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STEERING THOUGHTS

Words from the President

It gives me immense pleasure to introduce The PORTSIDE CALCUTTA, ASIC Update – the official newsletter of the Association of Shipping Interests in Calcutta (ASIC). This publication marks a fresh chapter in our journey that began in 1971, when a handful of visionary professionals came together to form the oldest organised shipping association in Eastern India.

Earlier this year, ASIC proudly released HORIZONS, our Golden Jubilee commemorative volume, inaugurated at the historic Raj Bhavan and graced by messages from the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and other distinguished dignitaries. Curated with dedication and heartfelt contributions from across the shipping and logistics fraternity, Horizons stands as a tribute to ASIC's role as a premier consultative body in maritime affairs for over five decades.

As we now launch The ASIC Update, our aim is to maintain and promote an ongoing dialogue with our members and stakeholders, reflecting on key developments, policy changes, and the evolving contours of trade in our region. Kolkata, the nation's oldest riverine port, remains central to India's "Look East" and coastal shipping ambitions. Through this newsletter, we reaffirm ASIC's commitment to collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and proactive engagement with Port, Customs, EXIM trade, and statutory bodies.

This publication is not just an update - it is an invitation. An invitation to every member of the shipping community to stay informed, stay connected, and shape the conversations that matter.

I take this opportunity to thank all contributors, our editor who also edited the Commemorative and consented to lead this one too, and well-wishers who helped bring this issue to life. Let The ASIC Update become a trusted voice from the shores of Calcutta-rooted in legacy, driven by relevance, and inspired by the future.

Warm regards,
Ashok Janakiram
President, ASIC



Port of Purpose: SMP Kolkata Sets New Benchmarks

Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP), Kolkata, has once again reaffirmed its vital role in India's maritime sector. As the eastern gateway to the country, SMP continues to stand out for its:

- Strategic Location: Serving the vast hinterland of eastern India, Nepal, Bhutan, and northeastern states.
- Record Cargo Handling: Steadily improving throughput despite draft limitations and riverine challenges.
- Infrastructure Modernisation: Ongoing investment in mechanisation, digitalisation, and capacity upgrades.
- Multimodal Connectivity: Seamless linkages via road, rail, and inland waterways support integrated logistics.
- PPP Success Stories: Private sector partnerships have significantly boosted efficiency and competitiveness.

Chairman Raman highlighted the April growth as "a testament to the unwavering commitment and efficiency of the entire SMP Kolkata family." He extended heartfelt thanks to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, port stakeholders, users, and the entire team for their dedicated contributions.

SMP KOLKATA LEADS THE NATION!
Highest Cargo Traffic Growth among Major Ports

Q1 FY 2024-25: 14.2 MMT
Q1 FY 2025-26: 17.2 MMT

A REMARKABLE 21% SURGE IN Q1 CARGO HANDLING
Setting new benchmarks in performance, efficiency & trade facilitation

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India-Norway Maritime Collaboration Strengthened

India and Norway have taken a significant step forward in maritime collaboration, with Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal extending an invitation to Norwegian investors to participate in India's expanding maritime sector. During a key roundtable organized with the Norwegian Shipowners' Association in Oslo, Sonowal underscored India's potential, particularly its shipbuilding capacity that currently supports 11% of Norway's global order book. A focal point of the discussions was green shipping, a priority for both nations.

Sonowal presented India's commitment to environmentally sustainable maritime practices, supported by initiatives like the One Nation One Platform (ONOP), aimed at digitalizing and streamlining port operations across the country. He also highlighted the recently

created Maritime Development Fund, valued at \$2.9 billion, designed to provide long-term financing for projects that can transform India into a maritime power.

The highlight of the visit was the signing of a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE) of India and Norway's Kongsberg Group. This MoU paves the way for the construction of India's first indigenous Polar Research Vessel. The vessel is expected to bolster India's scientific research capabilities in the polar regions and marks a significant stride in 'Make in India' efforts.



Debt: Maritime Gateway



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EAST WATCH

CURRENTS OF CHANGE

Developments from the Eastern Seaboard

Breakbulk Boost at KDS

Jetty No. 6 at Kolkata Dock is now handling a wide mix of commodities - steel, foodgrain, and project cargo. Berthing operations from 30 June point to sharper labour coordination and berth planning.



