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JN Port's throughput jumps to 4.46 m TEUs in 2014-15

Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JN Port) was on course to handle an impressive 4.46 million TEUs of container throughput in fiscal 2014-15, at the time of going to press, significantly higher than the 4.16 million TEUs handled in 2013-14.

The cargo handled in tonnes was projected at 63.8 million tonnes, again a vast improvement over the 62.35 million tonnes of the last fiscal.

As for the individual terminals, a highlight was GTI crossing the 2-million TEU throughput mark at 2.01 million TEUs, followed by JNPCT at 1.28 million TEUs and NSICT at 1.17 million TEUs.



JNPT Port, Mumbai

Mumbai Port creates history of handling all time high Cargo

Surpassing the previous high of 59.19 Metric Million Tons of cargo handled in the year 2013-14, the Mumbai Port Trust on 18th March, 2015 created a new record of handling all time high cargo in its 141 years long history. With nearly a fortnight to go in current fiscal year, Mumbai Port Trust is expected to handle more than 61 MMT cargo in the year 2014-15.

With this record handling, the Port would retain its position as the 4th largest Major Port in the country, in terms of tonnage handled. Given various navigational and other operational constraints, this is a noteworthy achievement said Shri Ravi M. Parmar, Chairman, Mumbai Port Trust.



MANSA organises 14th "Champions Trophy" cricket tournament for trade

IN continuing with its practice of organising annual cricket tournaments, MANSA's 14th "Champions Trophy" cricket tournament is currently being held at the picturesque JNPT Township ground.

A total of 16 teams from the shipping fraternity took part in this year's edition, which began on February 28. The tournament is now in the quarter final stage, being played in the 20/20 format.

The quarter final line-up is as follows:

- Saturday April 11 (0930 hrs): GDL vs Hyundai – Semi Final (SF) 1
- Saturday April 11 (1330 hrs): JNPT vs Indusglobe – SF3
- Sunday April 12 (0930 hrs): Hub & Links vs Bhavani Shipping – SF2
- Sunday April 12 (1330 hrs): J. M. Baxi vs Allcargo Logistics – SF4

The finals will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

The 2014 edition of the tournament was won by Allcargo Logistics.

Thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work of the MANSA Sports Committee, the tournament has become highly popular, instilling a sense of oneness within the shipping fraternity. The event gives the trade a break from their busy schedule and, further, boosts the morale of participants.



JNPT to invite RFQ for liquid bulk terminal

The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), India's largest container terminal, is planning to invite request for qualifications (RFQs) for the second liquid bulk terminal by the end of this month with revised plans for only two berths instead of six that was planned initially.

The new berths would have a total capacity of 7.5 million tonnes and would be set up at an investment of around Rs 3,000 crore.

The terminal was initially planned to be completed in two phases with a total capacity of 26.5 million tonnes but was held up by the ministry of shipping due to higher projection of throughput, since the Mumbai Port Trust has been handling another liquid cargo that takes care of refineries and other users in and around Mumbai.



JNPT Port, Mumbai

Corporatisation to bring Major Ports out of TAMP purview

The Finance Minister, Mr Arun Jaitley's proposal in the Union Budget for 2015-16 to corporatise all the Major Ports will give the government-run facilities a new lease of life as the move would bring them out of the purview of the Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP), just like private ports, experts said.

At present, only Kamarajar Port in Tamil Nadu is a corporate port.

It is expected that the country's largest container port, the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) would be the first gateway facility to be corporatised.

Delivering his Budget speech in Parliament, Mr Jaitley said, "Ports in the public sector need to both attract investment as well as leverage the huge land resources lying unused with them.

To enable us to do so, ports in the public sector will be encouraged to corporatise and become companies under the Companies Act."

The fraternity thanks N. N. Kumar for his services to JN Port

Mr N. N. Kumar, IRS, who in February last week demitted office as Chairman of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) after a successful five-year stint (from February 2010) at the Port as Deputy Chairman, Acting Chairman and Chairman, won high praise for his decision-taking and interpersonal skills at a farewell dinner organised on February 28.

Leading lights of the industry turned up to thank him for his noteworthy contribution to the Port and wish him for the future.

JNPT witnessed the dynamic growth during Mr Kumar's tenure, including the high throughput above 4 million TEUs, the kickstarting of projects such as the 330-m terminal (almost complete) and the 4th container terminal, the 12.5 per cent land allotment to the PAPS, the launch of the Port-based SEZ, completion of first phase of dredging, the environmental clearances obtained, etc.

JN Port's fourth Container Terminal work started

Singapore's PSA International has started work on its US\$350m expansion of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), India's largest container gateway.

PSA won the bid to construct and manage a US\$1.3bn fourth Container Terminal at JNPT. The new terminal will be known as Bharat Mumbai Container Terminals (BMCT).

Phase 1 of BMCT is expected to begin operations in early 2018.



Nitin Gadkari launches 'Shipping Samvad'

Union Minister of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari launched a website "Shipping Samvad". The objective of the website is to invite innovative ideas and suggestions from general public and experts related to Indian maritime sector for improvements in the shipping, ports and inland waterways sector. The ideas and suggestions submitted through this portal will be further examined for implementation by Ministry of Shipping and the workable ideas and suggestions will be published on this website.

The Ministry of Shipping will also select the best five contributions in the year.



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The portal may be visited at <http://shipmin.gov.in/samvad/index.php>
Minister of State for Road Transport, Highways & Shipping, Shri Pon Radhakrishnan was also present on the occasion.

JNPT planning to build Satellite Port at Vijaydurg or Dahanu

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), India's busiest container port is planning to build a Satellite Port at either Vijaydurg or Dahanu in Maharashtra for at least Rs.10,000 crore.

"At both Vijaydurg and Dahanu, there is natural draught of 20 metres to receive bigger ships. A feasibility study for a Satellite Port has been completed internally," said Mr N N Kumar, Outgoing Chairman, JN Port.

JNPT and the Maharashtra Government will hold 75% and 25% respectively in the proposed project, Mr N N Kumar said.

At present, there is only one big port in Maharashtra at JNPT, despite the fact that there is large industrial growth taking place in the State.

"Maharashtra needs a large multi-purpose port considering the way the export-import trade is growing. At present, there is no big multipurpose port. JNPT is focused on containers while Mumbai Port is handling more on only liquid cargo. You need to handle coal and other cargoes for power plants and other industries for the Maharashtra state," Mr N N Kumar said.

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