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**Report Highlights:**

Weekly report as of July 3, 2020, of COVID-19 impact on Indian port operations.



### India Port Situation Update as of Friday, July 3, 2020

**1. Mumbai:** Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNPT) officials report that they handled a record 511 railway rakes for the month of June. This is indicative of a push across the country to rely more on trains for cargo movement, given the current shortage of truck drivers. Local media continues to report that cargo originating from China is being held up at various sea and air ports around the country, due to increased checks by Customs. Moreover, DHL and FedEx Corp have temporarily suspended the shipping of goods from China, due to clearance delays, according to media reports.

**2. Mundra:** Mundra port and JNPT will begin receiving a greater volume of freight trains as part of a pilot program from Indian Railways to speed up the movement of goods across the country.

**3. Tuticorin:** According to local media reports, V. O. Chidambaranar Port Trust's main administrative building was closed on July 1<sup>st</sup> after a senior official tested positive for COVID-19. The building is expected to reopen on Monday after it is cleaned and disinfected. An estimated 700 officials and staff worked out of the building, and its closure may lead to interruptions in port operations over the next few days, or even longer.

**4. Kandla:** Truck movement continues to be slow. Labor shortages remain for bagged cargo operations.

**5. Chennai:** Media reports that authorities have extended the city-wide lockdown until July 5<sup>th</sup>. This is expected to further delay the movement of cargo trucks around the city and port.

**6. Mangalore:** No update available.

**7. Kolkata:** Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Port announced plans to renovate its Kidderpore Docks as a part of an effort to expand the docks' loading capacity. The project is expected to deliver an additional capacity of 1.5 million tons per year, according to local media.

**8. Cochin:** No update available.

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

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.