Haldia's Bulk Surge Continues

Driven by increased coal demand for regional thermal plants, Haldia Port is outperforming projections. Fast-tracked dredging and hinterland upgrades are underway.

Paradip Eyes Coastal Supremacy

With a transshipment deal with Bangladesh nearing finalisation, Paradip is poised to become a coastal shipping hub. Capacity enhancements are targeting 135 MTPA by 2026.





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SPOTLIGHT

PORT & CARGO

Adani Sets the Pace



APSEZ clocks a 17% YoY growth for May 2025. Strong volumes in containers (12.3 MMT), dry bulk, and agri cargo reaffirm market momentum.

Eastern Ports Expand Reach



KDS sees new Nepal-bound TEU volumes; Dhamra begins LNG terminal trials. Cold chain expansion at Vizag and Krishnapatnam fuels pharma and seafood export surges.

Infra Gaps at Centre Stage: ECMBS 2025



At the East Coast Maritime Business Summit, stakeholders called for digital berthing systems and PPP-driven green corridors to tackle infrastructure challenges.

BRAVO ZULU!



Ashok Janakiram Presenting ASIC LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2025 to Ms. Debdatta Nandwani Regional Head FIEO (ER)



Capt. Somesh Batra Receives NMIS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Capt. Somesh Batra, Director of the Seahorse Group and Chairman of both Marine Container Services (India) Pvt. Ltd. and Yang Ming Line India Pvt. Ltd., was honoured with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award by the Narottam Morarjee Institute of Shipping (NMIS). The award was presented during the 45th Convocation of the Institute, held at the SCI Auditorium in Mumbai on July 18, 2025. Mr. Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS, Chairman of the National Maritime Board, handed over the accolade in recognition of Capt. Batra's outstanding contributions to the Indian maritime industry.

DBGT

"Container Handling Terminal of the Year"

Dakshin Bharat Gateway Terminal (DBGT) Honoured as "Container Handling Terminal of the Year"

Dakshin Bharat Gateway Terminal (DBGT) has been proudly awarded the coveted title of "Container Handling Terminal of the Year", a recognition that celebrates the terminal's consistent pursuit of operational excellence, customer-centric service, and industry-best practices in port and terminal management. It received the award during the 13th South East CEO Conclave & Awards 2022, held on June 24, 2022, at the ITC Grand Chola in Chennai.



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MARITIME DIPLOMACY

BRIDGE OF SHIPS

India's Maritime Alliances

Japan Offers Financing and Tech



India-Japan maritime dialogue covers seafarer training, shipbuilding finance, and e-clearance systems. India to join Pacific Digital Ports Framework by 2026.

India-Norway Collaboration



PRV Deal Sealed: GRSE and Kongsberg Maritime sign MoU for India's first Polar Research Vessel. To be co-developed in Kolkata after Minister Sonowal's Oslo visit.

Green Ports on the Horizon



Technical support from Norway and Japan for decarbonising ports. Pilot initiatives likely at Paradip and Vizag.

Forging Maritime Unity: India Joins Philippines in First Coordinated Naval Sail

In a landmark maritime development, the navies of India and the Philippines undertook their first-ever coordinated naval sail in the South China Sea this week. The joint activity marks a significant step forward in regional maritime cooperation and strategic alignment.

The exercise coincided with Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s state visit to India, where maritime security, defense cooperation, and Indo-Pacific strategy are key items on the agenda.

Since late 2023, the Philippines have intensified maritime cooperative operations with friendly navies, aimed at asserting navigational rights and countering unilateral claims in contested waters. These have included joint activities with the United States, Japan, Australia, France, and Canada. The inclusion of India in this roster underscores New Delhi's increasing engagement in Indo-Pacific maritime security, and its support for a rules-based regional order.



Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief of Staff
General Romeo Brawner



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COMPLIANCE & CUSTOMS

THE OFFICIAL CHANNEL



SCMTR Mandate Tightens

CBIC circular (June 2025) directs all operators to register on ICEGATE and submit digital cargo declarations. Pharma and defence consignments get special focus.

Compliance Before Penalty

Ministry clarifies that first-time manifest errors will trigger rectification notices, not penalties—particularly for riverine ports like Kolkata.

