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India Logistics Infrastructure Weekly

Abstract: Weekly intelligence briefing covering new Container Freight Stations, Inland Container Depots, Port Facilities, Port-Proximate Warehouses, and fresh investment updates across India's logistics sector.

India Logistics Intelligence

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Container Freight Stations (CFS)

Adani Ports Plans 100-Acre CFS Near Vizhinjam International Seaport, Kerala

Announced: July 27, 2026 | **Developer:** Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd. (APSEZ) | **Location:** Near Vizhinjam International Seaport, Kerala

APSEZ has announced plans to develop a **100-acre Container Freight Station (CFS)** adjacent to the Vizhinjam International Seaport — India's first dedicated deep-water container transshipment port. The facility will support the port's transition from a pure transshipment hub into a full-service EXIM gateway, with EXIM operations formally launched on **August 18, 2026** following CBIC approval.

- **Services:** Container stuffing/de-stuffing, warehousing, customs examination, temporary storage, documentation, and value-added logistics
- **EXIM projection:** ~30% of Vizhinjam containers expected to be EXIM cargo; remainder transshipment
- **Strategic significance:** Located ~10 nautical miles from the international East-West shipping corridor; accommodates world's largest container vessels
- **Connectivity:** Initial road haulage between port and CFS; future rail and highway links planned
- **Impact:** Reduces port congestion, cuts cargo turnaround times, supports Kerala's seafood, agricultural, and industrial exports

This CFS is designed to redirect Indian cargo traditionally routed through foreign hubs like Colombo, Singapore, and Dubai — enabling domestic gateway handling for the first time at Vizhinjam.

Kuehne+Nagel Opens New 3,500 sqm CFS Near JNPA, Mumbai

Developer: Kuehne+Nagel | **Location:** Near Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), Navi Mumbai

Global logistics provider Kuehne+Nagel has inaugurated a **new built-to-suit 3,500 sqm Container Freight Station** strategically located near JNPA — India's largest container port handling ~50% of India's containerised trade. The facility reinforces Kuehne+Nagel's Sea Logistics capabilities and supports India's expanding trade ecosystem.

- **Certifications:** CTPAT, AEO (Authorised Economic Operator), ISO certified
- **Sustainability:** Electric material-handling equipment; solar-powered lighting
- **Security:** End-to-end surveillance and strict safety protocols
- **Design:** Scalable, built-to-suit layout enabling efficient cargo handling and value-added services

Anish Kumar Jha, MD for Kuehne+Nagel India, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives: *"Our new CFS enables faster, more connected operations. It helps customers move shipments efficiently and reliably today, while supporting their logistics needs as they evolve in the future."*

Mumbai Customs: New ICD/CFS Approvals — August 27, 2026

Mumbai Customs (Jawaharlal Nehru Customs House) issued a Public Notice on August 27, 2026, approving new facilities including a grant to **M/s International Cargo Terminal** and restoration of approval for **M/s Container Freight Station** operators under its jurisdiction. Importers and exporters are advised to verify operational status with individual facility operators before routing cargo.

Inland Container Depots (ICD)

CBIC Notification: Coimbatore Removed from ICD Framework — April 2026

Notification No.: 39/2026-Customs (N.T.) dated April 20, 2026 | **Authority:** Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)

The CBIC has omitted **Coimbatore** from the notified ICD framework for the unloading of imports and loading of exports in Tamil Nadu. Trade participants routing containerised cargo through Coimbatore ICD should plan alternate routing — notably **ICD Chennai** or **ICD Tiruppur** — and coordinate with customs brokers for transitional compliance.

Trade Alert: Exporters and importers in Tamil Nadu's textile corridor (Coimbatore, Tiruppur region) should confirm revised customs examination and stuffing locations with their freight forwarders immediately.

ONE Line: Export Carrier Haulage Launched from All Indian ICDs — Effective Sep 20, 2026

Carrier: Orient Overseas Container Line (ONE Line / OOCL) | **Effective:** September 20, 2026

Orient Overseas Container Line has announced the launch of **Export Carrier Haulage (ECH) services** from all Inland Container Depot locations across India. This service expansion enables exporters to arrange carrier-managed haulage from interior ICD locations directly to port, reducing documentation complexity and improving container availability visibility.

