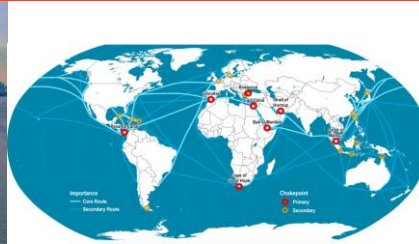


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US eyes port in Bangladesh for Bay of Bengal presence



Global Significance of QUAD

The United States is considering developing a port in Bangladesh. This initiative, under the Quad Ports for Future program, aims to establish a US presence in the Bay of Bengal. The move is designed to counterbalance China's influence. India already has access to Bangladeshi ports. Japan is constructing a deep sea port at Matarbari.

The US is eyeing a port in Bangladesh under the Quad Ports for Future programme for establishing its presence in the Bay of Bengal, hoping to counter-balance China's presence in the region but the step may be too close to India's comfort.

The US has held an initial meeting with the concerned stakeholders in Dhaka this week as part of its plan in Bangladesh's port sector, ET has learnt. Persons familiar with the matter told ET that the US will first undertake a feasibility study before making concrete moves to set up a port. ET had reported earlier this week that the US military is active in the strategically located Chittagong area of Bangal.

Italian port refuses to load containers of explosives for Israel



The Italian port of Ravenna on Thursday refused to load two containers filled with explosives for shipment to Israel, following a request by local authorities, according to a statement issued by the city's municipality. Ravenna's mayor, Alessandro Barattoni, said in a statement: "Thanks to courageous dockers, we were informed last night of the scheduled arrival today of two containers to the Ravenna port"

Ravenna, along with provincial leaders and the regional Emilia-Romagna government, are shareholders in the port, which allowed them to block the shipment.

"You must choose a side, and Emilia-Romagna and Ravenna know perfectly which: the one of innocent victims and hostages, and not the one of criminal governments and terrorist organisations," the regional leaders said in a statement.

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni called Israel's plan to occupy Gaza "unacceptable", but unlike several European countries such as France and Spain, she ruled out recognising Palestinian statehood, stressing that recognition should only follow the creation of a genuine Palestinian state.

In early June, workers at the port of Marseille in southern France also refused to load containers of military equipment bound for Haifa, saying they would not "take part in the genocide being carried out by the Israeli government" or become "complicit in these massacres." (**Source: Middle East Monitor**)





New “Samudra se Samridhi” of worth Rs 34,200 crore in Bhavnagar.



India's coastlines will become gateways to the nation's prosperity: PM

In a major boost to the maritime sector, Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for multiple development projects related to the maritime sector worth over Rs 34,200 crore. He inaugurated the Mumbai International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock. He laid the foundation stone of a new container terminal and associated facilities at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata; new container berth, cargo handling facilities, and associated developments at Paradip Port; the Tuna Tekra Multi-Cargo Terminal; firefighting facilities and modern road connectivity at Kamarajar Port, Ennore; coastal protection works including sea-walls and revetments at Chennai Port; sea-wall construction at Car Nicobar Island; a multi-purpose cargo berth and Green Bio-Methanol Plant at Deendayal Port, Kandla; and ship repair facilities at Patna and Varanasi.

In line with his commitment to holistic and sustainable development, Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple projects of the central and state government, worth over Rs 26,354 crore, catering to various sectors in Gujarat. He inaugurated HPLNG Regasification Terminal at Chhara Port, Acrylics & Oxo Alcohol Project at Gujarat IOCL Refinery, the 600 MW Green Shoe Initiative, PM-KUSUM 475 MW Component C solar feeder for farmers, the 45 MW Badeli Solar PV Project, complete solarization of Dhordo village among others. He laid the foundation stone of LNG infrastructure, additional renewable energy projects, coastal protection works, highways, and healthcare and urban transport projects, including expansions at Sir T. General Hospital in Bhavnagar, Guru Govind Singh Government Hospital at Jamnagar, and the four-laning of 70 km of national highways.

Prime Minister will also undertake an aerial survey of the Dholera Special Investment Region (DSIR), envisioned as a greenfield industrial city built around sustainable industrialization, smart infrastructure, and global investment. (Source: PIB Delhi)

Kerala has Implemented Several Fisheries development Projects



India's fisheries sector is undergoing rapid growth, with Kerala emerging as a model state in advancing the nation's blue economy, said Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and Panchayati Raj. He was speaking at the inauguration of the Blue Tides Kerala–European Union Conclave, organized by the Kerala Government to promote sustainability and innovation in the fisheries sector.