TRAFFIC HANDLED AT MAJOR PORTS

(DURING APRIL TO JUNE, 2025* VIS-A-VIS APRIL TO JUNE, 2024)

PORTS	APRIL TO JUNE		% VARIATION AGAINST PREV. YEAR TRAFFIC
	TRAFFIC		
	2025*	2024	
1	2	3	4
KOLKATA			
Kolkata Dock System	4640	3644	27.33
Haldia Dock Complex	12546	10535	19.09
TOTAL: KOLKATA	17186	14179	21.21
PARADIP	39245	37539	4.54
VISAKHAPATNAM	21587	21923	-1.53
KAMARAJAR (ENNORE)	11788	11715	0.62
CHENNAI	15060	12937	16.41
V.O. CHIDAMBARANAR	10729	10366	3.50
COCHIN	9408	9321	0.93
NEW MANGALORE	10744	10789	-0.42
MORMUGAO	4842	4626	4.67
MUMBAI	17466	17061	2.37
JNPA	24199	21999	10.00
DEENDAYAL	37913	35994	5.33
TOTAL:	220167	208449	5.62

Source : IPA , New Delhi

All Ports, (As on 31 July 2025 at 1100 Hrs)			
Name Of Port	Number of Vessels		Remark (*Waiting for berthing)
	At Berth (working vessels waiting for sailing)	At Anchorage (waiting for berthing)*	
Kolkata Dock System	6	1	NSBV
Haldia Dock Complex	11	10	To Berth on Date-4, Programmed to Berth on Date-2, Non Port -4
Paradip	21	11	Vessel Ready-5, Vessel Not Ready-6

Port Circulars & Industry Alerts

Fire Drill Norm for Box Ships

DGS mandates firefighting drill certifications for all container vessels at Indian ports via its e-portal.

Pilotage Tariff Review at KoPT

Draft revision in pilotage fees announced; feedback open until July-end.

30% Waiver Announced for Rail Borne Containers at SMP Kolkata

The Traffic Manager of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata has notified that a 30% waiver on both haulage and terminal charges will be extended to all container rakes handled at the EJC and GCD yards under the Kolkata Dock System.

This promotional measure will come into effect from 28th August 2025 and remain valid for a period of 12 months. The waiver applies exclusively to handling of rail-borne containers at the Common Users' Railway Sidings at these two locations. Users availing this facility must carry out all operations at their own cost and risk, ensure seamless operations, and bear full responsibility for the safety and security of their containers



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VITAL VIBES

The Hon'ble PM's Good Word on ASIC'S 50 Years

“ We have adopted the mantra of **'Ports for Prosperity'** to enhance the infrastructure, connectivity, and efficiency of our ports. Maritime infrastructure is being given a boost to enhance both – Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Living. Waterways are being harnessed to ensure that our products get access to new markets. Investments have been made in waterways in a **never-seen-before way**.

Today, India is ready to **share its best practices** in the maritime sector with the world and, at the same time, is also open to learning from global best practices.

When India celebrates its **100th year of independence**, ASIC will also be in a celebratory mood, marking the completion of **75 years**. The period till 2047, the **Amrit Kaal**, is an opportunity for both the Nation and ASIC to **achieve new heights**.

May the commemorative publication being brought out **capture the underlying spirit and essence** of the occasion.

Greetings and best wishes for the success of the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

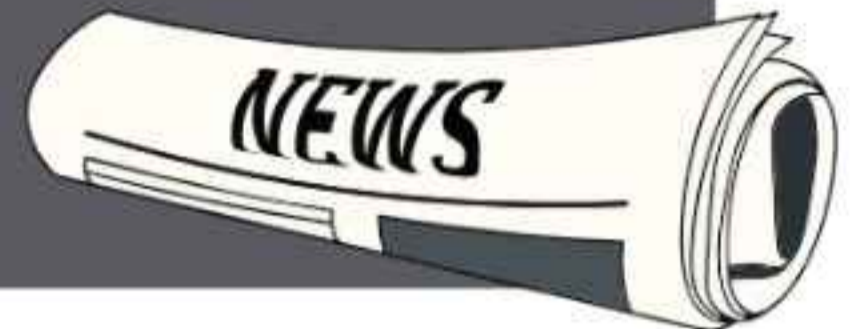
(Narendra Modi)
Prime Minister of India

New Delhi
26th August, 2023



The Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal inaugurating ASIC HORIZONS in March 2024. Asok Janakiram, President of ASIC and MD of Pennon Shipping, Arup Bandhu Guha, Senior VP of Samsara Shipping, Subrata Chowdhury, VP of ASIC, and Gautam Chakraborti Former Adviser Security and Heritage to Kolkata Port and Honorary Editor-in-Chief of the Commemorative were present at the event.

