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MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE

Navy to Have Second Base near Vizag

The Indian Navy has set in motion efforts to set up a futuristic base between Rambilli and Elamanchili mandals, about 50 km south of Visakhapatnam.

Source: The Hindu, 17 September 2006.

<http://www.hindu.com/2006/09/17/stories/2006091718250100.htm>.

Wartsila Brings another First

Ship power major Warstila Corporation has recently introduced world's first 14-cylinder low speed engine in a large, fast container vessel.

Source: The Economic Times, 18 September 2006.

DCI Gets Sethusamudram Dredging Job

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) gave its approval for 69 million cu m of dredging in four packages to Dredging Corporation of India (DCI) on nomination basis in Sethusamudram Ship Channel Project (SSCP).

Source: i-Maritime Consultancy, 24 September 2006.

<http://www.imaritime.com/html/monitor.asp>.

SHIPBUILDING

Maersk Launches Largest Container Ship

AP Moller- Maersk has launched the world's largest container ship, the 11,000-TEU Emma Maersk, which was constructed at the Odense Steel Shipyard in Denmark. The mega vessel has a 14-cylinder diesel engine and 110,000 BHP. Emma is also

covered with special silicone paint on her hull to reduce drag, which in turn is expected to help her reduce fuel consumption by some 1,200 tonnes per year.

Source: I-Maritime, 3 September 2006.

http://www.imaritime.com/html/news/news_details.asp?newsId=4699&type=N.

Rs. 1,400-Cr. Shipbuilding Yard Planned for Tuticorin

The Tuticorin Port Trust plans to establish a shipbuilding yard on its premises on an outlay of Rs. 1,400 crore, to be built on build-operate-transfer (BOT) or lease basis. The yard will have a building dock of 390 metres in length, 65 metres in breadth and 10 metres in height. 60,000 to 66,000 tonnes of steel will be handled in a year. The proposed shipyard would facilitate a shipbuilding capacity up to 6 Panamax size ships per year.

Source: The Hindu, 14 September 2006.

<http://www.hindu.com/2006/09/14/stories/2006091414090100.htm>.



PORTS

Colachel Port in Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu wants to develop Colachel into an international hub and has taken up the matter with the Centre on the need to develop Colachel as a container transshipment hub. The state is in the process of preparing a detailed feasibility report.

Source: I-Maritime, 3 September 2006.

http://www.imaritime.com/html/news/news_details.asp?newsId=4695&type=N.

Redevelopment of Sittwe Port

India will soon invest \$103 million to re-develop the Sittwe port on the northwestern coast of Myanmar. This will help boost trade ties with Myanmar, bring about more development in the Northeast, will improve navigability on the Kaladan River in Myanmar and enable the opening of another trade route between the Northeast and the rest of India with southern Mizoram as the hub. The Centre had sanctioned over Rs 4 crore to develop the land customs station at Zokhawtar to facilitate border trade with Myanmar and the project was being executed by the Border Roads Organisation.

Source: I-Maritime, 3 September 2006.

http://www.imaritime.com/html/news/news_details.asp?newsId=4700&type=N.

Petronet, Adani to Set up Cargo Port at Dahej

The joint venture between Petronet LNG Ltd (PLL) and the Adani Group, called Adani Petronet (Dahej) Private Limited will set up a solid cargo port at the Dahej SEZ with a project cost of Rs 1,150 crore, expected to be completed within 36 months. The port will have facilities to import and export coal, steel and fertilizers. One berth would be developed in the first phase and two additional berths in the second phase.

Source: I-Maritime, 10 September 2006.

http://www.imaritime.com/html/news/news_details.asp?newsId=4705&type=N.

Ports Hinder India Growth

By late 2008 some 25% of world container ship capacity will be comprised of vessels of at least 6,000 TEU (twenty-foot equivalent units) but unfortunately India does not yet have a port that can handle this class of ship.

Source: Maritime Global Net, 18 September 2006.

<http://www.mgn.com/news/dailystorydetails.cfm?storyid=6974&type=2>.

Kolkata Port's Hooghly River Proposal Gets the Green Signal

Kolkata Port Trust's River Regulatory (RR) Scheme designed to improve the navigability of the Hooghly River near Haldia dock has received the environment clearance from the West Bengal Government.

Source: i-Maritime Consultancy, 24 September 2006.

<http://www.imaritime.com/html/monitor.asp>.



SHIPPING

Indian Ship Owners Flagging Out Vessels

Indian ship owners are migrating to safer shores to beat the tight tax laws and shrinking cargo support in the country. Tolani Shipping has flagged out four of its eight bulk carriers (Handymaxes) to its Singapore subsidiary, Varun Shipping and Mercator Lines are operating ships acquired through their Singapore subsidiaries to take advantage of the liberal tax regime and significantly lower operating costs, such as duty-free bunkers and spares available there. Essar has set up a holding company, Essar Shipping and Logistics Ltd in tax-friendly Cyprus.

Source: I-Maritime, 10 September 2006.

http://www.imaritime.com/html/news/news_details.asp?newsId=4709&type=N.



HUMAN RESOURCES

India's First Maritime University

India's first maritime university is likely to be operational by the year-end at Chennai on the patterns of the World Maritime University in Switzerland. The shipping ministry has already procured 300 acres of land in Chennai and earmarked Rs 200 crore for the university. The university would have regional campuses at Mumbai, Kolkata and Vishakapatnam. The Indian Maritime University Bill, 2006, is at present awaiting cabinet approval.

Source: I-Maritime, 3 September 2006.

http://www.imaritime.com/html/news/news_details.asp?newsId=4697&type=N.



MARITIME SECURITY

Security Clearance Denied

Hutchison Ports Holdings, Kaidi Electric Company and China Harbour Engineering Company have been denied security clearance for participating in container terminal projects at the ports in Mumbai, Chennai and Vizhinjam (Kerala).

