and would serve as an inspiration to the country's youth, he said.

He also underscored the courage, resilience, and spirit of rediscovery reflected by the voyage, encouraging young Indians to embrace adventure and innovation rooted in civilisational confidence.

Speaking on the occasion, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, commended the crew for their extraordinary dedication and professionalism in sailing a traditionally constructed stitched vessel across the Arabian Sea.

He noted the immense hard work involved, right from the conceptualisation and research to design, traditional construction, crew training, and execution of the voyage.

INSV Kaundinya is a 20-metre, traditionally constructed stitched sailing vessel, inspired by a 5th-century CE depiction from the Ajanta Caves. Built using ancient Indian shipbuilding techniques in which wooden planks are stitched together with coir rope and sealed with natural resins, the vessel represents a revival of India's rich maritime heritage.

Inducted into the Navy in May 2025 and named after the legendary mariner Kaundinya, she symbolises India's historic seafaring traditions and civilisational linkages across the Indian Ocean.

Operating a square-sailed, stitched wooden vessel without modern structural reinforcements required exceptional planning, seamanship, teamwork, and endurance, making the successful completion of the expedition a remarkable achievement for the Indian Navy.

Consul General of the Sultanate of Oman, Mahboob Issa Alraisi, in Mumbai, senior officers, veterans, historians and sailing enthusiasts were present on the occasion.

Summary:

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INSV Kaundinya flagged into Mumbai after maiden Oman voyage

MUMBAI, Mar 2 (ANI)

THE Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Kaundinya was ceremonially flagged into Mumbai Harbour on March 1 by Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth, marking the successful completion of its maiden overseas voyage to the Sultanate of Oman, the Indian Navy said.

The vessel arrived at the Mumbai Naval Dockyard after completing its successful voy-



age to Muscat and back, retracing ancient maritime routes and reinforcing India's maritime heritage and cultural ties with Oman.

According to an official release from the Ministry of Defence, INSV Kaundinya is a traditionally constructed stitched ship built using ancient Indian ship-building techniques, where wooden planks are hand-stitched using coir rope and sealed with natural resins.

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Meanwhile, AEPC has approached the civil aviation ministry to tackle problems arising out of the situation prevailing in west Asia due to ongoing Iran-US conflict. The agency has sought the waiver of demurrage charges on export cargo due to flight disruptions.

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**Govt plans steps to protect
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Summary:

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Govt plans steps to safeguard key import, export

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NEW DELHI: The government will take steps to protect India's supply chains by safeguarding exports and ensuring uninterrupted imports of essential commodities such as energy, fertilisers and edible oils from all available sources — including Russia — so that domestic consumers do not face shortages, people familiar with the matter said.

India's vulnerability stems from its heavy reliance on the Middle East. Around 55% of the country's energy imports come from the region which is now affected by Iranian strikes. Shipping routes have also been disrupted with the Strait of Hormuz effectively closed.

The alternative route through the Red Sea is also considered risky because of Houthi attacks. As a result, refiners are expected to increase purchases from relatively safer regions, officials said on condition of anonymity.

If the conflict drags on, India may further diversify energy imports, both crude oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG), toward countries such as the US, Venezuela and Russia. Russia was India's largest crude supplier until last year due to discounted prices, but purchases were significantly reduced from January 2026 under US pressure.

India is the world's third-largest oil consumer after the US and China, yet produces only a fraction of what it needs. More than 88% of the crude it processes is imported.

Officials said refiners will continue sourcing oil from all viable suppliers to ensure stable availability at reasonable prices. The US-led strikes on Iran and Tehran's retaliation has pushed up global prices. Benchmark Brent crude opened Monday at \$81.57 per barrel, up nearly 12% from Friday's close of \$72.97.

In a post on Monday, the petroleum ministry said it had reviewed the supply situation for crude oil, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and other petroleum products with senior officials and state-run oil companies. "We are continuously monitoring the evolving situation, and all necessary steps will be taken to ensure availability and affordability of major petroleum products in the country," it said.

The commerce ministry also held an inter-departmental meeting with stakeholders to assess



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potential trade disruptions. Participants reviewed changes in shipping routes, and implications for time-sensitive exports.

