

## CTL BHP International Expo & Conference 2025 to be graced by eminent dignitaries

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MUMBAI, March 4  
**EXIM India's CTL BHP International Expo & Conference 2025**, the 15th edition, on March 11-12, 2025 at the Jio World Convention Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai, will see notable participation



Tuesday - 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, March 2025  
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from prominent dignitaries connected with the government and government entities.



Mr Gopal Krishna, IAS



Mr Rajiv Jalota (Retd. IAS)



Mr Nimesh Sharad Wagh, IRS



Mr John Southwell

They will be among the distinguished speakers and panelists gracing the event, adding substantial value to the discussions. Their involvement is particularly significant given their role in policy and regulatory formulation, shaping the future of the shipping, cargo and logistics sector.

Some of the eminent participants are shown in the accompanying box.

The event will provide a unique platform for these officials to share their perspectives on the evolving policy and regulatory landscape, address pressing industry challenges and outline initiatives aimed at fostering growth and innovation in the sector. Their perspectives are expected to offer invaluable insights and foster collaborative efforts to enhance the efficiency and competitiveness of the cargo and logistics industry.

In addition to government representatives, the event will feature an impressive *Continued on page 8*

## BLR Airport and Menzies Aviation launch India's largest Domestic Cargo Terminal

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BENGALURU, March 4  
KEMPEGOWDA International Airport Bengaluru (KIAB/BLR Airport), operated by Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), has partnered with Menzies Aviation to redefine domestic cargo operations with

the launch of India's largest Greenfield Domestic Cargo Terminal (DCT) in terms of designed capacity.



This 245,000 square feet state-of-the-art facility sig  
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Mr Sushil Kumar Singh, IRSME



Capt. Binesh Kumar Tyagi



Mr Vishal P. Mehta

## Chennai Port achieves all-time high container volume a month before fiscal-end; also reaches 50 million tonnes

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CHENNAI, March 4  
CHENNAI Port has achieved an all-time high container volume by handling 1.66 million TEUs, on February 28, 2025, surpassing the previous record of 1.62 million TEUs during Financial Year 2018-19, a month before the end of the current fiscal.

Further, Chennai Port attained the 50 million tonnes milestone on March 1, 2025.

Mr Sunil Paliwal, IAS, Chairperson, Chennai Port Authority, commended the efforts of the various contributors to these achievements.

He acknowledged the efforts put in by all the stakeholders, the terminal operators M/s Chennai Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd. and M/s Chennai International Terminal Pvt. Ltd., as well as the port officials who have been spearheading these milestones, said a release.



## VOC Port formally inaugurates and takes over Berth-7

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TUTICORIN, March 4  
MR Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson of V. O. Chidambaranar Port

Authority (VOC Port), on Monday formally inaugurated Berth-7 (earlier PSA SICAL Container Termi

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line-up of prominent industry professionals, including CEOs, entrepreneurs and thought leaders from leading logistics companies and manufacturers/shippers. They will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience, offering diverse viewpoints on emerging trends, technological advancements and best practices in the field.

The conference sessions and panel discussions will cover a wide range of topics. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with speakers, participate in interactive sessions and network with peers.

**The exposition, without doubt, will be a landmark occasion in the industry, bringing together more than 100 exhibitors and attracting over 10,000 attendees.**

CTL BHP International Expo & Conference 2025 is thus a must-attend for industry professionals to see the best on display, listen to thought leaders, learn from the experts, interact with peers, and network with key players in the sector. Whether you are a seasoned veteran or a newcomer to the industry, this event promises to be a pivotal platform for growth, innovation and collaboration.

## DISTINGUISHED PARTICIPATION

- ★ Mr Gopal Krishna, IAS, Former Shipping Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India & Chairman, CSC (Conciliation and Settlement Committee)
- ★ Mr Rajiv Jalota (Retd. IAS), Advisor, Indian Ports Association
- ★ Mr Unmesh Sharad Wagh, IRS, Chairman, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority
- ★ Mr John Southwell, Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner (a/g) and Minister Counsellor (Commercial) - South Asia, Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade)
- ★ Mr Sushil Kumar Singh, IRSME, Chairman, Deendayal Port Authority & Mumbai Port Authority
- ★ Capt. Binesh Kumar Tyagi, Chairman & Managing Director, The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd.
- ★ Mr Vishal P. Mehta, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Djibouti in India & CEO, Rushabh Sealink and Logistic Pvt. Ltd.

And many more...

## Consortium of public firms to operate global ports under Bharat Ports Global

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MUMBAI, March 4 PORTS, Shipping and Waterways Minister Mr Sarbananda Sonowal last week in Mumbai unveiled the ambitious **Bharat Ports Global**, a consortium of public sector companies that will bid for international opportunities and increase India's heft in the global maritime economy. He said that by developing robust port in-

frastructure, the Bharat Global Ports consortium initiative will streamline logistics, strengthen supply chains and support the 'Make in India' initiative by boosting exports. **Bringing together India Ports Global (IPGL), Sagarmala Development Corporation (SDCL) and Indian Port Rail and Ropeway Corp. (IPRCL)**, the consortium will drive port expan-

sion, operations and financing to position India as a key player in international trade and logistics. IPRCL is a joint venture between 11 central government-owned ports and Railways PSU Rail Vikas Nigam

Ltd, which will look at infrastructure development. IPGL will handle operations, while SDCL, which is on route to becoming a maritime-dedicated NBFC, will facilitate the financing needs of the consortium, as per a report.

## VOC Port formally inaugurates ...



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nal) as the port's own berth, in the presence of Mr Vikas Nair, IRS, Commissioner of Customs, Tuticorin, Mr S. Balakrishnan, Board Member, and other senior officers of the port, terminal operators and port users.

The berth, with exclusive approach road, 370 m quay length, draft of 11.70 m, and ample storage area of 1,00,000 sq. m will facilitate the port users to handle multipurpose cargo.

The port had earlier commenced operations at Berth-7 as its own berth to handle multipurpose cargo. This will enhance the utilisation of its asset and boost handling capacity.

The vessel *MV New Levant* called at Berth-7 for loading 18,000 tonnes of flyash packed in 1.4 tonne jumbo bags, destined for Dammam Port, Saudi Arabia, informed a release.

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