Source: I-Maritime, 3 September 2006.

http://www.imaritime.com/html/news/news_details.asp?newsId=4703&type=N.

Russia to Participate in Japan-led Fight against Sea Piracy in Asia

Russia is keen to cooperate with a Japan-initiated multilateral scheme for Asian countries to combat sea piracy in the region, Singapore's Defence Ministry is quoted by Kyodo News Thursday.

Source: MosNews, 29 September 2006.

<http://www.mosnews.com/news/2006/09/29/seapiracyshtml>.



MARITIME BOUNDARY

S Korea, Japan make No Progress in Talks to Set Maritime Borders

South Korea and Japan failed to make headway in negotiations to set their maritime boundaries around islets at the center of a territorial dispute, an official said.

Source: International Herald Tribune, 3 September 2006.

http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2006/09/04/asia/AS_GEN_SKorea_Japan_Disputed_Islets.php



MARITIME COOPERATION

Entry into Force of ReCAAP

Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia ("ReCAAP") entered into force on 4 September 2006, which will lead to the launch of the ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre in Singapore in November 2006.

Source: <http://www.imo.org>.

Joint Patrolling of Andaman Sea

The Indian Navy and its Indonesian counterpart are engaged in a three-week patrolling of the Andaman Sea to counter piracy, smuggling and other trans-national crimes.

Source: The Hindu, 11 September 2006.

<http://www.hindu.com/2006/09/11/stories/2006091101991300.htm>.

Agreement on Maritime Transportation

A MoU on air services and an agreement on maritime transportation have been concluded between India, Brazil and South Africa in the first summit of the IBSA on 13 September 2006.

Source: Indo Asian News Service, 13 September 2006.

[http://www.dailyindia.com/show/59935.php/IBSA_is_historic_without_precedent:_Manmohan_\(LEAD\).](http://www.dailyindia.com/show/59935.php/IBSA_is_historic_without_precedent:_Manmohan_(LEAD).)

Safety of Navigation, Security and Environmental Protection in Straits of Malacca and Singapore

The littoral States of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore and user States have agreed, at a meeting in Kuala Lumpur, to support the proposed co-operative mechanism on safety of navigation and environmental protection in the Straits, one of the most important and busiest shipping routes in the world.

Source: IMO, 22 September 2006. <http://www.imo.org>.



MARINE ENVIRONMENT

World's Largest Environmental Friendly Diesel Marine Engine Delivered

According to a Mitsui Engineering and Shipbuilding Co., Ltd. (MES) press release of the 6 September 2006, MES delivered the world's most powerful electronically controlled diesel marine engine, the Mitsui Man B&W 12K98ME, to the IHI Marine United Inc. Kure Shipyard (Hiroshima Pref.) in mid August.

Source: Maritime Japan.com, 8 September 2006.

http://www.maritimejapan.com/JSC/maritimejapan.nsf/v_newsataglance_e/48A492435868734E802571E300365B55.

International Coastal Clean-up

Each year the third Saturday of September is celebrated as the International Coastal Clean-up day.

Source: Vietnam News, 26 September 2006.

<http://vietnamnews.vnagency.com.vn/showarticle.php?num=02OWN260906>.

India's Help for Sri Lanka

India has extended help to Sri Lanka to deal with an oil spill from a shipwreck off Galle harbour on the island's southern coast that has polluted beaches and lagoons.

Source: The Economic Times, 18 September 2006.



MARINE RESOURCES

A Rich Discovery of Underwater Species

A team of U.S based Conservation International claims to have discovered 52 new species, including 24 species of fish, 20 species of coral and eight of shrimp in Indonesia's Papua province. The team warned that the area, known as Bird's Head Seascape, is under danger from fishermen who use dynamite and cyanide to net their catches.

Source: The Hindu, 19 September 2006.

<http://www.hindu.com/2006/09/19/stories/2006091903832000.htm>.

UAE Helps Track Marine Turtles in Pakistan Using Satellite Transmitters

In line with its belief in strengthening nation-wide partnerships and sharing of technologies for the benefit of environmental conservation, the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi (EAD), in cooperation with WWF - Pakistan, the country's largest conservation NGO, and the Sindh Wildlife Department, recently installed a satellite transmitter on a marine turtle at the Sandspit, Karachi coast to monitor the movement patterns of the marine turtle, which is declared as an endangered species by the World Conservation Union (IUCN).

Source: AME Info, 26 September 2006.

<http://www.ameinfo.com/97385.html>.



MARITIME POLICY & LEGISLATION

Ports Welcome New Legislation

The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) says it welcomes last week's unanimous vote in the US Senate to pass the Port Security Improvement Act of 2006, one of two bills that authorise the spending US\$400m a year for the Port Security Grant program.

Source: Maritime Global Net, 18 September 2006.

<http://www.mgn.com/news/dailystorydetails.cfm?storyid=6978&type=2>.



MARINE TECHNOLOGY

AlphaPRIME Heads East

The first working AlphaPRIME system module has been shipped to Malaysia where it will be used to demonstrate its unique seabed technology to field operators in the region.

Source: Offshore Shipping Online, 21 September 2006.
<http://www.oilpubs.com/oso/article.asp?v1=5696>.



FISHING

Unsustainable Fishing Threatens Europe's Oceans

The European Union needs to greatly improve its fisheries management or it risks losing some of its most popular seafood dishes, the international conservation group WWF warned. Wasteful and illegal fishing is decimating Europe's oceans, WWF said in a new report, which called on consumers to think twice about the fish they buy.

Source: Environment News Service, 28 September 2006.
<http://www.ens-newswire.com/ens/sep2006/2006-09-27-02.asp>.

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