The discussions focused on maintaining predictability in cargo movement, minimising delays and ensuring seamless documentation and payment processes for exporters and importers. The meeting was chaired by commerce department special secretary Sachindra Mishra and director general of foreign trade Lav Agarwal.

Representatives from logistics operators and shipping lines attended, along with officials from the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, Department of Financial Services, Reserve Bank of India and the ministries of petroleum and ports, shipping and waterways. Export promotion bodies were also present.

The government reiterated its priority of maintaining continuity in export-import logistics and mitigating disruptions to trade flows. The approach, it said, would remain coordinated and facilitative, with particular attention to protecting exporters — especially MSMEs — while ensuring essential imports remain unaffected.

Stakeholders agreed to maintain real-time coordination to monitor routes, shipping capacity and equipment availability. Mechanisms to support time-sensitive sectors such as perishables and high-value manufactured exports were also discussed. The meeting emphasised strengthening port facilitation and ensuring smooth cargo evacuation to avoid congestion.

The government also indicated readiness to introduce procedural flexibility in export authorisations during disruptions, coordinate with customs authorities on clearances, and engage financial institutions to support exporters, alongside continued inter-ministerial coordination.

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Shipping Ministry inaugurates MMD Patna, holds Seafarers' Recruitment

The DGS under the Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways inaugurated the MMD, Patna and a Seafarers' Outreach Centre, while also launching redevelopment works at Nabik Griha Samity and the Marine Club in the city. The initiatives were followed by a day-long symposium on Seafarers' Recruitment & Welfare. The event was attended by Shantanu Thakur, Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, as Chief Guest. Guests of Honour included Vi-



jay Kumar, Secretary, Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, and Shyam Jagan-

nathan, Director General of Shipping. It was also attended by senior officials of the Ministry.

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Govt., exporters review West Asia crisis disruption

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The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Monday held a meeting with all stakeholder Ministries, key logistics and trade facilitation partners to review the emerging geo-political situation due to the conflict in West Asia and its potential impact on India's export-import cargo flows, including export ecosystem, the government said.

The meeting was attended by representatives from logistics operators and shipping lines and forwarders, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, the Department of Financial Services, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Wa-



A review meeting on the supply of oil and natural gas.

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During the meeting, the stakeholders presented an assessment of the evolving operational environment, including routing and transit-time changes, vessel scheduling adjustments, container and equipment availability, freight and insurance cost trends, and implications for time-sensitive exports.

Maintain predictability

“The discussions covered the need to maintain predictability in cargo movement, minimise avoidable delays, and ensure seamless documentation and payment processes for exporters and importers,” a release added.

The stakeholders agreed to maintain close, real-time coordination for monitoring route and capacity developments, surcharges and equipment availability. “India has successfully navigated multiple global disruptions and continues to strengthen supply chain resilience,” the government said

Separately, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas also said it reviewed on Monday the supply of oil, natural gas and other petroleum products.

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The Ministry of Commerce and Industry held a meeting to review the geopolitical situation in West Asia and its impact on India's export-import cargo flows. Stakeholders agreed to maintain close coordination to monitor routes, capacity developments, and equipment availability, with the government reiterating its readiness to facilitate trade operations and strengthen supply chain resilience.



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Summary:

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New Passenger Terminal to Open in April at Chennai Port

புதிய பயணியர் முனையம் சென்னை துறைமுகத்தில் ஏப்ரலில் திறப்பு



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நாட்டில் உள்ள பெரிய 12 துறைமுகங்களில் மூன்றாவது துறைமுகமாக சென்னை துறைமுகம் திகழ்கிறது. இந்த துறைமுகம் தற்போது, 24 கப்பல்கள் நிறுத்தும் அளவிற்கு வளர்ச்சி அடைந்துள்ளது. அதேபோல், 'சாகர்மாலா' திட்டத்தின் கீழ், சுற்றுலா பயணியர் கப்பல்கள் அதிகம் இயக்க திட்டமிடப்பட்டு உள்ளது.

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இதுகுறித்து, சென்னை துறைமுக அதிகாரிகள் கூறியதாவது:

சென்னை துறைமுக வளாகத்தில் உள்ள பயணியர் முனையத்தை, 29.80 கோடி ரூபாயில் மேம்படுத்த, தனியார் நிறுவனத்துடன், 2024 மார்ச்சில் ஒப்பந்தம் செய்யப்பட்டது.

