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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.

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Container Freight Stations (CFS)

Kochi Port Licenses 21 Open Spaces & New Warehouse — Public Notice Sep 2, 2026

Authority: Cochin Port Authority | **Date:** September 2, 2026 | **Location:** Willingdon Island, Kochi

Cochin Port Authority issued a **Public Notice on September 2, 2026**, inviting applications for licensing of **21 open spaces**, **6 office spaces**, and **1 warehouse** at Willingdon Island within the port estate. This signals fresh CFS and logistics infrastructure activation at one of India's busiest ports on the south-west coast, serving EXIM cargo for the Kerala and southern India trade corridor. The Kochi port estate is a key logistics hub linking to the Vizhinjam International Seaport corridor.

CONCOR: New CFS Rail Link — Tuticorin to ICD Tondiarpet, Chennai (90 TEUs)

Operator: CONCOR in collaboration with Hapag-Lloyd | **Route:** Milavattan CFS, Tuticorin (VOC Port) to ICD Tondiarpet, Chennai | **Date:** March 31, 2026

Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) successfully operated its inaugural **EXIM container rake from its CFS at Milavattan, Tuticorin** to ICD Tondiarpet, Chennai, transporting **90 TEUs** in collaboration with Hapag-Lloyd. This establishes a direct **rail-based cargo evacuation link** between V.O. Chidambaranar Port (Tuticorin) and Chennai's key inland logistics hub. The service aims to reduce road congestion around Tuticorin port and provides a more cost-effective option for exporters and importers in Tamil Nadu's southern manufacturing belt.

This rail link between Tuticorin CFS and Chennai ICD is a direct response to the ongoing Strait of Hormuz shipping disruption — enabling inland diversions and reducing port-side congestion at a critical export gateway.

Inland Container Depots (ICD)

CONCOR Triple Rail Milestone: New ICD Rail Services from South India — March 2026

Operator: Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) | **Milestones achieved:** March 31, 2026

CONCOR achieved three significant rail milestones advancing both international and domestic rail freight connectivity from southern India:

1. **Tuticorin EXIM Rake to ICD Tondiarpet:** Inaugural EXIM container rake from Milavattan CFS, Tuticorin to ICD Tondiarpet, Chennai — 90 TEUs, in partnership with Hapag-Lloyd. Establishes a permanent rail-based cargo evacuation corridor between VOC Port and Chennai's inland logistics hub.
2. **First 40-ft Domestic Container Movement — Chennai to Delhi:** CONCOR's first-ever movement of 40-foot CONCOR-owned domestic containers from ICD Tondiarpet, Chennai to Tughlakabad ICD, Delhi. 39 containers moved in partnership with TCI CONCOR, with end-to-end door-to-door logistics including first-mile and last-mile. The 40-ft container format, aligning India's domestic logistics with global maritime standards, creates greater volumetric efficiency and lower cost per tonne-km.
3. **CONCOR CMD Strategic Visit to VOC Port:** CONCOR Chairman Sanjay Swarup visited V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority, Tuticorin. Discussions focused on green and sustainable practices, cargo handling efficiency, multimodal connectivity, and VOCPA's expanding container capabilities — signalling a deepened operational relationship and forecast growth in rail freight volumes.

CONCOR: New Domestic Rail Service — ICD Tondiarpet (Chennai) to MMLP Kadakola (Mysuru)

Operator: CONCOR | **Route:** ICD Tondiarpet, Chennai to MMLP Kadakola, Mysuru

CONCOR has commenced a **new domestic rail service connecting ICD Tondiarpet, Chennai to MMLP Kadakola, Mysuru**. The maiden service carried **90 loaded CONCOR domestic containers**, opening a new inland freight corridor for manufacturers in southern Karnataka seeking reliable, cost-effective rail access to Chennai's port ecosystem. This service extends CONCOR's southern India domestic freight network and supports the multi-modal logistics park at Kadakola.

J M Baxi Group: Inaugural Rail Service — Delhi ICD Terminal (DICT) to Nhava Sheva

Operator: J M Baxi Group | **Route:** Delhi Inland Container Terminal (DICT) to Nhava Sheva (JNPA) | **Milestone:** Inaugural service launched

J M Baxi Group has **successfully launched an inaugural rail service** connecting the Delhi Inland Container Terminal (DICT) in the National Capital Region with Nhava Sheva (JNPA), India's largest container port. This step strengthens rail-based freight connectivity between the NCR manufacturing and consumption hub and India's premier container gateway, offering importers and exporters a dedicated inland freight rail option from Delhi.

