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NEWSLETTER

"Allow me to state here how much I love Barcelona, an admirable city, a city full of life, intense, a port open to the past and future." - [Le Corbusier](#)

FFN AGM 2026 - BARCELONA, SPAIN.

**1st to 3rd April
Not to be
missed !**

Thank You for Voting

Dear Members,

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in the recent voting for your preferred destination for our Annual General Meeting 2026. Your input is truly valued and plays an essential role in shaping our events.

We are thrilled to announce that Barcelona, Spain received the most votes and will be the host city for our AGM 2026.

Please mark your calendars – AGM 2026 will take place from 1st to 3rd April 2026 in the vibrant city of Barcelona.

We look forward to welcoming you to this beautiful and culturally rich destination for what promises to be an inspiring and memorable event.

Further details regarding the agenda, venue, and registration will be shared in the coming weeks.

Turning Challenges into Solutions: The Journey of a Motor Yacht to New Zealand

In our recent project, we faced a unique transportation puzzle that reminded us that weight and dimensions are not the only factors in logistical complexity. A motor yacht, previously used for tours in Europe, was set to make its way back to New Zealand. The yacht's owner entrusted its keys to the harbor master in Hamburg and flew home, leaving us with a formidable task.

The small marina posed a significant challenge due to its limited access for low loaders or barges. To complicate matters further, we received notice from the loading terminal indicating that they wouldn't lift the yacht directly from the water. Determined to find a solution, our team quickly

arranged for an experienced shipmaster to navigate

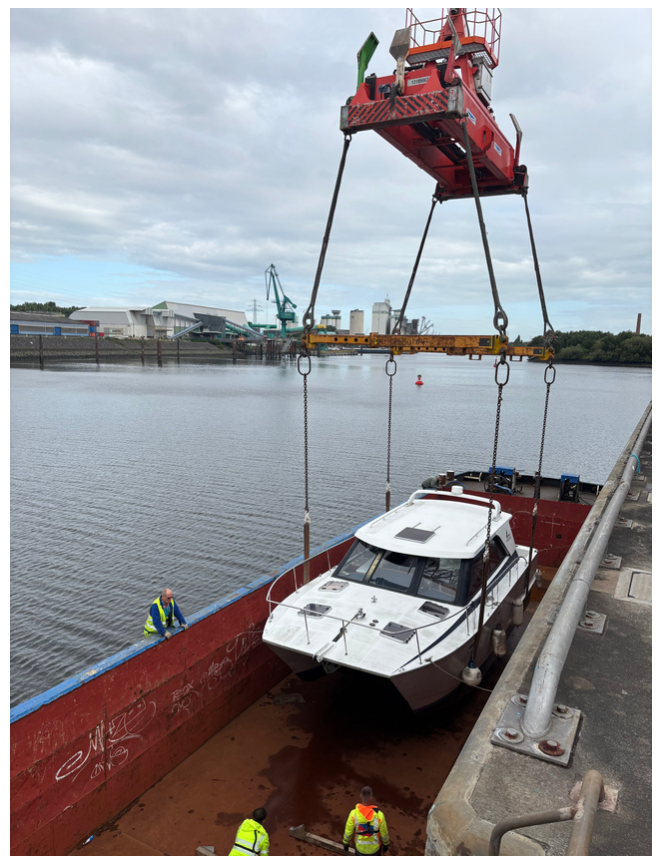
the yacht to a breakbulk terminal. There, a crane was employed to transfer the yacht onto a barge for onward transport to the sea terminal. Once at the terminal, we successfully unloaded the yacht and placed it onto a mafi trailer, preparing for shipping at the end of the week. This timeline was crucial to ensure we beat the impending BMSB season. A heartfelt thank you to our exceptional