அதன்படி, விமான நிலையங்களில் இருப்பது போல் எஸ்கலேட்டர், பாஸ்போர்ட் ஸ்கேனர்கள், உடமைகளை சோதனையிட அதிநவீன ஸ்கேனர்கள், சுங்க, குடியுரிமை சோதனை மையம், பயணியருக்கான சொகுசு ஓய்வறை உள்ளிட்ட வசதிகள் மேம்படுத்தப்பட்டுள்ளன.

தரை தளம் அந்தமான் - நிக்கோபார் பயணியருக்கும், இரண்டாவது தளம் சர்வதேச பயணியருக்கும் ஒதுக்கப்படும். மத்திய தளத்தில் உணவு, பானங்கள் வழங்கும் பகுதி உருவாக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. இந்த மேம்பாட்டு பணி காரணமாக, தினசரி பயணியர் கையாளும் திறன், 1,800 ஆக உயரும். வரும் ஏப்ரலில் இந்த முனையத்தை திறக்க திட்டமிட்டுள்ளோம்.

குறிப்பாக, சிங்கப்பூர், மலேஷியா, தாய்லாந்து மற்றும் இலங்கை நாடுகளை சேர்ந்த சொகுசு சுற்றுலா கப்பல்கள் இயக்க பேச்சு நடந்து வருகிறது. இவ்வாறு அவர்கள் கூறினர்.

Summary:

The passenger terminal at Chennai Port, upgraded for ₹129.80 crore, is set to open in April, increasing daily passenger handling capacity to 1,800. The upgraded terminal will feature modern facilities like escalators and advanced scanners, similar to those in airports, and will cater to both domestic and international passengers, with plans to operate luxury cruises from countries like Singapore and Sri Lanka.



New Passenger Terminal at Chennai Port to Open in April at a Cost of Rs. 29 Crores

ரூ.29 கோடியில் புதிய பயணியர் முனையம் சென்னை துறைமுகத்தில் ஏப்ரலில் திறப்பு

சென்னை, மார்ச் 3-
சென்னை துறைமுகத்
தில், 29.80 கோடி ரூபா
யில் மேம்படுத்தப்பட்ட
பயணியர் முனையம்,
அடுத்த மாதம் பயன்பாட்
டிற்கு வர உள்ளது.

நாட்டில் உள்ள
பெரிய 12 துறைமுகங்
களில் மூன்றாவது பெரிய
துறைமுகமாக சென்னைத்
துறைமுகம் திகழ்கிறது.
இந்த துறைமுகத்தில் தற்
போது, 24 கப்பல்கள் நிறுத்
தும் அளவிற்கு வளர்ச்சி
அடைந்துள்ளது. அதே
போல், 'சாகர்மாலா' திட்
டத்தின் கீழ், சுற்றுலா பய
ணியர் கப்பல்கள் அதிகம்
இயக்க திட்டமிடப்பட்டு
உள்ளது.

அதன் ஒரு பகுதியாக,
துறைமுக வளாகத்தில்
பயணியர் முனையத்தை

மேம்படுத்தும் பணிகள்
முடியும் நிலையில் உள்
ளன.

இதுகுறித்து, சென்னை
துறைமுக அதிகாரிகள்
கூறியதாவது:

சென்னை துறைமுக
வளாகத்தில் உள்ள பயணி
யர் முனையத்தை, 29.80
கோடி ரூபாயில் மேம்ப
டுத்த, தனியார் நிறுவனத்
துடன், 2024 மார்ச்சில் ஒப்
பந்தம் செய்யப்பட்டது.

அதன்படி, விமான
நிலையங்களில் இருப்பது
போல் எஸ்கலேட்டர்,
பாஸ்போர்ட் ஸ்கேனர்,
உடைமைகளை சோத
னையிட அதிநவீன ஸ்கே
னர், சுங்க, குடியுரிமை
சோதனை மையம், பய
ணியருக்கான சொகுசு
ஓய்வறை உள்ளிட்ட
வசதிகள் மேம்படுத்தப்

பட்டுள்ளன. தரை தளம்
அந்தமான் - நிக்கோபார்
பயணியருக்கும், இரண்
டாம் தளம் சர்வதேச
பயணியருக்கும் ஒதுக்கப்
படும். மத்திய தளத்தில்
உணவு, பானங்கள் வழங்
கும் பகுதி உருவாக்கப்
பட்டுள்ளது.