CONCOR: New Rail Service — ICD Whitefield (Bengaluru) to Nhava Sheva

Operator: CONCOR | **Route:** ICD Whitefield, Bengaluru to Nhava Sheva (JNPA) | **Flagged off:** September 5, 2026

The inaugural rake was **flagged off from ICD Whitefield, Bengaluru on September 5, 2026** by Shri V. Somanna, Hon'ble Minister of State for Railways, marking a new direct rail freight service from Bengaluru's key ICD to JNPA. This service reduces dependence on road transport for exporters in Karnataka's IT, garment, and electronics manufacturing sectors and improves container availability at Bengaluru's logistics hub.

India's Dedicated Freight Corridors (Eastern + Western) have now been declared fully complete, enabling double-stack container trains across the DFC network. All new ICD rail services on this network benefit from faster transit and lower operating costs.

Port Facilities

MSC Acquires 49% Stake in Vizhinjam Port — \$1.4 Billion Deal (Largest FDI in Indian Port Sector)

Announced: June 30, 2026 | **Buyer:** Terminal Investment Limited (TiL), MSC Group | **Seller:** Adani Ports & SEZ (APSEZ) | **Deal Value:** ~USD 1.4 billion

Mediterranean Shipping Co. (MSC), through its terminal arm **Terminal Investment Limited (TiL)**, has agreed to acquire a **49% stake in Vizhinjam International Seaport, Kerala** for

approximately **USD 1.4 billion** — the single-largest foreign direct investment into the Indian port sector to date. The deal cements MSC's commitment to Vizhinjam as a strategic transshipment hub and aligns with the port's Phase 2 expansion targeting capacity of **nearly 6 million TEUs by end of 2028**.

- Phase 2 development underway; capacity target ~6 million TEU by 2028
- Vizhinjam is India's first deep-water dedicated transshipment port; full EXIM ops from Aug 18, 2026
- MSC is now the world's largest container carrier; this deal locks in transshipment volumes for the east-west trade lane
- Deal reinforces India's ambition to capture transshipment cargo routed via Colombo, Singapore, and Dubai

JNPA: Record 831,956 TEUs in August 2026 — Highest-Ever Monthly Throughput

Port: Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), Navi Mumbai | **Period:** August 2026

JNPA achieved a **record 831,956 TEUs in August 2026** — its highest-ever monthly container throughput — representing a **19.54% year-on-year increase** over the 695,966 TEUs handled in August 2025. The port is now ranked **21st among global top-30 container ports**. JNPA's Centralized Parking Plaza (CPP), a large-scale facility to streamline factory-stuffed export container truck movement at the port gate, is now operational and supporting these volumes.

V.O. Chidambaranar Port, Tuticorin: All-Time Record — 2,17,332 Tonnes in a Single Day

Port: V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority (VOCPA), Tuticorin | **Record date:** September 5, 2026

VOCPA achieved its **highest-ever single-day cargo handling of 2,17,332 tonnes on September 5, 2026**, surpassing its previous record of 2,16,631 tonnes (February 18, 2026). This record comes as the port expands its container handling capabilities and multimodal connectivity — including the new CONCOR rail link to ICD Tondiarpet, Chennai.

APM Terminals Pipavav: \$2 Billion (Rs 17,000 Crore) Expansion MoU with Gujarat Maritime Board

Developer: APM Terminals Pipavav (A.P. Moller – Maersk) | **MoU Partner:** Gujarat Maritime Board | **Investment:** USD 2 billion (~Rs 17,000 crore) | **Status:** MoU signed; subject to long-term concession agreement

APM Terminals Pipavav has signed an MoU with Gujarat Maritime Board for a proposed **USD 2 billion expansion** of Pipavav Port. Subject to a long-term concession agreement with Indian authorities, the expansion will enhance container and liquid cargo handling infrastructure and strengthen multimodal connectivity with the Dedicated Freight Corridor and the national hinterland. A new liquid jetty capable of docking very large gas carriers (VLGCs) and a container capacity upgrade to 1.6 million TEU/yr are planned.

JSW Infrastructure: Rs 600 Crore Dry Bulk Terminal Mechanisation at VOC Port — Q4 FY2027

Developer: JSW Infrastructure | **Location:** V.O. Chidambaranar Port (VOC Port), Tuticorin | **Investment:** Rs 600 crore | **Target commissioning:** Q4 FY2027

JSW Infrastructure's **Rs 600 crore dry bulk cargo terminal mechanisation project at VOC Port, Tuticorin** is on track for commissioning in Q4 FY2027. JSW Infrastructure also has expansion works progressing at Jaigarh Port (capacity increase to 70 MTPA from 55 MTPA) and Dharamtar Port, as part of its overall target to expand total operational capacity from 183 MTPA to **400+ MTPA by FY2030**.