Corridor Watch: Local News



ICD Santragachi Ramps Up Capacity

Concor's Inland Container Depot at Santragachi has introduced two additional rail sidings this month, allowing simultaneous loading/unloading of double-stack rakes. The move is expected to ease congestion at Kolkata Dock and improve transit times for Nepal and North Bengal-bound cargo.

SMP Kolkata Eyes Night Navigation Boost

Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (KoPT) is conducting pilot trials to expand night navigation on the Hooghly for container vessels up to 220 metres LOA. If successful, this will mark a significant efficiency gain in vessel turnaround and reduce berth idle times across KDS terminals.

New CFS Operational in Garden Reach

A new Container Freight Station (CFS) by Allcargo Logistics has become operational in the Garden Reach belt, offering bonded warehousing and customs-clearance support. This comes amid rising volumes of reefer and transshipment cargo being routed through KDS.

Trade Body Seeks Tariff Rationalisation

The Calcutta Freight Forwarders Association (CFFA) has submitted a representation to SMP authorities requesting a review of miscellaneous vessel-related charges, citing rising inland haulage costs and currency-linked volatility in foreign liner charges.



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India's Blue Economy: An Approach to Sustainable Economic Growth Harnessing Ocean Resources for National Growth

Bhaskar Nath Chatterjee, Sr. General Manager, Marine Container Services (India) Pvt Ltd.

What is the Blue Economy?

The Blue Economy promotes economic growth through sustainable use of ocean and coastal resources, ensuring minimal ecological disruption. It includes sectors like:

- Fisheries & Aquaculture
- Maritime Transport
- Coastal Tourism
- Deep-Sea Mining

Gunter Pauli first proposed the idea in 1994, later detailed in his book "The Blue Economy: 10 Years, 100 Innovations, 100 Million Jobs." Endorsed by the World Bank, the concept blends development with environmental responsibility.

Why It Matters for India

India's 7,500 km coastline, 9 coastal states, and numerous islands provide immense potential—yet currently, the Blue Economy contributes only 4% to India's GDP.

As the country aims for a US\$10 trillion economy, NITI Aayog's Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 outlines strategic goals to reach global maritime benchmarks.

Key Initiatives Under Vision 2047

1. Mega Port Development

- Deep-draft ports at Vadhavan and Galathea Bay
- Enabling transshipment hubs to strengthen forex reserves
- Digitalisation to improve port productivity

2. Inland Waterways Expansion

- Development of NW-1 and NW-2
- Shifting bulk movement from road to river to cut costs

3. Shipbuilding & Repair

- Modernising shipyards
- Creating dedicated industry clusters

4. Green Port Guidelines

- "Harit Sagar" framework to reduce carbon emissions
- Green Hydrogen Hubs and Green Tug Transition
- AI/ML-based berth automation by 2026

5. Cruise Bharat Mission

- Doubling cruise passenger numbers by 2029
- Development of international cruise terminals

Strategic Areas for Further Growth

India must strengthen:

- A strong legal framework for Blue Economy
- Skill development for seafarers
- Use of non-major ports (187 total)
- Cost controls & port-led industrialisation
- Last-mile connectivity improvements
- Policy stability to encourage private/foreign investment
- Coastal community development and national security

Boost to Financing: Sagarmala Finance Corporation

On June 26, 2025, the Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways launched the Sagarmala Finance Corporation Ltd. (formerly Sagarmala Development Company), an RBI-approved NBFC created to fund Blue Economy projects, signalling a new era of focused maritime investment.



India's Blue Economy is not just about water - it's about wealth, wisdom, and a sustainable way forward.