இந்த மேம்பாட்டு
பணி காரணமாக, தின
சரி பயணியர் கையாளும்
திறன், 1,800 ஆக உய
ரும். வரும் ஏப்ரலில் இந்த
முனையத்தை திறக்க
திட்டமிட்டுள்ளோம்.

குறிப்பாக, சிங்கப்பூர்,
மலேஷியா, தாய்லாந்து
மற்றும் இலங்கை நாடு
களை சேர்ந்த சொகுசு சுற்
றுலா கப்பல்கள் இயக்க
பேச்சு நடந்து வருகிறது.

இவ்வாறு அவர்கள்
கூறினர்.

Summary:

The Chennai Port is set to open a new passenger terminal in April, built at a cost of Rs. 29.80 crore. This upgrade aims to enhance passenger handling capacity and accommodate more tourist ships, especially from countries like Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and Sri Lanka, under the 'Sagarmala' project.



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Demand for Hi-Tech 'Port Users Building' at Kandla Port: Chamber President Writes Letter to Chairman

કંડલા પોર્ટ પર વપરાશકર્તાઓ માટે હાઈટેક 'પોર્ટ યુઝર્સ બિલ્ડિંગ'ની માંગ ચેમ્બર પ્રમુખે ચેરમેનને પત્ર લખી રજૂઆત કરી

ભાસ્કર ન્યૂઝ | ગાંધીધામ

દિનદયાળ પોર્ટ ખાતે આયાત-નિકાસ અને કાર્ગો હેન્ડલિંગની કામગીરી સતત વધી રહી છે, ત્યારે પોર્ટ વપરાશકર્તાઓ માટે માળખાકીય સુવિધાઓનો અભાવ સામે આવ્યો છે. ગાંધીધામ ચેમ્બર ઓફ કોમર્સના પ્રમુખ તેજા કાનગડે ડીપીએ ચેરમેન સુશીલ કુમાર સિંહને પત્ર પાઠવી કંડલા ખાતે આધુનિક 'પોર્ટ યુઝર્સ બિલ્ડિંગ' બનાવવાની રજૂઆત કરી છે. ચેમ્બર પ્રમુખે રજૂઆતમાં જણાવ્યું છે કે, હાલમાં સ્ટીવડોર્સ, કસ્ટમ્સ ક્લિયરિંગ સ્ટાફ, ટ્રાન્સપોર્ટ ઓપરેટરો અને શિપિંગ લાઈનના કર્મચારીઓ પાસે સ્પેસ નથી. જેના કારણે મર્યાદિત પરિસ્થિતિમાં કામ કરવું પડે છે. આનાથી સમયનો વ્યય થાય છે અને પોર્ટની એકંદર કાર્યક્ષમતા પર વિપરીત અસર પડે છે. માનદ મંત્રી

કાર્યક્ષમતામાં વધારો થાય તે માટે અનિવાર્ય

ચેમ્બરે જણાવ્યું છે કે જો આધુનિક બિલ્ડિંગ ઉપલબ્ધ થાય તો રોજબરોજના સંકલન અને ડોક્યુમેન્ટેશનની પ્રક્રિયા વધુ ઝડપી બનશે. આ સુવિધા માત્ર વપરાશકર્તાઓ માટે જ નહીં, પરંતુ કંડલા પોર્ટને કાર્ગો હેન્ડલિંગના ઉચ્ચ લક્ષ્યાંકો પ્રાપ્ત કરવામાં પણ અત્યંત મદદરૂપ સાબિત થશે.

મહેશ તિર્થાણીએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે, વધતા જતા કાર્ગો વોલ્યુમને પહોંચી વળવા માટે સ્ટીવડોર્સ અને શિપિંગ એજન્ટો માટે બેસવાની વ્યવસ્થા, ઝડપી ડોક્યુમેન્ટેશન માટે હાઈ-સ્પીડ ઇન્ટરનેટ અને નેટવર્કિંગ, મીટિંગ રૂમ, વેઈટિંગ એરિયા, અને સેનિટેશનની સુવિધા સાથેનું નવું બિલ્ડિંગ અનિવાર્ય છે

Summary:

The Gandhidham Chamber of Commerce has requested the construction of a modern 'Port Users Building' at Kandla Port to address the increasing import-export and cargo handling operations. The Chamber President highlighted the lack of infrastructure facilities for port users, leading to wasted time and reduced efficiency. The proposed building would provide essential facilities such as space for stevedores, high-speed internet, meeting rooms, and sanitation, ultimately improving cargo handling and coordination.



