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India Likely to End FY26 With Gross FDI Above \$90 Billion

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India is likely to close FY2025-26 with gross foreign direct investment (FDI) exceeding \$90 billion, according to Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran, signalling continued investor confidence in the country's growth prospects and reform momentum. The projected inflow would underscore India's appeal as a major global investment destination.

Strong interest across sectors such as manufacturing, digital services, renewable energy, infrastructure, and financial technology has supported the positive outlook. Government initiatives including production-linked incentives, ease-of-doing-business reforms, and supply chain diversification trends have further strengthened investment sentiment.

Economists said robust FDI inflows can help boost capital formation, generate employment, support exports, and accelerate technology transfer. Sustained foreign investment is also seen as important for financing India's long-term infrastructure and industrial expansion plans.

Analysts noted that crossing the \$90 billion mark would reinforce India's position among the world's leading FDI recipients, even as global investment flows remain uneven due to geopolitical uncertainty and tighter financial conditions.

Index of Industrial Production (IIP) recorded a 4.1 % year-on-year growth in March 2026

April 29, 2026

India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) recorded a robust year-on-year growth of 4.1% in March 2026, reflecting sustained strength in the country's industrial activity and manufacturing-led economic expansion.

The overall IIP stood at 173.2 compared to 166.3 in March 2025, supported by healthy growth across key sectors including manufacturing (4.3%), mining (5.5%), and electricity (0.8%). The performance highlights continued industrial resilience, driven by rising domestic demand, infrastructure development, and improving capacity utilisation across industries.

Within manufacturing, 14 out of 23 industry groups reported growth, with major contributions coming from basic metals (8.6%), motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers (18.1%), and machinery and equipment (11.2%). Strong output in auto components, commercial vehicles, agricultural tractors, and steel products reflects expanding industrial demand and strengthening supply chains.

On a use-based classification, capital goods registered an impressive 14.6% growth, indicating strong investment activity, while infrastructure and construction goods grew by 6.7%, reinforcing India's ongoing focus on public infrastructure and industrial development. Consumer

durables also rose by 5.3%, signalling healthy consumption trends. The sustained expansion in core industrial segments underlines India's progress toward becoming a globally competitive manufacturing hub and supports the broader vision of accelerated economic growth under Make in India initiatives.

India's Exports Rise to USD 860 Billion in FY26, Trade Deficit Widens to USD 119 Billion

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India's overall exports recorded a growth of 4.22 per cent to reach USD 860.09 billion in the financial year 2025–26, up from USD 825.26 billion in the previous year, according to data shared by Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal. However, a faster increase in imports led to a widening of the country's trade deficit.

Total imports rose by 6.47 per cent to around USD 970 billion in FY26, compared to USD 919.92 billion in 2024–25. As a result, the combined trade deficit for merchandise and services expanded significantly to USD 119.30 billion, from USD 94.66 billion a year earlier.

Merchandise exports saw only a marginal increase, rising to USD 441.78 billion from USD 437.70 billion. In contrast, merchandise imports climbed more sharply to USD 774.98 billion from USD 721.20 billion, indicating sustained domestic demand and higher inbound shipments.

Services exports continued to be a key driver of India's external sector, growing to USD 418.31 billion from USD 387.55 billion in the previous financial year. Services imports also edged up to USD 204.42 billion, compared to USD 198.72 billion.

Trade excluding petroleum and gems and jewellery remained relatively balanced during the year. Exports in this category increased to USD 777.98 billion from USD 732.05 billion, while imports rose to USD 702.98 billion from USD 653.31 billion. However, the trade surplus in this segment narrowed slightly to USD 75 billion, down from USD 78.74 billion.

Among key commodities, gold imports recorded a rise in value despite a decline in volume. The value of gold imports increased to USD 71.98 billion from USD 58.01 billion, even as the quantity fell from 757.09 tonnes to 721.03 tonnes. The rise was largely attributed to higher global prices, with the unit value increasing to USD 99,825.38 per kg from USD 76,617.48 per kg.

Silver imports, meanwhile, registered a sharp surge in both value and volume. Imports rose to USD 12.05 billion from USD 4.83 billion, while quantities increased from 5,164.37 tonnes to 7,334.96 tonnes. The unit value also saw a notable jump, reflecting stronger demand and price trends.

The data highlights the continued strength of services exports, even as rising imports—particularly in commodities—put pressure on India's overall trade balance.