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PORT LINK EXPRESS: A Sustainable, Innovative Logistics Solution for the Haldia–Kolkata Sector

Goutam Gupta, Advisor (Traffic & Shipping), SMPK

Breaking Bottlenecks: A Green Shift in Port Logistics

The Port Link Express is a pioneering logistics model launched by Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK) to solve a long-standing operational bottleneck — the disconnect between the Haldia Dock Complex (HDC) and Kolkata Dock System (KDS). Though HDC offers a higher river draft, ideal for handling large container vessels, its cargo traffic suffered due to road congestion, 'no-entry' restrictions, and cost inefficiencies. To unlock the full potential of HDC's infrastructure and reduce the environmental and financial burden on the EXIM trade, SMPK introduced a rail-based container movement system that is cost-efficient, seamless, and eco-friendly.

The Model: How It Works

The initiative hinges on leveraging existing rail infrastructure and forging strong partnerships:

- M/s Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. (BL CFS) was brought in as the key partner with an existing rail siding. They signed an MoU with HDC, and received approval from Customs (Notification 13/2024).
- Shipping lines like MSC and SITC Line supported the model. SITC's direct China–HDC service was pivotal.
- Pristine Logistics operated the inaugural container train service.

The first import train was flagged off from HDC on 23 June 2024, and the first export train from BL CFS on 29 June 2024. Movements have since become regular and efficient.

Modus Operandi

Import Flow:

- Containers discharged at HDC are placed at a dedicated rail yard.
- After documentation, the train (hailed first by HDC's loco, then by Indian Railways) moves to BL CFS.
- Cargo is unloaded and handed over to importers.

Export Flow:

- Export containers are delivered to BL CFS, customs cleared, and loaded onto trains.
- Moved to HDC for vessel loading.

This eliminates the need for truck transport through congested urban routes and ensures faster container movement.

Financial & Environmental Benefits

- **Port Revenue Surge:**
 - SMPK earns Rs 3551.48 per TEU via rail, a 2688% increase over road transport. HDC earns Rs 1908.81 more per TEU, while KDS earns Rs 1515.27 — previously unearned revenue.
- **EXIM Trade Savings:**
 - Rail movement saves approx. USD 10 per TEU.
- **No Capital Investment:**
 - The model was implemented with zero investment by the port or its partners.
- **Carbon Reduction:**
 - Replacing truck movement with rail reduces 291 tonnes of CO₂ emissions monthly.

Future Scope

- Introduction of battery-operated or dual-mode shunters to make the model 100% green.
- Implementation of real-time train and container tracking systems.
- Open entry for new Container Train Operators (CTOs), driving competition and reducing logistics cost further

A Blueprint for the Future

The Port Link Express stands as a shining example of what public-private collaboration, smart infrastructure use, and eco-conscious planning can achieve. As more CTOs join and container movement grows, the model promises to become a replicable blueprint for other ports in India and beyond.

Port Link Express is not just a transport solution - it's a sustainable logistics revolution on rails.





Global Ship Recycling Set to Surge as Hong Kong Convention Takes Effect



Estimated 16,000 ships - 700 million DWT - to be recycled over the next decade

According to BIMCO, the entry into force of the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships has prompted an upward revision in global ship recycling forecasts. Over the next 10 years, 16,000 ships totaling 700 million deadweight tons (DWT) are expected to be recycled—double the number of vessels and nearly triple the tonnage recycled in the past decade.