Highlighting India's remarkable progress, Shri Singh said the country has become the second-largest fish producer in the world, with production nearly doubling over the past decade. Fish production has hiked from 9.6 million tonnes in 2014–15 to 19.5 million tonnes in 2024–25. He added that the Union Government has sanctioned ₹1,346 crore to Kerala for various development projects in the fisheries sector and reaffirmed the Centre's commitment to supporting the state through initiatives such as the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.

Addressing the conclave through a video message, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways emphasized the critical role of oceans in unlocking new opportunities for economic growth. He called for a balance between responsible utilization and conservation of marine resources, adding that the conclave represents not just a forum for dialogue but a symbol of collective commitment to sustainable ocean governance. Source: PIB-New Delhi)

EU envoys, 17 nations' diplomats visit Vizhinjam Int. Seaport



Indian Port Sector

India's Chabahar Port under threat as US ends sanctions waiver



The Chabahar Port has handled more than 8 million tonnes of cargo since India took operational control of its Shahid Beheshti terminal through India Ports Global Limited.

NEW DELHI: India's key strategic connectivity project to Afghanistan and Central Asia faces a new challenge as the United States announced it will revoke the sanctions exemption for operations at Iran's Chabahar Port from September 29.

The move potentially exposes Indian firms involved in the port's development and operation to US penalties, raising serious concerns about the future of one of India's most important regional connectivity projects.

The waiver originally granted in 2018 under the Iran Freedom and Counter-Proliferation Act (IFCA), had allowed India and others to work on the port without facing the threat of American sanctions. It was seen as a vital exception for India's effort to bypass Pakistan and establish alternative trade and transit routes to landlocked Afghanistan and Central Asia.

The Chabahar Port, situated on the Gulf of Oman, has handled more than 8 million tonnes of cargo since India took operational control of its Shahid Beheshti terminal through India Ports Global Limited. It has also served as a lifeline for delivering humanitarian aid to Afghanistan, especially after the Taliban takeover during critical times.

However, the US State Department now finds that this exemption no longer aligns with its current policy.

A promotional banner for 'Smart Digital Ports of the Future Europe'. It features a blue background with a world map and icons representing digital technology and port infrastructure. The text 'SMART DIGITAL PORTS OF THE FUTURE EUROPE' is prominently displayed in white. To the right, it says 'Smart, Efficient & Connected'. At the bottom, it provides the dates '12 - 13 November 2025 | Amsterdam' and a 'REGISTER NOW' button.

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Odisha to Get New Major Port at Bahuda with Rs 215 Billion Investment



In a major boost to India's maritime infrastructure, Paradip Port Authority, Visakhapatnam Port Authority, Sagarmala Finance Corporation Ltd, and the Odisha government will jointly develop a new major port at Bahuda in Odisha's Ganjam district, with an estimated investment of Rs 215 billion. Once operational, the port will become the 14th major port owned by the Union government...

The proposed Bahuda port will accommodate dry bulk ships ranging from 40,000 to 150,000 deadweight tonnes and container vessels capable of carrying up to 6,000 TEUs. The project follows a Pre-Techno Economic Feasibility Study conducted by the Odisha government, highlighting the port's strategic importance in enhancing regional trade and promoting port-led industrialisation.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the project is set to be signed on September 20 in Bhavnagar, Gujarat, in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The agreement will bring together key stakeholders, including Paradip ..

Sagarmala Finance Corporation Ltd, an NBFC focused on maritime sector development and registered with the Reserve Bank of India, will play a pivotal role in funding the port. The corporation plans to provide short-term, medium-term, and long-term loans to support port modernisation, connectivity, coastal community development, and associated infrastructure projects.

The initiative aims to catalyse port-led growth, improve connectivity via road and rail links, and promote industrial development along Odisha's coastline. Eastern India already hosts Paradip, Dhamra, and Gopalpur ports, with private ports at Dhamra and Gopalpur operated by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ).