India's Rolled Steel Exports Jump 36% Year-on-Year in FY2025/26

April 25, 2026

India recorded a strong rebound in finished steel trade during FY2025/26, with rolled steel exports rising 36 percent year-on-year amid improving global demand and competitive pricing from domestic producers. The sharp increase reflects stronger overseas shipments across key product categories, including hot-rolled, cold-rolled and coated steel.

The export growth comes as Indian mills capitalized on better market conditions in regions such as Europe, the Middle East and Southeast Asia, where buyers sought alternative supply sources and stable deliveries. Competitive raw material costs and expanding production capacity also supported outbound volumes.

Industry observers note that the rise in exports helped offset softer domestic demand in some segments and improved capacity utilization at major steel plants. The performance also strengthens India's position as an increasingly important supplier in the global rolled steel market.

Looking ahead, exporters remain cautiously optimistic, though freight costs, trade barriers and fluctuations in global steel prices are expected to remain key factors influencing shipment momentum in the coming quarters.

India–New Zealand FTA Grants 100% Duty-Free Access, Boosting Indian Export Competitiveness

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India is set to gain comprehensive market access in the South Pacific following the conclusion of the India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA), a landmark pact that grants 100 per cent duty-free access to Indian exports across all tariff lines.

The agreement between India and New Zealand effectively covers the entire existing export basket, eliminating customs duties and significantly lowering the landed cost of Indian goods in the New Zealand market. The move is expected to enhance price competitiveness and create new growth avenues for Indian exporters.

Key sectors poised to benefit include textiles, pharmaceuticals, engineering goods and agri-processed products. With tariffs removed, Indian manufacturers in these segments are likely to see improved demand and stronger positioning against global competitors. The pharmaceutical sector, in particular, is expected to gain from easier regulatory pathways and cost advantages, while engineering goods and textiles could witness higher volumes driven by better market penetration.

Trade experts note that the agreement goes beyond tariff elimination, aiming to deepen supply chain integration and strengthen bilateral economic ties. By ensuring full market access, the

FTA provides Indian exporters with a level playing field in a developed market known for its stringent quality standards and high-value consumption patterns.

The pact is also expected to support India's broader export diversification strategy, reducing dependence on traditional markets while expanding its footprint in newer geographies. Increased access to New Zealand could serve as a gateway for Indian businesses to tap into wider Oceania markets and integrate more effectively into global value chains.

Officials believe the agreement will not only boost merchandise exports but also pave the way for enhanced cooperation in services, technology and investment. As both countries look to strengthen economic engagement, the FTA marks a significant milestone in advancing trade liberalisation and fostering long-term bilateral growth.

India Becomes Sri Lanka's Fastest-Growing Export Market in Q1 2026

April 27, 2026

India has emerged as Sri Lanka's fastest-growing export destination in the first quarter of 2026, reflecting strengthening trade ties and rising demand for Sri Lankan goods in the Indian market. The growth underscores India's increasing role as a key regional trade partner for Sri Lanka amid shifting global trade patterns.

Exports to India recorded the strongest year-on-year expansion among Sri Lanka's major markets during the January–March period. Key export categories included apparel, food products, industrial raw materials, and manufactured goods, supported by geographic proximity and preferential trade arrangements.

Trade analysts said improved connectivity, lower logistics costs, and growing business engagement between the two countries have contributed to the momentum. The trend is expected to further support Sri Lanka's export recovery and deepen bilateral economic cooperation in the months ahead.

Maruti Suzuki Achieves Record FY26 Exports of 448,000 Units

April 30, 2026

Maruti Suzuki India Limited posted its highest-ever annual export performance in FY26, shipping 448,000 vehicles to overseas markets and reinforcing its role as a major contributor to India's automotive export growth.

The record milestone reflects rising global demand for compact passenger vehicles manufactured in India, with exports spanning regions such as Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia-Pacific. Strong acceptance of fuel-efficient models, competitive pricing, and expanding dealer networks helped drive the company's international volumes.

Industry analysts say the achievement underlines India's emergence as a key production and export hub for small cars and affordable mobility solutions. Improved manufacturing efficiency, stable supply chains, and stronger port connectivity also supported the increase in outbound shipments.



Maruti Suzuki is expected to continue focusing on market diversification, new model introductions, and higher localization to sustain export momentum. The performance is also seen as a positive signal for India's broader ambitions to strengthen its position in global automobile manufacturing and trade.