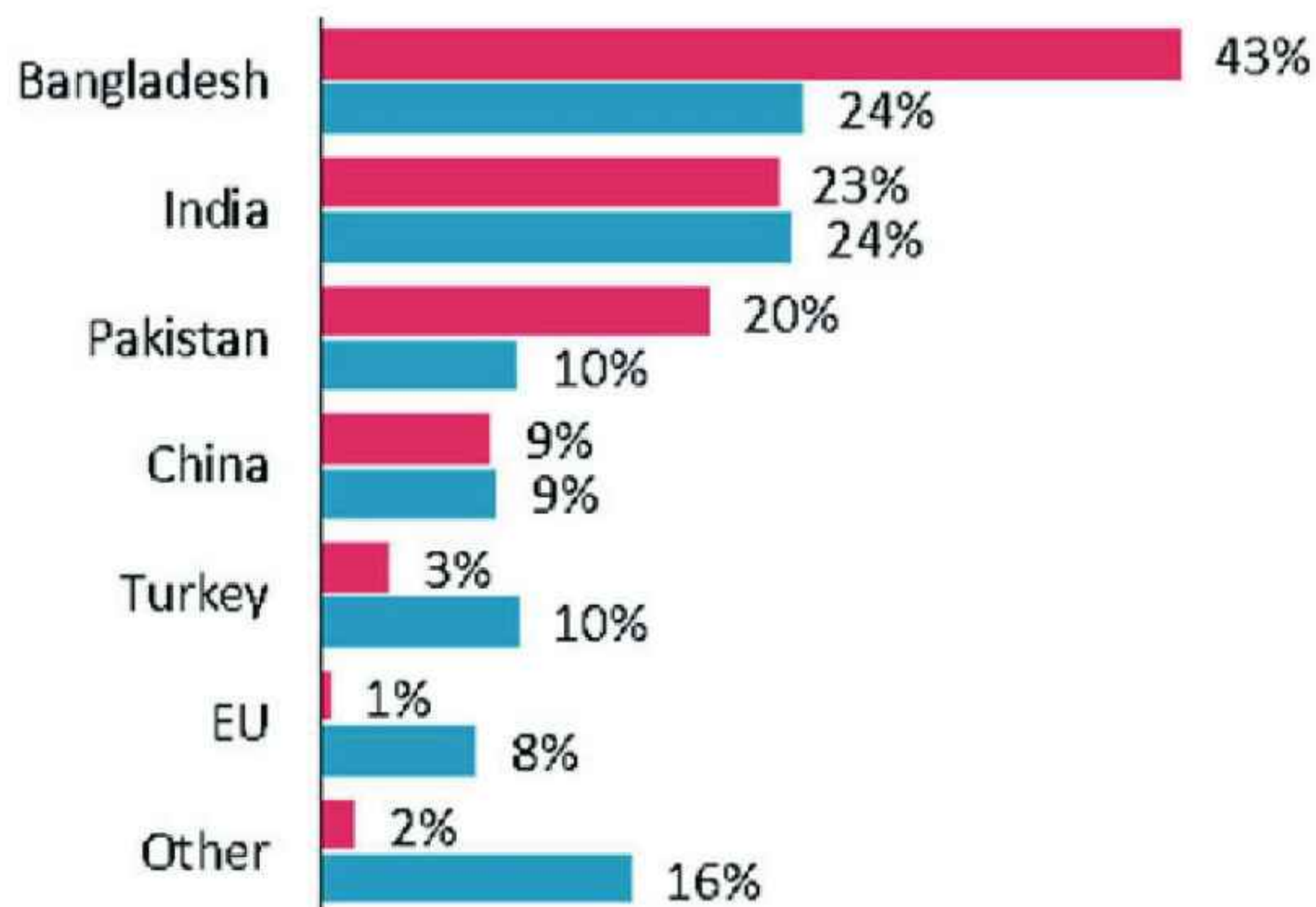
“This underscores the urgent need for investment in compliant ship recycling facilities,” said Niels Rasmussen, Chief Shipping Analyst at BIMCO.

The projection is based on historical recycling patterns between 2000 and 2019, applying typical retirement rates by vessel type and age. For example, if 10% of 20-year-old capesize bulkers were recycled in that period, the same rate has been assumed going forward.

Rasmussen added that ships built in the 1990s made up 35% of recycled vessels and 62% of recycled DWT during 2015–2024. However, vessels built in the 2000s—31% more in number and with 115% greater tonnage—are expected to dominate the next wave of recycling.

Recycling 2015-2024

■ % of DWT ■ % of ships



Source: Sea-web



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SHEROES Prerona



Sm Usha Uthup lighting the diya at the event celebrating women achievers. Among others in the photo are Capt S B Mazumdar, Shri Rathendra Raman and Shri Ashok Janakiram

Four distinguished women were specially recognised in 2025.