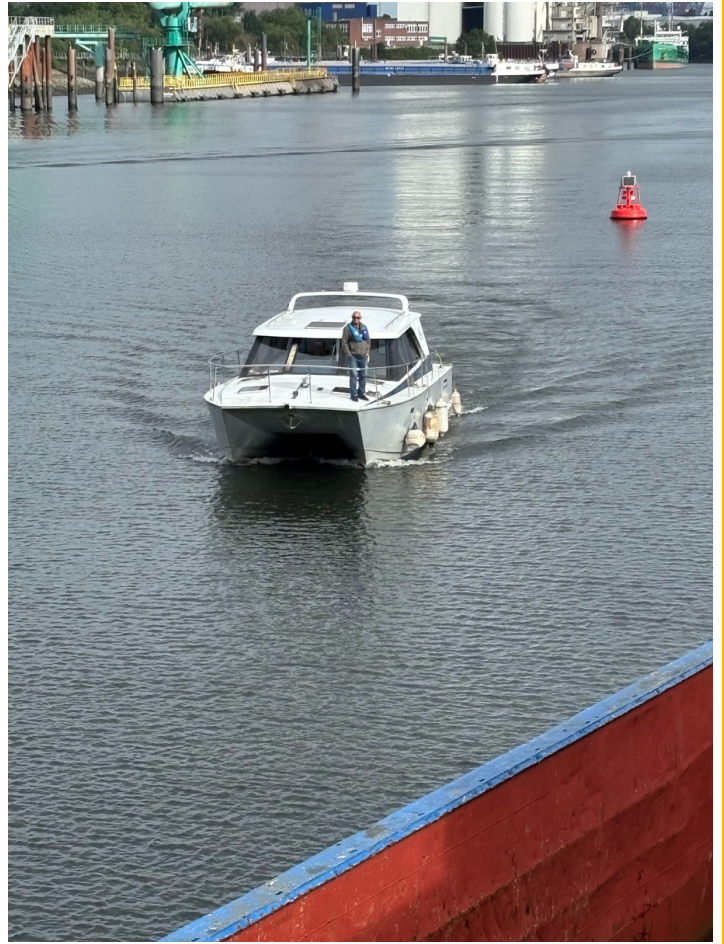
project team! Their relentless pursuit of innovative solutions, along with their collaboration with harbor masters and ship captains—tasks that are not part of our everyday operations—demonstrated our commitment to overcoming challenges. Our

Managing Director, Kathrin, took the opportunity to reconnect with the harbor atmosphere and oversee the loading process, ensuring every detail was meticulously managed.

Challenges may arise, but with creativity and teamwork, we turn them into opportunities for success.

#Logistics #MaritimeTransport #ProjectManagement #TeamWork #InnovativeSolutions





The Indian Logistics Bulletin 2025

India's transformation into a global trade and logistics hub is accelerating. July 2025 has proven to be a critical month that reflects how far the country has progressed in areas such as maritime infrastructure, sustainable mobility, global partnerships, rural supply chains, and policy reforms. As global trade continues to evolve, India is not only adapting but also innovating to build a future-proof logistics and supply chain ecosystem.

This editorial captures the key highlights, insights, and implications of India's maritime and logistics developments throughout July 2025.

1. Mega Port Ambitions and Global Integration

India's port sector witnessed significant developments in July. Chief among them was the reaffirmation of Wadhwan Port's importance. With a planned capacity of 298 MMTPA and container handling capabilities of 23.2 million TEUs, Wadhwan is set to become one of the world's top 10 container ports. The port's integration with Western Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs), NH-48, and the proposed New Palghar railway station signals India's intent to boost multimodal logistics.

Vizhinjam Port celebrated its first operational year, having handled 392 vessels and 8.3 lakh TEUs. This success reflects growing container traffic on India's western coast and emphasizes the strategic importance of location, automation, and public-private collaboration.

These ports are not just national assets but pivotal players in India's Vision 2047 and BIMSTEC regional trade integration.