Paradip Port Authority Reaffirms Commitment to “Seva Sankalp Resolution” — Upholds the Spirit of “Nagarik Devo Bhava”

Paradip, 2/3 (DMS): In compliance with Office Memorandum No. 1/3/1/2026-Cab. dated 25th February 2026 issued by the Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, Paradip Port Authority (PPA) convened a meeting at its Administrative Building to formally read and affirm the “Seva Sankalp Resolution.”

The meeting was led by Chairman Shri P. L. Haranadh and attended by Dy. Chairman T. Venu Gopal, Heads of Departments (HODs), Officers, and employees of the Authority. The Resolution was read out in the gathering, reaffirming the collective resolve to align the functioning of the Port with its guiding principles.

The Resolution underscores the philosophy of “Nagarik Devo Bhava”, emphasizing that governance must be rooted in service, dignity, transparency, and accountability towards every citizen. The participants



reiterated their commitment to ensuring that all administrative decisions and service delivery mechanisms remain citizen-centric, responsive, and efficient. Addressing the gathering, Chairman Shri Haranadh highlighted that the spirit of ‘Seva Teerth’ symbolizes a renewed governance culture driven by dedication, ethical conduct, and responsibility. He stressed that achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 requires sustained efforts, institutional integrity, and continuous reforms in operational

and administrative practices.

It was resolved that the core principles of the “Seva Sankalp Resolution” would be embedded across departmental functions through enhanced digitalization, streamlined procedures, timely service delivery, and effective grievance redressal systems.

Paradip Port Authority remains steadfast in upholding the spirit of “Nagarik Devo Bhava” and continues to contribute actively towards nation-building and the realization of a Developed India by 2047.

Summary:

Paradip Port Authority (PPA) convened a meeting to reaffirm the "Seva Sankalp Resolution," emphasizing citizen-centric governance rooted in service, dignity, and transparency. Chairman Shri Haranadh highlighted the spirit of 'Seva Teerth' and stressed the importance of ethical conduct and responsibility in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 through sustained efforts and institutional integrity.



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Goa Shipyard gets 'Schedule A' status

लोकमत

गोवा शिपयार्डला 'शेड्युल ए' दर्जा

लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क

वास्को : गोवा शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड (जीएसएल)ने ऐतिहासिक टप्पा गाठत भारत सरकारकडून 'शेड्युल बी'वरून 'शेड्युल ए' केंद्रीय सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र उपक्रम (सीपीएसई) दर्जा प्राप्त केला आहे. वित्त मंत्रालयाच्या अधिपत्याखालील सार्वजनिक उपक्रम विभागाने 25 फेब्रुवारी 2026 रोजी ही मान्यता प्रदान केली.

हा निर्णय जीएसएलच्या सातत्यपूर्ण प्रगती, कार्यक्षमतेतील उत्कृष्टता आणि संस्थात्मक परिपक्वतेचा महत्त्वपूर्ण टप्पा ठरला आहे. 'शेड्युल ए' दर्जा, कंपनीच्या भक्कम आर्थिक कामगिरी, सातत्यपूर्ण विस्तार आणि भारताच्या सागरी सुरक्षा संरचनेतील धोरणात्मक योगदानाची दखल घेतो.

गेल्या काही वर्षांत जीएसएलने

शिपयार्डकडून केंद्राचे आभार...

१ जीएसएलने 'आत्मनिर्भर भारत' आणि संरक्षण उत्पादनातील आत्मनिर्भरता या भारत सरकारच्या दृष्टिकोनाप्रती आपली बांधिलकी पुन्हा अधोरेखित केली आहे. राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षेला बळकटी देणारे आणि जागतिक स्तरावर भारताची सागरी ताकद अधोरेखित करणारे जागतिक दर्जाचे, अत्याधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानयुक्त प्लॅटफॉर्म प्रदान करण्यावर कंपनीचा भर कायम राहिल.