Vadhvan Port: Construction Underway — India's 13th Major Port, Maharashtra

Project: Vadhvan Port | **Location:** Vadhvan, Maharashtra (near Dahanu) | **Phase I Capacity:** 23.53 MTPA | **Phase II Capacity:** 83.3 MTPA (total)

Construction is underway at **Vadhvan Port, India's proposed 13th Major Port** and a key element of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC). Groundbreaking was done by PM Modi on August 30, 2024; the main civil construction contract was assigned to ITD Cementation India. A topography survey tender for additional alignment work has been recently issued. Vadhvan is positioned as a mega deepwater greenfield port that will compete with Mundra and JNPA on the west coast, drawing bidding interest from DP World, JSW Infrastructure, Essar Ports, and others for its container terminal concessions.

India's Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors: Now Fully Complete

Authority: Ministry of Railways / Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL)

India has **completed both the Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs)**, marking a major milestone in the nation's freight rail infrastructure. The fully commissioned DFC network enables double-stack container trains across key port-to-hinterland corridors. Shippers routing containerised cargo between JNPA/Mundra and the NCR/North India ICD network can now benefit from faster schedules, lower costs, and dedicated freight paths — with no passenger train interference.

Warehouses Near Major Ports

NDR Warehousing: Rs 250 Crore Grade-A Logistics Park Inaugurated at Aluva, Near Kochi

Developer: NDR Warehousing (NDR Space Pvt Ltd) | **Location:** Aluva, near Kochi (Cochin Port) | **Investment:** Rs 250 crore | **Size:** 4–5 lakh sq ft on 16 acres | **Inaugurated:** March 12, 2026

NDR Warehousing has inaugurated a **Rs 250 crore Grade-A industrial and logistics park** at Aluva, near Kochi — marking a significant addition to Kerala's warehousing infrastructure in direct proximity to Cochin Port. The facility is designed to cater to **FMCG, e-commerce, pharmaceuticals**, and 3PL providers. The park is expected to generate nearly **300 jobs** directly and indirectly. This project forms part of NDR's strategy to develop nearly **2 million sq ft** across key logistics hubs in southern India.

CEO Raj Srinivasan stated: *"The inauguration of this facility marks an important step in strengthening logistics and industrial infrastructure in Kerala. With the Aluva facility, we aim to support businesses operating in the region by providing modern, reliable logistics infrastructure."*

Sumadhura Group / Hiranandani Industrial Parks: Rs 400 Crore, 52-Acre Logistics Park at Red Hills, North Chennai

Developer: Sumadhura Group | **Location:** Red Hills (Janappanchatram), North Chennai | **Investment:** Rs 400 crore | **Size:** 52 acres, ~1.2 million sq ft | **Phase 1 target:** Q1 2027

Sumadhura Group will invest **Rs 400 crore** to develop a **52-acre industrial and logistics park at Red Hills, North Chennai** offering approximately **1.2 million sq ft of warehousing space**. Phase 1 is targeted for Q1 2027, with overall completion following. The park is expected to create approximately **2,500 jobs** and is positioned to serve importers and exporters routing through Chennai Port Trust and Ennore Port, as well as the broader Tamil Nadu manufacturing corridor. The facility is being developed under the Hiranandani Industrial Parks brand.

JNPA Centralised Parking Plaza (CPP): Operational — Streamlines Export Container Truck Movement

Port: Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), Navi Mumbai | **Facility:** Centralized Parking Plaza (CPP)

JNPA has operationalised its **Centralised Parking Plaza (CPP)** — a large-scale facility designed to streamline the movement of factory-stuffed export container trucks at the port gate. The CPP acts as a pre-staging area, reducing truck queue lengths at port entry and cutting truck turnaround times. This directly benefits CFS and ICD operators, exporters, and shipping lines routing containers through JNPA, India's busiest container port.

CONCOR: Expanding Warehousing Footprint — 4.6 Million sq ft Across 54 Locations

Operator: Container Corporation of India (CONCOR)

CONCOR is expanding its warehousing footprint with approximately **4.6 million sq ft of space across 54 strategic locations** pan-India, integrating warehousing with its ICD and rail logistics network. The expansion covers multi-modal logistics park facilities co-located with ICDs, ensuring seamless container storage, customs clearance, and inland distribution for both import and export cargo.