India's Mango Exports Expand Beyond Alphonso and Kesar Varieties

April 30, 2026

India's mango export basket is broadening as overseas demand rises for lesser-known varieties beyond the traditional Alphonso and Kesar, signalling new opportunities for growers and exporters. While Alphonso and Kesar remain flagship products in premium markets, buyers are increasingly seeking regional cultivars known for distinct taste, aroma, texture, and longer shelf life.

Varieties such as Banganapalli, Dasherri, Langra, Chausa, Mallika, Totapuri, and Himsagar are gaining traction across markets in the Middle East, Europe, Southeast Asia, and North America. Exporters say consumers are showing greater interest in trying different Indian mangoes, especially through ethnic retail channels and online specialty platforms.

The diversification is helping India reduce dependence on a narrow export mix while extending the marketing season across different harvest windows. Producers in multiple states are benefiting as demand spreads beyond traditional mango-growing belts, supporting rural incomes and regional agri-trade development.

Improved packhouse infrastructure, irradiation facilities, cold-chain logistics, and branding initiatives are also enabling exporters to ship a wider range of mangoes while meeting international phytosanitary and quality standards. Industry stakeholders believe continued variety promotion can further strengthen India's position in the global mango trade.

India-Kenya bilateral trade rises to US\$ 4.31 billion in FY26

April 30, 2026

India-Kenya bilateral trade recorded robust growth in FY26, rising by nearly 25% to Rs. 3.98 lakh crore (US\$ 4.31 billion), underscoring strengthening economic engagement between the two countries. India has emerged as a key trading partner for Kenya, with bilateral trade spanning diverse sectors such as petroleum products, pharmaceuticals, engineering goods, machinery and agricultural commodities. The growth reflects improved market access, expanding commercial linkages and increasing demand for Indian exports in East Africa. India's competitive manufacturing base and strong presence in value-added sectors have supported this upward trend, reinforcing its position as a reliable trade partner in the region. The expansion in trade was highlighted during the 10th session of the India-Kenya Joint Trade Committee (JTC), where both sides discussed enhancing cooperation across priority sectors, including manufacturing, agriculture, digital infrastructure and energy.

The dialogue focused on strengthening supply chains, improving logistics connectivity and exploring avenues for deeper trade integration through policy alignment and potential agreements. India continues to maintain a strong trade surplus, driven by diversified exports



such as refined petroleum, pharmaceuticals and industrial products, while Kenya's exports to India primarily include tea, coffee, soda ash and minerals.

Going forward, both countries are expected to leverage their economic complementarities to scale bilateral trade and investment flows further. Increased collaboration in digital infrastructure, renewable energy and value-added manufacturing is likely to open new avenues for growth. Additionally, efforts to facilitate easier trade processes and reduce barriers are expected to enhance business opportunities for enterprises in both countries. Overall, the sustained growth in India-Kenya trade highlights the expanding scope of India's engagement with Africa and reinforces its role as a key partner in the region's economic development.

Shipping News



X-Press Feeders announces new HLS2 service connecting Nhava Sheva and Pipavav

April 26, 2026

X-Press Feeders has announced the launch of its new Hercules 2 (HLS2) service, further strengthening regional connectivity between India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Southeast Asia.

The HLS2 service will deploy nine vessels in the 4,000-5,000 TEU range, operating on a fixed-day weekly schedule to provide reliable and consistent connections across key ports.

The service rotation is Nhava Sheva – Pipavav – Karachi – Colombo - Laem Chabang

The first sailing under HLS2 is expected to arrive at Nhava Sheva on May 13, 2026. The service is designed to support growing trade flows along the Indian West Coast while enhancing connectivity to South Asia networks via Colombo, said a communique.

MSC Restores China-India Osprey Sailings as Red Sea Disruptions Drive Demand

April 28, 2026

Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) has reinstated its China-India Osprey service in response to rising cargo demand fueled by ongoing disruptions in the Red Sea trade corridor. The return of the sailings is aimed at providing shippers with additional capacity and more reliable connections between key Chinese export hubs and Indian ports.

The Red Sea crisis has forced many carriers to reroute vessels around the Cape of Good Hope, extending transit times and tightening equipment availability across major east-west trades. As a result, regional routes such as China-India have seen stronger demand from businesses seeking alternative supply chain options and faster market access.