२ या महत्त्वपूर्ण यशासाठी संरक्षण मंत्रालय, संरक्षण उत्पादन विभाग, वित्त मंत्रालय आणि सार्वजनिक उपक्रम विभाग यांचे सातत्यपूर्ण मार्गदर्शन व सहकार्याबद्दल जीएसएलने कृतज्ञता व्यक्त केली आहे.

भारतीय नौदल, भारतीय तटरक्षक दल तसेच मैत्रीपूर्ण परदेशी राष्ट्रांसाठी प्रगत सागरी प्लॅटफॉर्म तयार करून देशाच्या संरक्षण जहाजबांधणी क्षेत्रात महत्त्वाचे स्थान निर्माण केले आहे. या उन्नतीमुळे कंपनीच्या क्षमतांवर सरकारचा दृढ विश्वास अधोरेखित झाला असून स्वदेशी संरक्षण उत्पादन क्षमतेच्या बळकटीकरणातील तिच्या वाढत्या भूमिकेची नोंद झाली आहे.

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Summary:

Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) has been upgraded to 'Schedule A' status by the Indian government, recognizing its strong performance and contributions to maritime security. GSL expresses gratitude to various ministries for their support and reaffirms its commitment to 'Self-Reliant India' by providing advanced maritime platforms and enhancing indigenous defense production.



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Mega Port Planned at Bahuda River Mouth in Ganjam District

Berhampur, (TNB): A major port project is set to come up at Sunapur, located at the mouth of the Bahuda River in Ganjam district, which is poised to become the largest port in the state. The proposed port will have an annual cargo handling capacity of 150 million metric tonnes. The project site was inspected today by the State

Minister for Commerce & Transport, Mines & Steel, Bibhuti Bhushan Jena, along with Chikiti MLA Manoranjan Dyan Samantara, Principal Secretary of the Commerce & Transport Department NBS Rajput, Port Director Padmalochan Raul, District Collector V. Keerthi Vasani, and other senior officials. The team re-

viewed the current site conditions, surrounding environment, and project layout. According to official sources, the port is expected to be one of the major ports in the country. The estimated project cost stands at approximately ₹21,500 crore. A tripartite agreement for the project was signed on September 19, 2025, between Paradip

Port Authority, Sagarmala Development Company Limited, and the State Government. Preliminary surveys for the feasibility report have already been completed.

The government has assured that due importance will be given to the livelihood of fishermen and the aspirations of local residents during the project

implementation. Once operational, the port is expected to generate thousands of jobs and create multiple business opportunities, significantly benefiting people of Ganjam and nearby districts. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Jena expressed optimism that Sunapur will soon find a place on the global map. He also

sought full cooperation from local residents for the successful execution of the project. The port is expected to boost cargo transportation in Odisha, as waterways will allow seamless and round-the-clock movement of goods. Additionally, the site is well connected with national highways and railway networks, ensuring efficient inland

transport. The port will be developed under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. While several surveys have been completed and technical reports are ready, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) will be prepared soon, following which construction work is expected to commence at the earliest, informed Principal Secretary Rajput.

Summary:

A major port project is planned at the mouth of the Bahuda River in the Ganjam district, aiming to become the largest port in Odisha with a cargo handling capacity of 150 million metric tonnes. The project, costing approximately ₹1,500 crore, is expected to generate thousands of jobs and boost cargo transportation in the region, with development under the Public-Private Partnership model.