2. Greener, Smarter, Cleaner: The New Logistics Paradigm India has taken

several steps toward making logistics more sustainable. The launch of the PM E-DRIVE scheme in July offers an upfront subsidy of ₹9.6 lakh per electric truck (N2 & N3 categories), with a target to deploy over 5,600 e-trucks. SAIL has already committed to procuring 150 electric trucks, setting the tone for other industries to follow.

Meanwhile, MSC continued greening its global fleet by inducting new LNG-powered vessels like MSC Savannah and MSC Insa. These initiatives reflect a wider trend across the supply chain to reduce emissions, especially for long-haul and high-volume freight.

In another breakthrough, DP World signed an MoU with Nevomo and the Deendayal Port Authority to pilot MagRail freight solutions. This tech-driven innovation is designed to revolutionize short-distance port movements by integrating autonomous electric rail with legacy systems.

3. Infrastructure is Destiny: Highways, Rail, and Rural Reach

NHAI announced projects worth ₹3.4 lakh crore under its FY26 roadmap. 78% of these are structured under the Public-Private Partnership model and include critical highways such as Gorakhpur-Siliguri, Patna-Purnia, and Nashik-Ahmednagar. These corridors will connect hinterlands to ports, logistics parks, and manufacturing zones, enhancing throughput efficiency.

On the rural logistics front, Bharat Supply was launched through the merger of Connect India and Farms' logistics arm. Covering over 200,000 villages across 230 districts, this is India's largest rural logistics network aimed at empowering MSMEs, agri-supply chains, and rural e-commerce.

4. Trade Volatility and India's Strategic Agility

India's merchandise trade in Q1 FY25 showed modest export growth (2.0%) and a sharper rise in imports (4.2%), widening the trade deficit to \$67.26 billion. Despite this, India took steps to secure key supply chains:

- Signed a long-term agreement with Saudi Ma'aden for 3.1 million tonnes of DAP annually.
- Directed major ports to prioritize berthing of fertilizer vessels to reduce turnaround time.

Globally, trade continues to face turbulence due to rising tariffs. The US proposed import duties ranging between 25%-50% on several nations. WTO reported a 5.3% YoY rise in merchandise trade for Q1 2025 but warned of a potential slowdown due to destocking and protectionist policies.

India's response has been measured—balancing WTO commitments with active trade negotiation

The Indian Supply Chain Takes Centre Stage

July 2025 has demonstrated that India is not waiting to react to global shifts—it is actively leading in several areas. From clean energy mobility and mega port projects to rural last-mile networks and global trade diplomacy, India's logistics sector is more robust, dynamic, and future-oriented than ever before.

The Indian supply chain is no longer a support function. It's a strategic enabler of national growth, regional cooperation, and global competitiveness.

At Globus Logisys, our mission is to simplify global trade by providing tailored logistics solutions that evolve with the dynamic needs of businesses. We are dedicated to delivering excellence through cutting-edge technology, sustainable practices, and an unwavering commitment to customer satisfaction.

We Are Moving!

Dear Valued Partners and Friends,

Warm greetings from **CIRCLE DRAGON EXPRESS LTD., TAIWAN.**

We are excited to share some wonderful news with you —
CIRCLE DRAGON EXPRESS LTD. is growing and moving forward with a fresh, modern look.
We will soon be relocating to larger, upgraded premises to better support our team and serve you with greater efficiency and professionalism.

Our relocation is scheduled for **August 18, 2025.**

This move marks a new milestone for us, and we sincerely appreciate your continued trust and support, both from long-standing partners and new friends.

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(Our main contact number and email remain unchanged; **only our extension numbers will be updated.**)

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to reach out to us anytime.

We look forward to welcoming you to our new premises and to growing together in this exciting new chapter.

Thank you for being with us every step of the way.

Best regards,

CIRCLE DRAGON EXPRESS LTD.