- Single point of contact for inland and sea freight bookings
- Improves container equipment planning for hinterland manufacturing clusters
- Eligible at all notified ICDs: Tughlakabad, Loni, Patparganj, Ludhiana, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Chennai, and more

DFC-Enabled Double-Stack Container Trains Operating: JNPA to North India ICDs

Following PSA International's Phase 2 launch at JNPA adding 2.4 million TEU capacity, **DFC-enabled double-stack container trains** have commenced regular operations from JNPA to ICDs in India's northern region. This marks a major modal shift from road to rail for containerised EXIM cargo.

- Reduces per-container rail freight cost vs. single-stack operations
- Cuts transit times on the JNPA-NCR corridor significantly
- Relieves road congestion on NH-48 and connecting arteries

Port Facilities

Mundra Port: CT5 Terminal Launch Imminent (Oct 2026); CT6 Plans Confirmed

Developer: Adani Ports and SEZ (APSEZ) | **Location:** Mundra, Gujarat | **Expected Launch:** October 2026

APSEZ is on course to open its **fifth container terminal (CT5)** at Mundra — India's largest commercial port by volume — in October 2026. The new terminal addresses critical capacity saturation at existing facilities, which together handled **3.6 million TEUs in H1 2026**. Plans for a sixth terminal (CT6) with Phase 1 in 2028 have also been confirmed.

Terminal	Initial Capacity	Full Capacity	Timeline
CT5 (Terminal 5)	~1.0 million TEU/yr	1.8–2.0 million TEU/yr	Oct 2026 (Phase 1)
CT6 (Terminal 6)	~1.0 million TEU/yr	Similar to CT5	2028 (Phase 1)

APSEZ Mundra upcoming container terminal expansion schedule

Competition Watch: DP World's \$550M Tuna Tekra Terminal (2.2M TEU, near Kandla, target early 2027) and the proposed VadHAVAN Port will intensify competition on India's west coast. Shippers should monitor routing economics across these gateways.

DP World: \$550M Tuna Tekra Container Terminal Under Construction Near Kandla

Developer: DP World | **Location:** Tuna Tekra, near Kandla Port, Gujarat | **Investment:** ~USD 550 million | **Target Start:** Early 2027

DP World is constructing a **new greenfield container terminal at Tuna Tekra** with a designed capacity of **2.2 million TEU per annum**. The government cleared a **Rs 4.72 billion road-over-bridge project** in March 2026 to strengthen port access and improve cargo throughput. The terminal is positioned to attract carriers seeking flexible berthing alternatives to congested Mundra.

Vizhinjam International Seaport: Full EXIM Operations Commenced — August 18, 2026

Port: Vizhinjam International Seaport, Kerala | **Operator:** Adani Ports | **Total Investment:** ■76,220 crore

India's first deep-water transshipment port has achieved a landmark milestone with full **EXIM operations commencing August 18, 2026**, following final CBIC approval. The port

is now fully operational for both transshipment and gateway cargo, transforming Kerala's international trade infrastructure.

- Natural deep draft accommodates the world's largest ultra-large container vessels (ULCVs)
- ~10 nautical miles from the East-West international shipping lane
- Competes directly with Colombo, Singapore, and Dubai for Indian transshipment cargo
- Future multimodal connectivity: dedicated rail and highway links in planning

JNPA Rises to Rank 21 in Global Top 30 Container Ports — H1 2026

Port: Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), Navi Mumbai | **Throughput:** ~3 million TEUs, April–July FY 2026-27

JNPA has risen to **21st position** among the world's top 30 container ports in the H1 2026 global port review. This follows the operationalisation of PSA India's **BMCT Phase 2 terminal** (inaugurated September 4, 2025), adding 2.4 million TEU annual capacity. JNPA recorded a monthly container record of **737,682 TEU in January 2026**.