By reviving the Osprey service, MSC seeks to support customers with improved schedule coverage, greater flexibility, and enhanced supply chain resilience amid continued volatility in global container shipping markets.



Atmanirbhar Shipping: Govt Greenlights ₹51,383 Cr (Rs.513.8 billion) Investment for 62 Indian-Flagged Ships

May 1, 2026

The government has approved an investment of ₹51,383 crore (Rs.513.8 billion) for the acquisition of 62 Indian-flagged ships under the Atmanirbhar Shipping initiative, marking a major push to strengthen the country's maritime self-reliance and expand domestic fleet capacity. The move is aimed at reducing dependence on foreign carriers, boosting national shipping capabilities and supporting India's growing trade requirements.

The planned fleet expansion is expected to cover a range of vessel categories, potentially including tankers, bulk carriers, container ships and specialized cargo vessels. A stronger Indian-flagged fleet can improve control over strategic cargo movement, enhance freight security and retain more shipping revenue within the domestic economy.

Industry experts said India has long relied heavily on foreign-flagged vessels for transporting a large share of its exports and imports, exposing trade flows to volatile freight rates and limited vessel availability during global disruptions. Expanding the domestic fleet is seen as a strategic response to those vulnerabilities.

The ₹51,383 crore (Rs.513.8 billion) programme is also likely to provide a boost to related sectors such as shipbuilding, marine services, financing, insurance and seafarer employment. If linked with local shipyard participation, the initiative could generate wider industrial benefits and strengthen India's maritime manufacturing ecosystem.

Officials view the Atmanirbhar Shipping drive as part of broader efforts to build resilient logistics infrastructure, improve trade competitiveness and align with long-term economic growth goals. Greater Indian participation in ocean transport could also support energy security by enhancing capacity for crude oil, LNG and fertilizer imports.

Analysts said successful execution will depend on timely vessel procurement, supportive financing structures, regulatory ease and operational competitiveness. If implemented effectively, the initiative could significantly raise India's maritime presence and reshape the country's role in global shipping.

India's Inland Waterways Cargo Hits Record 145.84 MMT in FY25

April 28, 2026

India's inland waterways sector has achieved a significant milestone, with cargo transportation on National Waterways (NWs) reaching an all-time high of 145.84 million metric tonnes (MMT) in FY25, according to the government. Passenger traffic also witnessed a sharp surge, rising to 7.6 crore (76 million) in 2024-25 from 1.61 crore (16.1 million) in the previous year, reflecting growing adoption of water-based transport.

India currently has a network of 111 National Waterways spanning 20,187 km, of which 32 waterways covering 5,155 km are operational. The number of operational waterways is expected to increase to 52 over the next five years. Cargo movement has continued to accelerate, touching 198 MMT in FY26 (till February 2026), indicating sustained growth momentum in the sector.



The expansion of inland waterways aligns with broader improvements in maritime infrastructure. The combined cargo handling capacity of major ports has increased substantially from 555 million metric tonnes per annum (MTPA) in FY14 to 1,681 MTPA in FY25. Operational efficiency has also improved, with the turnaround time for container vessels reducing from 41.76 hours in 2013–14 to 28.5 hours in 2024–25.

Policy support has played a key role in driving this growth. The Union Budget 2026–27 announced plans to operationalize 20 additional National Waterways over the next five years and introduced a Coastal Cargo Promotion Scheme aimed at shifting freight from road and rail to more cost-effective and environmentally friendly water transport. The government aims to increase the combined share of inland waterways and coastal shipping from 6 per cent to 12 per cent by 2047.

As part of this strategy, National Waterway-5 in Odisha will be operationalized to link mineral-rich regions such as Talcher and Angul with industrial hubs like Kalinga Nagar and key ports including Paradip and Dhamra. The project is expected to enhance logistics efficiency and support industrial growth in the region. Additionally, Regional Centres of Excellence will be set up along the NW-5 corridor to train skilled manpower and create employment opportunities for local communities.

Further strengthening the ecosystem, the government plans to establish dedicated ship repair facilities for inland vessels in Varanasi and Patna. Under the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision, India aims to increase the modal share of inland water transport from 2 per cent to 5 per cent, while expanding cargo volumes to over 200 MMT by 2030 and 500 MMT by 2047.

The latest figures underline the growing importance of inland waterways in India's logistics framework, supported by infrastructure upgrades, policy initiatives, and a long-term vision to build a more sustainable and efficient transport network.

