



Transworld Group signs MoU with eShipper to serve the E-commerce market in GCC region

Transworld Group, headquartered in UAE and eShipper headquartered in Canada signs a MOU in UAE to set up a Joint-Venture on E-commerce & last mile delivery business in the presence of Mr. Ramesh S Ramakrishnan, Chairman - Transworld Group & Mr. Rizwan Kermalli, Chairman - eShipper. Transworld Group established in 1977 is a leading Shipping & Logistics Group with an expertise that covers the complete range of end-to-end solutions from Ship Owning, Liner, Agency, Freight Forwarding, Multi-Modal Transportation, Project Logistics, Ship Management, Aviation, 3PL Fulfillment etc., using a State-of-the-art Digital Platform. eShipper is the leader in E-commerce logistics in Canada since 22 years with 3 warehouse facilities in Ontario and partner facilities in Vancouver with a total of over 500,000 sq Ft of fulfillment space. Through this Strategic Partnership, full end-to-end services will be provided to the E-commerce market in the GCC Region. With this development the next step would be to expand & integrate these services in all offices of Transworld Group & eShipper. The Joint Venture is expected to commence business operations in June 2022, starting operations from UAE and eventually expanding into GCC, Indian Subcontinent, Americas & other regions.

UK Chamber of Shipping calls for mandatory shore power

The UK Chamber of Shipping is calling on the British government to institute mandatory requirements for installing and using shore power at the nation's seaports. The Chamber has adopted a target of attaining net-zero emissions by 2050, twice the current level of ambition at IMO. It wants to see British shipping accelerate its decarbonization efforts, to include widespread adoption of shore power at UK ports by 2030. By rolling out and requiring the use of shore power, the British government could reduce emissions from shipboard generators and provide the necessary infrastructure for battery-electric vessel charging. At present, only two ports in Britain - Orkney and Southampton - are equipped for shore power. The U.S., Canada, Germany, Italy, France Norway, Finland, Denmark and Sweden all have more, and China has fully 50 operational shore power facilities. The UK's shipowners report that the absence of shore power infrastructure is the top barrier to rolling out cold-ironing in their fleets. In a survey, 78 percent of UK Chamber of Shipping members said that the lack of the shoreside infrastructure was the number-one obstacle.

AD Ports Group and Alexander Global Logistics GmbH sign agreement

Striving to transform Abu Dhabi into a leading hub for the development and distribution of pulp and paper products across the Middle East, AD Ports Group has signed a strategic partnership agreement with Alexander Global Logistics GmbH. As per the agreement, the two parties will work closely to establish and launch a transshipment hub dedicated to handling pulp and paper products, which will operate from Khalifa Port, AD Ports Group's flagship port and a vital link connecting East and West trade. Saif Al Mazrouei, CEO of Ports Cluster, AD Ports Group, said: "Today's announcement marks a key milestone in Khalifa Port's ongoing development to support the UAE's industrialisation efforts, and is also the first step in what we see as Abu Dhabi's transformation into a regional leader for pulp and paper products. "Leveraging our long-standing expertise as the emirate's leading facilitator of trade, logistics, and industry, as well as Abu Dhabi's central location linking global trade and its multi-modal connectivity solutions over air, sea, land, and future rail, our new joint venture with Alexander Global Logistics GmbH will meet the evolving needs of this fast-growing industry.

Single window for ship data exchange to become mandatory

IMO's Facilitation Committee has adopted amendments to the Facilitation (FAL) Convention which will make the single window for data exchange mandatory in ports around the world, marking a significant step in the acceleration of digitalization in shipping. Other amendments adopted include lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic and add new and amended Recommended Practices to prevent corruption and illicit activities in the maritime sector. The Facilitation Convention was adopted in 1965 and contains standards and recommended practices and rules for simplifying formalities, documentary requirements and procedures on ships' arrival, stay and departure. The Convention has been updated continuously, embracing digitalization and automation for procedures. The amendments adopted at the Facilitation Committee (FAL 46) session, which met 9 to 13 May, are expected to enter into force on 1 January 2024. On other matters, the Committee approved the updated Compendium on Electronic Business; approved guidelines to tackle illicit international wildlife trade; and completed its regulatory; scoping exercise on maritime autonomous surface ships (MASS).

Indian Railways to connect 27 more ports

Indian Railways is preparing to lay a 3,000-kilometer rail line connecting 27 ports at a cost of Rs 1 lakh crore, with the goal of increasing cargo flow. According to a senior Railway Ministry official, survey work is underway to connect these ports with rail lines in order to give connection to all operating ports in the country. At present, the Ministry of Shipping and Ports recognises 226 ports out of which 69 ports are operational. The railways is connected directly to all the 12 major ports such as Kolakata/Haldia, Paradip, Visakhapatnam, Kamraj, Chennai, Chidambaram, Cochin, New Mangalore, Mormugao, Mumbai, JNPT and Deen Dayal Port Kandla. In addition to these ports, the railway network is also connected to other large ports such as Bhavnagar, Dahej, Pipavav, Mundra, Krishnapatnam, Gangavaram, Dharma. Out of 69 operational ports, 29 major and busy ports are connected to the railway network. Most of the remaining operational ports are located close to railway serving stations. In addition, a large number of railway spurs connect ports on the Gujarat coastline to the railway network. A total of 54 projects with an investment of Rs 70,000 crore have been identified for increasing port to hinterland rail capacity.

First direct container ship with goods leaves Chattogram for Liverpool

A ship left Chattogram port on Friday for Liverpool, a maritime city in northwest England, with 182 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEU) of containers, for the first time. The ship, known as MV Amo, will eventually dock in the Netherlands' Rotterdam after making a stoppage at Liverpool, making it the second direct shipping destination between Bangladesh and Europe. A local representative of the British operator of the ship, Allseas Global Logistics, confirmed the information, reports bdnews24.com. The representative, Captain Sohail Hasnat of Phoenix Shipping, has said the ship left the NCT Jetty of Chattogram Port, the country's main import-export hub, around 12:30 pm and will reach Liverpool port within 21-22 days. The Chattogram Port Authority (CPA) has so far allowed three ships to operate between Chattogram and Liverpool, and then to Rotterdam. Earlier on Feb 24, Songa Cheetah, a 147.84 metre-long Liberian-flagged container ship, reached the Italian port of Ravenna on the Adriatic Sea, only 17 days after sailing from Chattogram port in first-ever direct shipping from Bangladesh to Europe.

Gangavaram Port setting up container terminal

Gangavaram Port, the deepest and the most modern port in the country, will set up its first container terminal. The much-anticipated container terminal is expected to provide impetus to the growth of cargo business in the hinterland of Andhra Pradesh and surrounding industrial hubs. The terminal will also help increase efficiency, reduce turnaround time and cost of logistics, besides making the supply chain seamless for the industry. With a state-of-the-art terminal, the port will be able to offer tangible benefits to industries in the hinterland, which include metal and minerals, ferro alloy, finished/processed steel, aluminium as well as seafood, agri, chemical, pharma and refractory among others. The container terminal project is well on track and three STS cranes and nine E-RTGs have already arrived at the port. With the arrival of equipment, the project has gained pace and it is likely to be commissioned by the second quarter of the current fiscal. The commissioning of the container terminal at Gangavaram Port is a strategic step. It will aid the company's plans to increase its diversified product portfolio and improve share of cargo handling.