Warehouses Near Major Ports

Adani Logistics Parks: 12 Multimodal Facilities Operational Pan-India

Developer: Adani Logistics Ltd. (ALL) | **Key Port Locations:** Mundra, Tumb, Valvada, Virochannagar

Adani Logistics Ltd. now operates **12 multimodal logistics parks** pan-India, with port-proximate facilities at Mundra (Gujarat) forming the backbone of APSEZ's shore-to-door strategy. The Mundra Logistics Park offers integrated container handling, storage, and last-mile distribution directly adjacent to India's largest commercial port.

Kiran Group: New Category A Warehouse Near Mundra Port — 1,45,000 sq ft (Phase 1)

Developer: Kiran Group | **Location:** Near Mundra Port, Gujarat | **Phase 1:** ~1,45,000 sq ft | **Phase 2:** ~1,50,000 sq ft (under construction)

Kiran Group has opened a **Category A Logistics Park** near Mundra Port. Phase 1 offers ~1,45,000 sq ft of premium warehousing, while Phase 2 adding ~1,50,000 sq ft is under construction. The facility targets importers and exporters requiring bonded and general storage in direct proximity to Mundra's container terminals.

MRS Supply Chain: New Grade A Warehouse Near Mundra Port — 43,000 sq ft

Developer: MRS Supply Chain | **Location:** Near Mundra Port, Gujarat | **Size:** 43,000 sq ft

MRS Supply Chain has expanded with a new **Grade A warehouse near Mundra Port**, serving importers and exporters seeking flexible warehousing in the Kutch-Mundra logistics corridor with direct international connectivity.

Avery Dennison: New Distribution Centre Opened in Bengaluru

Avery Dennison has opened a **new distribution centre in Bengaluru**, adding a southern India node to its supply chain. The facility reduces replenishment lead times for industrial and retail labelling customers across Karnataka and surrounding states.

India Warehousing Market: Grade A Stock Crosses 300 Million sq ft

Source: Knight Frank India, India Warehousing Market Report Q1 2026

India's Grade A logistics park stock crossed **300 million square feet** in 2025, with annual warehousing absorption expected to surpass **45 million sq ft** by end of 2026. Demand continues to outpace supply in major markets — Mumbai, Delhi-NCR, Bengaluru, Chennai, Pune, and Hyderabad — and is expanding to Tier-2 cities near industrial clusters.

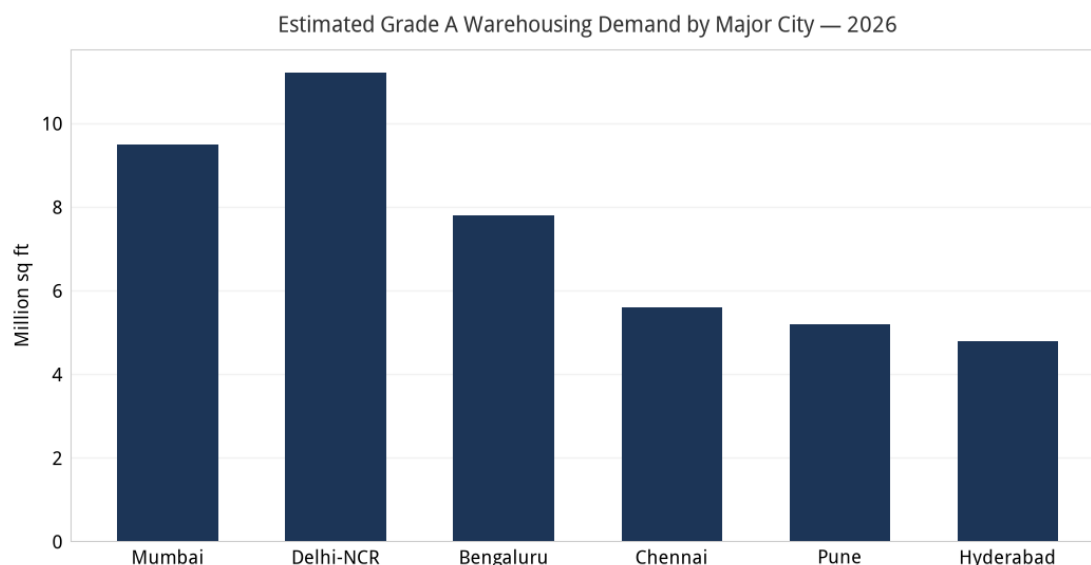


Figure 1: Indicative distribution; actual figures may vary. Source: Knight Frank India, Colliers, industry estimates.