Additionally, Tata Steel Ltd is developing a port at Subarnarekha Mouth (Kirtania), and Navayuga Engineering Company Ltd is working on a port at Astaranga, reflecting a robust port development ecosystem. The Bahuda project is expected to further strengthen India's maritime capabilities and economic prospects. (Source: The construction world)



Indian Logistics Sector

Dalpatpur, Moradabad, Notified as Customs Station for EXIM trade

The Ministry of Finance has notified Dalpatpur in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh, as a designated customs station for handling imports and exports. As per **Notification No. 54/2025-Customs (N.T.) dated September 12, 2025**, issued under the Customs Act, 1962, the location is now authorized for unloading imported goods and loading export consignments. The move, announced by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), amends the earlier 1997 notification to include Dalpatpur as item (xv) under Uttar Pradesh. This step is expected to boost trade facilitation and streamline customs operations in the region.



In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (aa) of sub-section (1) read with sub-section (2) of section 7 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs hereby makes the following further amendment in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) No. 12/97-Customs (N.T.) dated the 2nd April, 1997, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) *vide* number G.S.R. 193 (E), dated the 2nd April, 1997,



India's Foreign Trade

US senators introduce India shrimp tariff legislation against imports

Indian shrimp exporters are concerned about the proposed India Shrimp Tariff Act in the US, which aims to protect Louisiana's shrimp and catfish industries. US senators claim Indian shrimp is being "dumped" with minimal regulation, harming domestic businesses.

They can't kill what is already dead, said senior executives of India's \$4.88 billion shrimp export industry as US senators Bill Cassidy and Cindy Hyde-Smith introduced the India Shrimp Tariff Act to protect Louisiana's shrimp and catfish industries against the allegedly cheaper imports from India.

The exporters pointed out that along with the blanket 50% tax that has been imposed by the US on all imports from India, the shrimp industry has already been paying a countervailing duty of 5.77% and anti-dumping duty of 2.65%.

India imposes import restrictions on a chemical till Sep 2026

NEW DELHI: (Sep 19) India has imposed import restrictions on a chemical used in the pharma industry till September 30 next year, according to a notification.

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said that imports of "ATS-8 (4r-cis)-1 1-dimethylethyl-6-cyanomethyl-2 2-dimethyl-1 3-dioxane-4-acetate" having a CIF (cost, insurance, freight) value of less than USD 111 per kg is restricted till September 30, 2026, with immediate effect.

However, it said, inputs imported by advanced authorisation holders, export-oriented units and social economic zone shall be exempted from the MIP (minimum import price) condition. (Source: PTI)

Indonesia's suspension of peanut imports due to Quality dispute

New Delhi's exports of the oilseed to Jakarta remain stranded, as Indonesia takes time to respond to India's response

Indian exporters are disputing Indonesia's delayed process in notifying the presence of aflatoxins in their groundnut shipments, even as Jakarta's suspension of the oilseed imports continues for the third week.

Though the Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) has reached out to the Indonesian Quarantine Authority (IQA) over the suspension of groundnut imports, Jakarta is yet to respond, trade sources said.

[Indonesia suspended the import of groundnuts from India, effective September 3](#), following a notification issued on August 27. (Source: Business Line)

Indian Tea growers seek curbs on low-quality imports

Tea growers of the country have called for a minimum import price or 100 per cent import duty to be levied on tea imports to safeguard local produce and give it an edge in the market

It isn't just climate change and US tariffs that have endangered Indian tea plantations. Low quality tea imports from countries like Kenya and Nepal have made their way to not only Indian shores, but also market aisles, leading to a crash in the prices of tea grown locally.

The country's tea growers have therefore called on the government to reframe policy surrounding tea imports in order to safeguard domestic growers.

Talking about the 'Advance Authorisation Scheme', president of the Tea Association of India (TAI), Sandeep Singhania, said duty-free imports of tea under the scheme are supposed to be used for exports, but these are finding their way to the domestic market and undermining the prices of the crop.



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The scheme, seen as a mechanism to make Indian exports competitive, allows exporters to import inputs, such as raw materials, without paying customs duty, on the condition that these will be used to manufacture products for export.

"The price of this 'inferior-quality' tea ranges from USD 1.5 to USD 1.7 (₹130-140) per kg. This year, production has been up by over 70 million kg. The domestic output, along with these imports, has aggravated the situation. Average tea prices are down by at least ₹42 per kg," he said.

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