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Report Highlights:

Weekly report as of June 5, 2020, of COVID-19 impact on Indian port operations.



India Port Situation Update as of Friday, June 5, 2020

1. Mumbai: According to local reports, cargo volumes processed in India's 12 state-owned major ports fell 22 percent in April-May 2020 to 92.821 million tons, from 119.239 million tons during the same period last year. In Mumbai, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) and Mumbai Port Trust experienced a 33 and 27 percent decline in cargo volume in April-May, respectively. Media reports that the shortage of labor and containers is hurting the flow of Indian exports. These reports indicate that Indian ports face a 50-60 percent shortage in cargo containers, which has resulted in a 32 percent increase in container freight costs. This has particularly hurt basmati rice exporters who have been unable to secure enough containers to ship their products. As a result, basmati rice exports have decreased by half to 200,000 tons per month, according to the All India Rice Exporters Association.

2. Mundra: Based on available information, port operations are running normally.

3. Tuticorin: Cargo volumes handled by V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust fell by 22 percent to 4.717 million tons in April-May, compared to 6.034 million tons during the same period last year. The shortage of trucks and labor continues to be an issue for port users.

4. Kandla: Deendayal Port Trust saw a drop in cargo volume of 18 percent to 17.189 million tons in April-May, compared to 21.059 million tons during the same period last year.

5. Chennai: Chennai Port Trust saw a drop in cargo volume of 44 percent in April-May to 4.561 million tons, compared to 8.171 million tons during the same period last year.

6. Mangalore: New Mangalore Port Trust was one of the few ports that did not experience a decline in trade volumes these past two months. The port saw a 12 percent increase in cargo volume to 6.821 million tons in April-May, compared to 6.117 million tons during the same period last year.

7. Kolkata: Kolkata Port Trust saw a drop in cargo volume of 32 percent to 7.540 million tons in April-May, compared to 10.340 million tons during the same period last year. On June 3, the Union Cabinet approved the renaming of Kolkata Port to Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port.

8. Cochin: Cochin Port Trust saw a drop in cargo volume of 40 percent to 3.411 million tons in April-May, compared to 5.698 million tons during the same period last year. Truck movement continues to be very slow.

Note: Each featured port includes air freight imports arriving at that city.

Attachments:

No Attachments.