Logistics Investment Updates

India Logistics: INR 12 Lakh Crore+ Investment Pipeline Through 2035

Source: ASCELA Global, Indian Logistics Investability Index 2026

India's logistics sector has attracted an **INR 12 lakh crore+ investment pipeline through 2035**, spanning port-based industrial clusters, coastal economic zones, Multi-Modal Logistics Parks (MMLPs), and Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs). India's logistics cost is now calibrated at **7.97% of GDP** (FY 2023-24), down sharply from previous estimates of 13-14%, with a government target of **below 10% by 2030**.

Sub-Sector	Investability	Key Opportunity	Risk
Maritime / Ports	Very High	Greenfield ports, terminal concessions, automation	Moderate
Warehousing & Cold Chain	Very High	Grade-A parks, cold storage, MMLPs	Low-Moderate
Rail Freight (DFC/ICD)	Med-High	GatiShakti terminals, port-rail links	Low-Moderate

Air Cargo	High	Cargo terminal concessions, pharma cold chain	Medium
Inland Waterways	Moderate	NW-1, NW-2 terminal development	Med-High
Urban / Last Mile	Med-High	Micro-fulfilment, EV fleets, D2C platforms	Moderate

India Logistics Investability by Sub-Sector — ASCELA 2026

Budget 2026: Rs 5,000 Crore Allocated for Nagpur as Major Logistics Growth Hub

The Union Budget 2026 allocated **Rs 5,000 crore** to develop **Nagpur** as a Major Logistics Growth Hub, leveraging its central location as a multimodal interchange for rail, road, and air corridors, with multimodal logistics parks, cold chain infrastructure, and inland cluster development.

India's First Direct Container Freight Train: Kolkata Port to Nepal

Route: Kolkata Port to Nepal | **Mode:** Direct commercial container freight rail | **Source:** Indian Railways / Logistics Outlook

India dispatched its **first direct commercial container freight train** from Kolkata Port to Nepal, replacing the fragmented road-and-transshipment model. The corridor changes lead-time economics for manufacturers and traders, reducing handling costs and improving container availability across the India-Nepal border.

Indian Railways: Rs 976 Crore Danapur-Fatuha Multitracking Project Sanctioned

Indian Railways has sanctioned a **Rs 976 crore multitracking project** on the Danapur-Fatuha corridor in Bihar, adding critical track capacity on one of the eastern rail network's busiest freight corridors. For shippers routing cargo through Bihar, this translates into more reliable slot availability and reduced delay risk to Kolkata and Haldia gateways.

Sagarmala Programme: 845 Projects Worth Rs 6.06 Lakh Crore Identified

Status: As of March 2026 | **Programme:** Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

The Sagarmala Programme has identified **845 projects worth Rs 6.06 lakh crore** for port-led development, logistics efficiency, and coastal economic zone creation. Execution is expected to unlock over **Rs 35,000 crore in annual logistics cost savings**. Key focus areas include port modernisation, port connectivity, port-linked industrialisation, and coastal community development.

Bharat Container Shipping Line (BCSL): MoU Signed — February 2026

Ministry: Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways | **Date:** February 2026

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways signed an MoU in February 2026 to establish the **Bharat Container Shipping Line (BCSL)** — India's proposed national container carrier aimed at reducing dependence on foreign shipping lines, controlling freight rate volatility, and improving Indian exporters' access to competitive ocean freight.

India CFS Market: Valued at Rs 32,871 Crore in 2026; Projected Rs 94,432 Crore by 2033

Source: KAMRIT Industry Research | **CAGR:** 16.3%

India's Container Freight Station market is estimated at **Rs 32,871 crore in 2026** and growing at a CAGR of **16.3%**, with projections reaching **Rs 94,432 crore by 2033**. Growth is driven by accelerating containerisation of EXIM trade, Sagarmala-led port expansion, and increasing private investment in port-proximate logistics infrastructure.

