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Vadhvan Port investing in skill development programs for local youth MoU inked for conducting short-term skill courses at ITIs

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MUMBAI, Feb. 9

VADHAVAN Port Project Ltd (VPPL), the upcoming 13th Major Port, conducted an event to felicitate the youth of Vadhvan as a part of the Vadhvan Port Skilling Program on Saturday, February 7, 2026. The event was graced by Mr Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways,



Mr Vijay Kumar, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), Mr Milind Mhaiskar, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest, GoM, and Mrs Ashwini Bhide, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary to CM, GoM.

The esteemed dignitaries were welcomed by Mr Gaurav Dayal, IAS, Chairperson, JNPA, and CMD,

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JNPA makes a strong start to 2026

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NAVI MUMBAI, Feb. 9

JAWAHARLAL Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) achieved its **highest-ever monthly container throughput of 7,37,682 TEUs in January 2026**, surpassing the previous record of 7,11,412 TEUs in December 2025.

Adding to this milestone, JNPA also recorded its **highest overall cargo throughput of 9.06 MMT** in January 2026, exceeding the earlier peak of 8.96 MMT in the previous month.

A strong start to 2026, powered by efficiency and scale, emphasised a communique.

India's \$44 bn exports to US face zero tariffs under trade deal, says Minister

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NEW DELHI, Feb. 9

INDIA'S exports worth about \$44 billion to the US will enter the American market at zero reciprocal tariffs under the first phase of the bilateral trade agreement, which is expected to be signed by mid-March, said Commerce and Industry Minister Mr Piyush Goyal. While Indian goods worth about \$30 billion will continue to attract an 18% tariff (which includes goods from the labour-intensive sectors), there will be no change in duties on goods worth \$12 billion (including steel, copper and certain auto parts). These tariffs on steel, aluminium, copper and auto parts apply to all countries equally, so they do not impact only India's competitiveness. These products face a 50% tariff in the US. The reduction in tariffs will immediately boost exports of labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, apparel, leather and footwear, as per a report.

B'desh halts Chattogram container terminal deal amid worker protests

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CHATTOGRAM, Feb. 9

BANGLADESH has stepped back from its plan to lease a major container terminal at the strategically important Chattogram Port to a foreign operator, amid intensifying protests ahead of the February 12 national election. The announcement came from a senior official of the interim administration headed by Muhammad Yunus, even as dock workers resumed an indefinite strike after a two-day pause. The fresh shutdown follows an earlier six-day work stoppage protesting the government's proposal to lease out the terminal to a foreign private company. Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) Chairman Ashik Bin Harun said that in practical terms, the discussion (on leasing out the terminal) may move beyond this government's tenure and, after the upcoming election, will continue under the next government. Talks to lease the New Mooring Container Terminal (NCT) to Dubai-based DP World had reached an advanced stage, as per a report.

India has paid its \$120 million committed for Chabahar Port: MEA

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NEW DELHI, Feb. 9

INDIA has fully paid its \$120 million commitment for the development of Iran's Chabahar Port, well ahead of the expiry of the US sanctions waiver in April 2026, said the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in a written reply in the Lok Sabha. The Ministry added that following discussions with Washington, the US had issued guidance extending the conditional sanctions waiver for Chabahar until April 26, 2026. The Government of India remains engaged with all concerned to address the implications of these developments, it said. The response was given to questions from Congress MP Mr Manish Tewari, who sought clarification on whether the government had decided to scale down its engagement with the project or withdraw Indian personnel from the port, as per a report.

AP okays ₹544 cr. land acquisition to propel Dugarajapatnam greenfield port

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VISAKHAPATNAM, Feb. 9

THE Andhra Pradesh government has sanctioned ₹544.3 crore for acquiring over 2,170 acres of land to develop the Dugarajapatnam Greenfield Port and Shipbuilding Cluster, giving fresh momentum to the state's maritime ambitions. According to a recent government order, administrative sanction has been accorded to the Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board (APMB) for land acquisition across Tirupati and Nellore districts. Of the total 2,171 acres required, around 1,932 acres comprise patta land and habitation, while 239 acres are government land. In Tirupati district, land has been identified in Pathetipalem (251 acres), Vaggaru (530 acres), Valamedu (724 acres) and Pamanji (489 acres), aggregating nearly 1,995 acres. An additional 176 acres will be acquired in Nellore's Kota mandal, covering Kothapatnam and Puchalapalli villages. The government order noted that RITES has prepared the technical feasibility report for the project. APMB will mobilise funds to meet the land acquisition cost, paving the way for port-led industrial development in the region, as per a report.

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"New Changes in Bill of Lading" and "Synopsis of Other Key Trade Amendments", conducted by **Capt. Dinesh Gautama**.

These subjects are critical to ensuring smooth and efficient cargo operations, and **Capt. Gautama** is uniquely qualified to address them. A veteran shipping professional and maritime authority with over **five decades of**

Capt. Dinesh Gautama

experience, he is widely regarded as a "walking encyclopaedia of shipping." His erudition, deep industry knowledge and mentorship have shaped numerous professionals, making him the ideal guide for this session.

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