Logistics Investment Updates

Jassper Shipping: US\$50 Million Growth Capital Programme — India at Centre of Global Push

Company: Jassper Shipping (Hyderabad / Dubai / New York) | **Announced:** September 7, 2026 | **Investment:** Up to USD 50 million over 3 years

Jassper Shipping announced a **growth capital programme of up to USD 50 million** to be deployed over the next three years, with India at the centre of its global logistics expansion. Under Phase 1, **USD 10 million** is earmarked for the company's B2B project logistics business in sectors including power, steel, petrochemicals, heavy engineering, manufacturing, and large infrastructure. The programme integrates industrial supply chain capabilities across India, the Gulf, Southeast Asia, Africa, the Red Sea, and the Far East.

CEO Pushpank Kaushik stated: *"India is in the middle of a multi-year investment cycle across infrastructure and industry, and that is opening up real opportunities for specialised logistics players. Our US\$50 million programme is about building the scale and execution strength to participate in that — and to do it from India, radiating outward to the Gulf and our other international corridors."*

Maersk: First 'Made-in-India' Container Unveiled; Orders 1,000 Units from DCM Shriram

Buyer: A.P. Moller – Maersk | **Manufacturer:** DCM Shriram | **Launch Location:** Dadri Inland Container Depot | **Unveiled:** July 3, 2026 (Union Minister Sonowal presiding)

In a landmark for India's maritime manufacturing sector, **Maersk unveiled India's first 'Made-in-India' EXIM shipping container** at Dadri ICD, with Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal presiding. Maersk has placed an order for **1,000 additional shipping containers from DCM Shriram** — becoming the first global shipping line to buy containers manufactured in India. The development is backed by the government's Container Manufacturing Assistance Scheme and is aligned with the goal of reducing dependence on Chinese-manufactured containers (which currently dominate 95%+ of global supply).

- 1,000 containers ordered; full delivery schedule under execution
- Container type: Standard EXIM-grade, seaworthy dry freight containers
- CMA CGM separately signed an LOI with Cochin Shipyard to build 6 dual-fuel LNG containerships in India (1,700 TEU each, delivery 2029–2031)
- BCSL (Bharat Container Shipping Line) MoU signed Feb 2026 — India's proposed national container carrier

India's container manufacturing ecosystem is being built from scratch. The Maersk-DCM Shriram deal breaks China's near-monopoly in global container manufacturing and creates an entirely new industrial sector for India.

India FDI in Logistics & Infrastructure: Rs 4,895.65 Crore Under Revised Framework (to Aug 20, 2026)

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry / DPIIT | **Framework:** Revised FDI rules for neighbouring-country-linked investments | **Cut-off date:** August 20, 2026

A total of **29 FDI investments worth Rs 4,895.65 crore (USD ~512 million)** have been reported under India's revised FDI framework up to August 20, 2026 — covering sectors including logistics, infrastructure, manufacturing, and technology. India's FDI equity inflows for FY 2025-26 increased **18% year-on-year to USD 58.84 billion**, with ports and warehousing among the highest-growth sub-sectors.

India Major Ports: Record 915.17 Million Tonnes Cargo Handled — FY 2025-26

Source: Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways | **Period:** FY 2025-26

India's major ports collectively handled **915.17 million tonnes of cargo in FY 2025-26**, up **7.06% year-on-year**, affirming strong growth in India's seaborne trade. This volume surge is driving parallel demand for CFS, ICD, and port-proximate warehousing capacity across all major gateway ports — Mumbai (JNPA), Mundra, Chennai, Kochi, Kolkata, and Vizhinjam.