New Shipping Terminal at Chennai Port with Rs 298 Crores - Ready by April

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కొరుక్కుపేట: చెన్నై పోర్టులో పునరుద్ధరించబడిన షిప్ టర్మినల్ పూర్తి దశకు చేరుకుందని, ఏప్రిల్ మొదటి వారం నాటికి పూర్తిగా పనిచేయడం ప్రారంభిస్తుందని అధికారులు తెలిపారు. దీనికి సంబంధించి అధికారులు పేర్కొంటూ.. చెన్నై ఓడరేవు 714.54 ఎకరాల విస్తీర్ణంలో విస్తరించి ఉంది. దీని నీటి ఉపరితలం దాదాపు 420 ఎకరాలు ఓడరేవుకు వచ్చే ప్రయాణీకులను సౌకర్యవంతంగా ఎక్కించు కోవడానికి దిగడానికి వీలుగా అభివృద్ధి ప్రాజెక్టు కోసం అభ్యర్థన చాలా కాలంగా ఎదురుచూస్తోంది. ఇప్పటివరకు ప్రయాణీకులు ఓడలో ఎక్కడానికి, దిగడానికి ప్రత్యేక ప్రాంతాలు లేవు. ఇది ప్రయాణీకులకు ప్రతికూలత. ఈ సమస్యను పరిష్కరించడానికి చెన్నై పోర్ట్ అథారిటీ భారత్ మిషన్, సాగర్ మా ప్రాజెక్టులో భాగంగా ఓడరేవులో మూలిక సదుపాయాలను మెరుగుపరచడానికి ఒక ప్రాజెక్టును చేపట్టింది. మార్చి 2024 లో ఎన్బీసీసీ (ఇండియా) లిమిటెడ్, షిప్పింగ్ టర్మినల్ దక్షిణ వైపున ఉన్న సౌకర్యాన్ని మెరుగుపరచాలని కూడా ఈ విభాగం నిర్ణయించింది. దీని తరువాత కొనసాగుతున్న నిర్మాణ పనులు ఏప్రిల్ నాటికి పూర్తవుతాయని తెలిపారు. రూ. 298 కోట్ల వ్యయంతో చేపట్టనున్న ఆధునీకరణ, విస్తరణ పనులలో 30 ఇమ్మిగ్రేషన్ కౌంటర్లు, అదనపు ఎస్కలేటర్లు, లిఫ్టులు, మెరుగైన నిర్మాణ అలంకరణలు, ప్రయాణీకుల బోర్డింగ్, దిగడానికి ప్రాంతీయ వారసత్వాన్ని ప్రతిబింబించే ఇంటీరియర్లు ఉంటాయని పేర్కొన్నారు.

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Summary:

Chennai Port is set to launch a new shipping terminal by April with an investment of Rs 298 crores. The renovated terminal aims to improve passenger facilities, including separate boarding and disembarking areas, immigration counters, and modern amenities, reflecting regional heritage. The project is part of the Sagar Ma project to enhance infrastructure at the port.



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Kolkata port surpasses last year's loading figure in 11 months

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KOLKATA: The Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK), achieved a major operational milestone by handling 64.026 million metric tonnes (MMT) of cargo from April 2025 to February 2026, thereby surpassing the total traffic of 63.951 MMT handled during the entire Financial Year 2024-25.

"With one month still remaining in the current financial year, the Port has exceeded last year's overall cargo throughput, demonstrating sustained growth momentum, enhanced operational efficiency and strong collaboration with stakeholders across the maritime trade ecosystem," SMPK has said in a statement.

In the last 11 months, SMPK recorded notable growth across both its dock systems. While Kolkata Dock System (KDS)

handled 17.033 MMT as against 15.01 MMT handled during the corresponding period of the previous financial year, registering a growth of 13.48 per cent, the Haldia Dock Complex (HDC) handled 46.993 MMT compared to 42.697 MMT between April 2024 and February 2025. This reflected a growth of 10.06 per cent.

The overall cargo traffic of SMP Kolkata registered a growth of 10.95 per cent over the corresponding period of the previous year.

"Container traffic also witnessed the highest ever growth during the period, with the port handling 8,74,360 TEUs between April 2025 and February 2026. This surpassed the previous record of 8,44,762 TEUs during FY 2019-20," the statement said.

Port chairman Rathendra Raman appreciated the efforts of

all stakeholders while expressing satisfaction at the figures.

"Crossing the previous financial year's cargo handling performance before the close of the current fiscal reflects the dedication and coordinated efforts of Team SMP Kolkata, along with our valued trade partners and stakeholders. The Port remains committed to improving efficiency, strengthening logistics connectivity and contributing meaningfully to India's port-led development vision," he said.

"This milestone highlights the port's continued focus on operational excellence, infrastructure optimisation and customer-centric service delivery. With ongoing modernisation initiatives and improved cargo handling systems, SMP Kolkata is well positioned to achieve higher benchmarks in the coming years," Raman added.

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