Logistics News



Navi Mumbai Unveils First Phase of Integrated Logistics Park to Boost Regional Supply Chains

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A major logistics infrastructure initiative is underway in Navi Mumbai, with authorities advancing the first phase of a large integrated logistics hub designed to strengthen supply chains across the Mumbai metropolitan region.

The project has entered its initial rollout stage, with bids invited for a nearly 180-acre land parcel that will anchor warehousing and distribution activities. The development will follow a hybrid model, where public agencies will create core infrastructure—such as internal roads, drainage, and utilities—while private players invest in and operate logistics facilities.

Urban development experts see the project as part of a broader shift in India's logistics landscape, moving away from fragmented warehousing toward organized, integrated hubs. These facilities aim to streamline cargo movement, cut transit times, and improve inventory efficiency, particularly amid rapid growth in industrial production and e-commerce.



The master plan includes multiple logistics zones within a unified layout, supported by wide internal corridors for heavy vehicle movement. Strategically located in the Mumbai metropolitan region, the park offers proximity to key transport infrastructure, including ports, highways, and the upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport—a factor expected to enhance its role as a logistics gateway for western India.

From an economic standpoint, the development is likely to attract investment in warehousing, cold storage, and distribution, while generating employment across both skilled and semi-skilled segments. Industry analysts note that such integrated logistics parks could help reduce India's relatively high logistics costs over time, improving overall competitiveness.

However, experts caution that large-scale logistics expansion must be balanced with sustainable planning. Key recommendations include incorporating energy-efficient infrastructure, rainwater harvesting systems, and green buffers to minimize environmental impact and reduce strain on local ecosystems.

Aligned with state industrial policy, the project reflects a coordinated push to modernize logistics infrastructure through private sector participation. The success of this first phase will be critical in determining the pace and scale of future expansion, positioning Navi Mumbai at the forefront of India's evolving logistics ecosystem.

DP World Expands Inland Transport Network to Boost India-UAE Trade

April 30, 2026

DP World is expanding its inland transport and logistics network in India to strengthen trade connectivity with the United Arab Emirates, aiming to improve cargo movement efficiency and reduce end-to-end transit times.

The expansion focuses on enhancing multimodal logistics solutions that integrate ports, rail, and road connectivity, enabling smoother movement of containers between industrial hubs and export gateways. The initiative is expected to support growing trade volumes between India and the UAE across sectors such as engineering goods, textiles, electronics, perishables, and chemicals.

By improving inland logistics infrastructure, DP World aims to reduce congestion at ports, optimize supply chains, and provide more predictable delivery schedules for exporters and importers. The company is also strengthening warehousing, distribution centers, and freight forwarding capabilities to support integrated trade flows.

Industry observers say the move reflects rising bilateral trade momentum and increasing demand for efficient logistics solutions between the two economies. The expansion is expected to further solidify India-UAE trade corridors and enhance regional supply chain resilience.



India's Top Cities See 8% Rise in Warehousing Absorption in Q1

April 30, 2026

India's major urban logistics hubs have recorded an 8% year-on-year increase in warehousing absorption in the first quarter, reflecting steady demand from e-commerce, manufacturing, and third-party logistics players.

The growth highlights continued expansion of supply chain infrastructure in key cities, driven by rising consumption, faster delivery expectations, and the shift toward organized warehousing facilities. Industrial and logistics parks near metropolitan regions have seen strong leasing activity as companies seek efficient distribution networks.

Industry observers say demand is being supported by sectors such as retail, FMCG, engineering goods, and electronics, along with the rapid growth of omnichannel commerce. Companies are also optimizing inventory management by moving closer to consumption centers, boosting warehouse utilization.

Experts note that India's warehousing sector remains on a strong growth trajectory, supported by infrastructure development, improved connectivity, and policy incentives. The trend is expected to continue as businesses invest in supply chain resilience and faster last-mile delivery capabilities.

Indian Port News



Adani Dahej Port Achieves Milestone with First-Ever Slag Handling from Capsize Vessel MV SEMA M

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Adani Dahej Port has successfully handled the vessel MV SEMA M, a capsized-type bulk carrier, marking a significant operational milestone for the facility. The vessel's discharge included slag, which is being handled at the port for the first time, introducing a new commodity stream to its growing cargo portfolio.

The successful operation underscores the port's expanding technical and logistical capabilities in managing diversified bulk cargo alongside increasingly large and complex vessels. According to port officials, the handling of slag required careful coordination, specialized equipment deployment, and strict adherence to safety protocols due to its bulk density and handling requirements.

