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Report Highlights:

Weekly report as of July 31, 2020, of COVID-19 impact on Indian port operations.

India Port Situation Update as of Friday, July 31, 2020



1. Mumbai: According to local media reports, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust has allotted space to 19 companies in its 277-hectare Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Navi Mumbai. This is expected to spur greater trade flows for the port in the medium- and long-term.

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

3. Tuticorin: Local media reports that Louis Dreyfus Armateurs' ALBA Asia Pvt Ltd, a local subsidiary, has terminated a contract with state-run Visakhapatnam Port Trust to operate a dry bulk terminal at the port just five years into a thirty year deal. The port continues to have a shortage of trucks and labor.

4. Kandla: Truck movement continues to be slow and labor availability issues persist for bagged cargo operations.

5. Chennai: Truck movement continues to be slow.

6. Mangalore: According to media reports, New Mangalore Port Trust Chairman A.V. Ramana reports that despite a few COVID-19 cases among port employees, the port is functioning at full capacity. The port remains optimistic about operations as it hopes to handle 36.29 - 39.21 million tons of cargo during 2020-21, compared to a total of 39.14 million tons of cargo handled in 2019-20.

7. Kolkata: Local media reports that a barge heading towards Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port ran aground on July 30. However, port officials have stated that port operations have not been affected by the incident.

8. Cochin: Cochin Port Trust has partnered with Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd to ship container shipments of fertilizers from Cochin to Haldia (in West Bengal) via coastal shipping routes.

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

Attachments:

No Attachments.