The awards were presented by the Hon'ble Consul General of Nepal, **Shri Jhakka Prasad Acharya**

<p>Ms. Shivani Agarwal Motivational Speaker</p> 	<p>Ms. Reshma Nilofer Visalakshi India's Only Woman Marine Pilot</p> 	<p>Ms. Pratima Poddar Kolkata's First Lady Bus Driver</p> 	<p>Ms. Papiya Sultana, IPS For Her Work in Rescuing and Restoring Missing and Trafficked Children</p> 
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The Association of Shipping Interests in Calcutta (ASIC) marked International Women's Day 2025 with its 3rd edition of the Women Achiever Award titled Sheroes Prerona, held at the Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Kolkata. The event recognized the stellar contributions of women professionals across the shipping and logistics ecosystem.

In alignment with the UN theme "For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment", the evening highlighted stories of resilience, impact, and inclusion. The event was graced by

Shri Jhakka Prasad Acharya, Hon'ble Consul General of Nepal, and attended by industry dignitaries.

A total of 19 women colleagues from ASIC member organisations were felicitated. The Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred on Ms. Debdutta Nandwani, Director General, FIEO (Eastern Region) by Shri Ashok Janakiram, President, ASIC, for her exemplary contribution to international trade and policy advocacy.



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Remembering Jim Lawrence (1957 –2025)



A Visionary, a Builder, and a True Shipping Legend

The maritime world recently bid farewell to one of its most influential figures — Jim Lawrence, who passed away in early June.

Widely known as the face of several landmark industry initiatives, Jim was more than just a familiar presence at global shipping events — he was their architect and heart. As a driving force behind the growth of the Connecticut Maritime Association (CMA), Jim helped shape it into a premier international conference and exhibition platform.

He later acquired Marine Money, turning it from a small U.K. newsletter into a global franchise at the intersection of shipping and finance. By bringing together bankers, investors, and shipowners, he gave rise to a dynamic platform that continues to bridge critical gaps in the industry.

Jim also co-founded the MTI Network, a vital media response service for shipping companies worldwide — ensuring clear, responsible communication during crises and beyond.

Throughout his career, Jim anticipated industry trends — from capital markets to sustainability — and took action where others only observed. He had a rare gift for uniting people, ideas, and institutions, and his contributions will be felt for decades to come.

Jim Lawrence leaves behind a legacy defined by vision, connection, and unwavering commitment to the shipping community. He will be remembered fondly — and profoundly missed.

Portside to a Planet-Friendly Future: Navigating Responsibility, Resilience & Reform



Editor's Comment

As we proudly unveil the inaugural issue of PORTSIDE CALCUTTA – The ASIC Update, we set sail with purpose and anticipation. Published by the Association of Shipping Interests in Calcutta (ASIC), the oldest shipping trade body in Eastern India, this newsletter emerges not merely as a bulletin of updates, but as a compass for maritime progress, excellence and collective insight.

This year's IMO theme, "Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity", gives timely shape to our editorial vision. With our coasts increasingly affected by climate disruption, transnational pollution, invasive species transfers, and rising maritime insecurity, the Indian shipping community must recalibrate its responses. From polar research vessels being built in Kolkata to strategic pacts with Norway and Japan on green shipping and port digitisation, the Eastern Seaboard is fast becoming a zone of innovation and strategic depth. The newsletter proposes to serve as a platform for knowledge and collaboration - chronicling developments, initiating debate, and anchoring regional maritime voices within a national and global narrative.

In this and forthcoming issues, PORTSIDE CALCUTTA will feature:

- **Currents of Change:** Key developments from India's Eastern Seaboard
- **Spotlight: Port & Cargo:** Traffic trends, infrastructure projects, cargo analytics
- **Bridge of Ships:** India's maritime alliances and global partnerships
- **Compliance & Customs:** Policy updates, notifications, and regulatory insights
- **Voices from the Ground:** Local news and industry reflections

From internal circulation to a wider reach - our long-term objective is to stimulate creative dialogue within the shipping fraternity through contributed articles, critical essays, and informed commentary. To set the tone, this issue features two insightful contributions: one on the Blue Economy and Sustainability from a senior insider, and another from a seasoned former Port Official who until recently served in an advisory capacity with the Haldia Dock Complex. These are not mere words on paper. These are signals from the portside of change - and we invite every stakeholder to tune in. Let this platform grow into a robust forum of exchange, where business, environment, policy, and progress can navigate side by side.

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