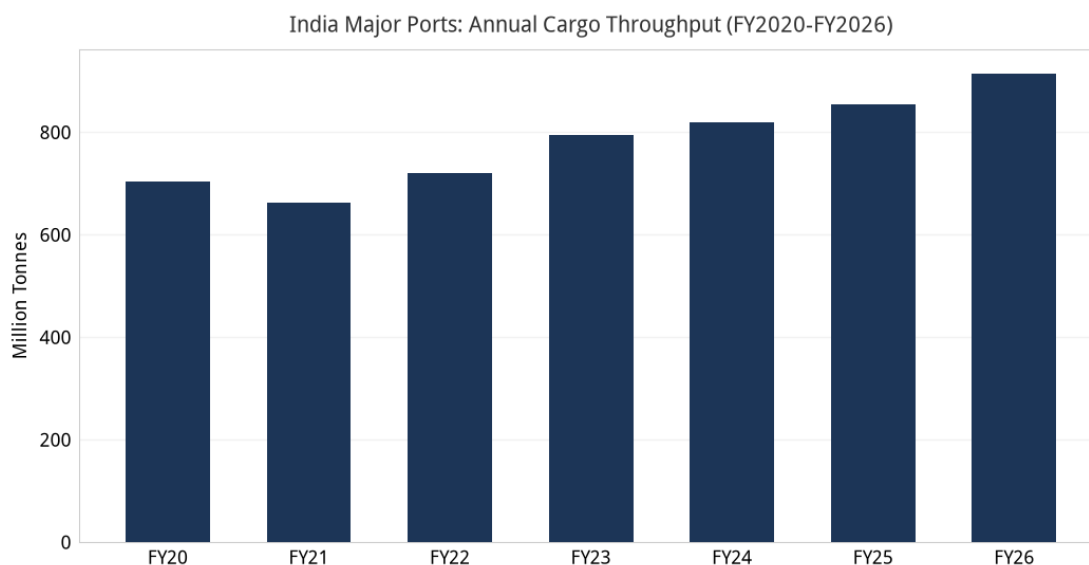


Figure 1: Source: Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. FY26 = 915.17 MT (+7.06% YoY).

JSW Infrastructure: Targets 400+ MTPA Port Capacity by FY2030

Company: JSW Infrastructure | **Current capacity:** 183 MTPA (FY2026) | **FY2026 volumes:** 122 MMT | **Revenue FY2026:** Rs 5,361 crore

JSW Infrastructure is targeting expansion of total port capacity from **183 MTPA to 400+ MTPA by FY2030** through brownfield expansions, greenfield developments, and acquisitions. Active expansion projects include: Jaigarh Port (55 to 70 MTPA), Dharamtar Port (capacity addition ongoing), New Mangalore Container Terminal (expansion to 0.35 million TEU), and the Rs 600 crore dry bulk terminal at VOC Port (Q4 FY2027). The company also handled 122 MMT of cargo in FY2026, generating Rs 5,361 crore in operational revenue.

Policy & Regulatory Updates

CBIC: Standardised Compliance Checklist for Cosmetics, Drugs & Medical Devices Import Clearance

Authority: Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) | **Week of:** September 7-11, 2026

The CBIC has introduced a **standardised compliance checklist** for the import clearance of cosmetics, drugs, and medical devices at all ports and ICD/CFS locations. This streamlines the examination process, reduces document ambiguity for importers and customs brokers, and is expected to cut examination time for regulated goods at major ports. CFS and ICD operators handling pharma and cosmetics cargo should update their internal checklists and SOPs accordingly.

NITI Aayog: Launches PACT Platform for Zero-Emission Freight Trucks

Authority: NITI Aayog | **Platform:** PACT (Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport)

NITI Aayog has launched the **Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport (PACT)** to strengthen freight-demand aggregation and accelerate deployment of **zero-emission trucks** across India. This initiative has direct implications for CFS and ICD operators, logistics parks, and port-based trucking fleets — the first wave of mandatory EV adoption is expected in high-traffic port corridors including JNPA-Navi Mumbai and Mundra-Kutch. Operators are advised to begin infrastructure planning for charging facilities within logistics parks.

Union Cabinet: Revised Policy on Waterfront Land Allocation to Port-Dependent Industries

Authority: Union Cabinet | **Announced:** August 3, 2026

The Union Cabinet approved a **revised policy governing the allocation of waterfront and associated land to Port Dependent Industries (PDIs)** at major ports. The revised framework simplifies allocation procedures, improves transparency, and is expected to accelerate industrial cluster development adjacent to major ports — directly benefiting CFS, ICD, and logistics park operators seeking to expand or establish new facilities on port land.

Upcoming Events & Key Milestones

Event / Milestone	Date	Location	What to Watch
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ONE Line Export Carrier Haulage — All Indian ICDs Live	Sep 20, 2026	All India ICDs	Carrier haulage from all ICDs; single-point booking expands
FICCI: 3rd Logistics, Warehousing & Cold Chain Summit	Sep 29, 2026	FICCI, New Delhi	Policy updates for ports, airports, ICDs and CFS operators
Adani Mundra CT5 Terminal Launch (est.)	Oct 2026	Mundra, Gujarat	1M TEU new capacity; India's west coast competition heats up
India Warehousing & Logistics Show (IWLS) 2026	Oct 22-24, 2026	Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai	Industry exhibition; key announcements from facility operators
Navkar Corporation Analyst / Investor Meetings	Sep 16 & 18, 2026	Mumbai	Operational and expansion outlook for CFS/ICD operator
DP World Tuna Tekra Terminal (est.)	Early 2027	Tuna Tekra, near Kandla	\$550M, 2.2M TEU; new west coast gateway entry

India logistics sector upcoming milestones and events — September 2026 onwards

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