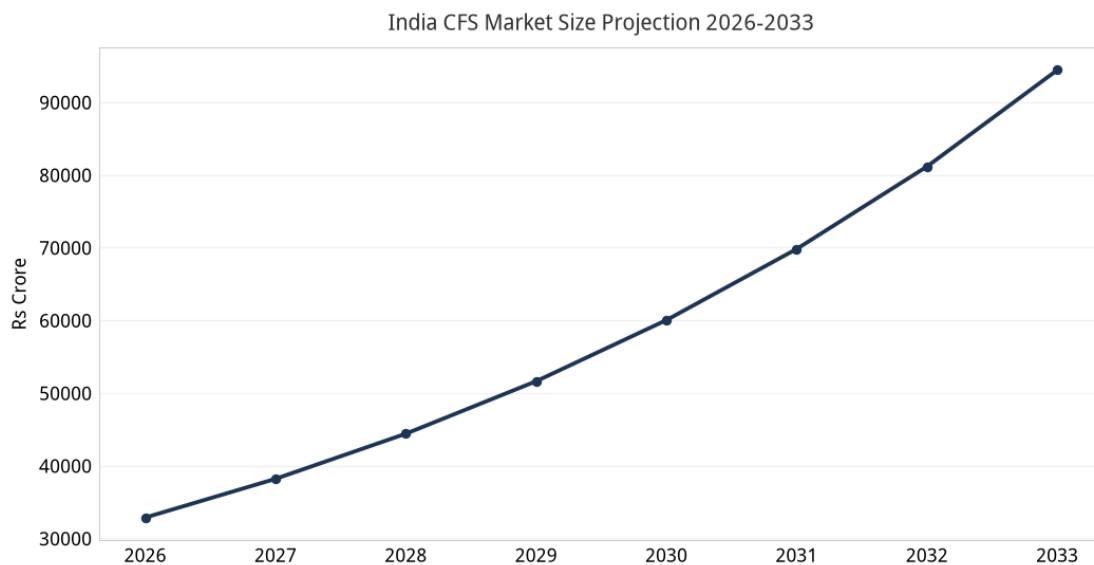


Figure 2: Projected at 16.3% CAGR. Source: KAMRIT Industry Research.

Policy & Regulatory Updates

CBIC: Import Duty Deferred Payment Period Extended to 30 Days

The CBIC has extended the **deferred payment period for import duties from 15 days to 30 days**, improving working capital for importers and AEO-certified entities at CFS and ICD locations across India.

NHAI: Multi-Lane Free-Flow Tolling Deployed at Shahjahanpur

The NHAI has deployed a **multi-lane free-flow (MLFF) tolling system at Shahjahanpur**, eliminating stop-and-go delays for heavy commercial vehicles. Fleet operators can expect measurable reductions in transit time and fuel consumption. NHAI plans to extend MLFF to additional highway nodes.

Flipkart Ekart Network Opens to MSMEs and D2C Brands

Flipkart has opened its **Ekart logistics network to India's MSMEs and direct-to-consumer brands**, providing access to enterprise-grade fulfilment and last-mile

infrastructure. This creates a new carrier option for mid-market shippers, democratising access to a nationwide fulfilment network previously exclusive to Flipkart's own marketplace.

Upcoming Events & Key Milestones

Event / Milestone	Date	Location	Significance
ONE Line ECH — All ICDs Live	Sep 20, 2026	All India ICDs	Carrier haulage expands booking options from interior ICDs
Adani Mundra CT5 Launch (est.)	Oct 2026	Mundra, Gujarat	1M TEU additional capacity on India's west coast
India Warehousing & Logistics Show 2026	Oct 22-24, 2026	Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai	Key exhibition for logistics facility & investment announcements
DP World Tuna Tekra Terminal (est.)	Early 2027	Tuna Tekra, near Kandla	\$550M, 2.2M TEU — new west coast gateway

Upcoming milestones and events in India logistics — September 2026 onwards

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