This achievement further strengthens Dahej Port's position as a key bulk cargo hub on India's western coast. Operated under the Adani Ports and SEZ network, the facility continues to scale up its infrastructure to accommodate a wider range of industrial commodities, supporting sectors such as steel, manufacturing, and energy.

Industry observers note that successfully managing a capsized vessel like MV SEMA M also demonstrates improved berth efficiency and operational readiness for handling high-volume shipments without disruptions.



With this development, Adani Dahej Port is expected to attract additional bulk cargo volumes, particularly from industrial clients seeking reliable and high-capacity port infrastructure.

Technip Energies India Commissions First Captive Jetty at Dahej, Dispatches Mega Module to Europe

April 29, 2026

Technip Energies India has commissioned its first captive jetty at its modular manufacturing yard (MMY) in Dahej, marking a major milestone in boosting heavy engineering logistics and export capabilities.

The company announced that it has also dispatched its first large-scale process module—destined for the Netherlands—for a global energy major. The consignment is currently en route to North Europe via the Red Sea and the Suez Canal.

According to the company, the newly built jetty enables the direct movement of oversized modules weighing up to 4,000 metric tonnes—cargo that was previously constrained by road transport limitations. This shift is expected to dramatically improve efficiency, cutting transit time from around 15 days to just 48–72 hours.

The infrastructure is also projected to deliver 60–70% fuel savings, significantly reduce logistics costs, and lower carbon emissions, reinforcing the company's sustainability goals.

Completed in just seven months, the jetty will play a key role in supporting large-scale modular project execution within the company's global delivery network.

Davendra Kumar, Managing Director of Technip Energies India & APAC, said the development reflects India's rising importance as a strategic hub in the company's operations and a strong endorsement of the Make in India initiative.

The company added that integrating advanced logistics infrastructure will enhance cost efficiency, reduce environmental impact, and strengthen its position in delivering complex modular solutions across the global energy and chemicals value chain.

Vizhinjam International Seaport Plans ₹800-Crore (Rs.8 billion) Expansion with Key Infrastructure MoUs

April 29, 2026

The Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited has initiated a major expansion drive by signing three strategic Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) aimed at strengthening the port's position as a global maritime gateway.

VISL CEO Sreekumar K Nair said the first phase of auxiliary infrastructure projects will involve an investment of around ₹800 crore (Rs.8 billion), to be executed through public-private partnership (PPP) models.

As part of the expansion, VISL has signed an MoU with Indian Oil Corporation Limited to establish a dedicated oil bunkering facility for refuelling cargo vessels. The project, which will require approximately 20 acres of land, is expected to position Vizhinjam as a competitive bunkering hub along a key global shipping route.



Strategically located just 18 km from a major international shipping lane that carries nearly one-third of global maritime trade, Vizhinjam is well-placed to compete with established bunkering centres such as Fujairah and the Port of Singapore. Officials noted that Singapore alone supplies nearly 50 million metric tonnes of marine fuel annually.

The upcoming bunkering facility is expected to generate substantial GST revenue while creating significant employment opportunities.

In another key development, VISL has partnered with Container Corporation of India to develop a Multi-Modal Logistic Park over 100 acres. The facility will focus on cargo sorting, container management, and seamless transfer through road and rail networks, enhancing the efficiency of cargo movement linked to the port.

Additionally, VISL has signed an MoU with the Central Warehousing Corporation to set up a large-scale warehouse complex across approximately 200 acres. The proposed site, located between Nemom and Parassala, will benefit from strong railway connectivity and is expected to play a crucial role in improving cargo storage and distribution.

Officials highlighted that the corridor—particularly the Balaramapuram–Parassala–Nagercoil rail route—will be vital for handling future container traffic.

Gateway to Global Ports

Highlighting the port's global connectivity, Nair said Vizhinjam offers direct access to over 100 major container ports worldwide. He added that China, which accounts for nearly 40% of global manufacturing, has emerged as a key user, with large vessels already docking at the port for transshipment operations.

VISL has also invited both domestic and international manufacturers to leverage the port's growing ecosystem, assuring full infrastructure support for industrial development in the region.

With these initiatives, Vizhinjam is set to evolve into a major transshipment and logistics hub, boosting Kerala's presence in global maritime trade while driving investment, employment, and economic growth.





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