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India's Strategic Moves in Logistics, Maritime, Trade, and Global Expansion – June 2025

Maritime Logistics & Policy Spotlight

Green & Digital Maritime Corridors in Motion

Following the Singapore–India Letter of Intent signed earlier this year, groundwork has begun on the Green and Digital Shipping Corridor (GDSC). The initiative will digitally link ports in Mumbai, Chennai, and Singapore, integrating carbon-neutral practices with smart port technology—strengthening India's position in sustainable maritime trade.

National Logistics Portal–Marine (NLP-Marine) Rolls Forward

NLP-Marine is seeing greater port adoption in June 2025. The platform simplifies document workflows, digitizes vessel tracking, and reduces dwell time by 15–20%. It's now integrated with ICEGATE and SWIFT, ensuring end-to-end transparency across cargo movements.

Major Port Modernisation Under Sagarmala 2.0

Under the revised Sagarmala Vision 2047, June saw the approval of new cargo terminals in Paradeep, Kandla, and Vizhinjam, and expansion of hinterland connectivity for JNPT and Haldia. Focus remains on Ro-Ro terminals, LNG handling capacity, and direct rail-port connectivity under the Gati Shakti framework.

Indian Maritime University Launches Skill Tracks

The government-backed Centre for Maritime Skill Excellence was inaugurated in Chennai this month, offering future-forward skilling in maritime AI, decarbonization tech, and autonomous vessel operations. The initiative is aligned with India's Blue Economy Vision and aims to train 10,000 professionals annually by 2027.

MAITRI & ONOP Initiatives in Focus

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal reiterated commitment to MAITRI (Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047) and ONOP (One Nation, One Port Network), aiming to integrate 13 major ports under a single operational and digital platform by 2026.

Inland Logistics & Warehousing Developments

\$610 Million Logistics Deal Flow in H1 2025

India's logistics sector recorded \$610 million worth of deal activity in H1 2025—an 85% increase YoY—driven by strategic M&As (e.g., Delhivery–Ecom Express) and PE interest in last-mile logistics tech.

Tier 2/3 Warehousing Sees 57% Supply Growth

Q1 2025 witnessed 12.4 million sq. ft. of new supply in warehousing, up 57% YoY. Cities like

Lucknow, Indore, and Coimbatore are emerging micro-fulfilment hubs, catering to the booming quick-commerce segment.

Toll Revenues Up 20% — Freight on the Rise

NHAI toll collections surged to ₹20,682 crore in Q1, reflecting strong movement of cargo and

increased trucking on express corridors like Delhi–Mumbai, Ganga Expressway, and Bharatmala routes.

Truckers' Infrastructure Upgraded via 'Apna Ghar'

June saw a 5x rise in bookings at 'Apna Ghar' rest stations, offering secure facilities for long-haul truckers. This aligns with India's push to reduce fatigue-driven accidents and improve

logistics workforce welfare.

UP and Haryana Lead Logistics Policy Implementation

- UP Logistics Policy 2025 unveiled new logistics parks under PM Gati Shakti.

- Haryana launched an Integrated Cargo Terminal at Ambala, enhancing access to NH-44 and DFC freight hubs.

Trade, Investment & Supply Chain Efficiency

Amazon Commits ₹2,000 Cr to Indian Supply Chain

Amazon announced a ₹2,000 crore investment in India to expand fulfillment infrastructure and

AI-driven logistics—bolstering global e-commerce integration with Indian vendors.

India–UK FTA Ready for Signing

The long-awaited India–UK Free Trade Agreement is expected to be signed this quarter.

Once in effect, 99% of Indian goods will enter the UK duty-free—impacting textiles, automotive, electronics, and processed food exports.

Coffee Exports Brew a 40% Surge

India's coffee exports rose over 40% YoY between April–Feb, touching \$1.54 billion. Leading buyers include Italy, Germany, Russia, and UAE. This growth is spurred by a mix of higher global prices and enhanced branding of Indian Robusta and Arabica beans.

India Expands Trade Corridors with UAE & Singapore

Work is underway to establish Virtual Trade Corridors—digitally synchronized channels between Mundra–Jebel Ali and Kattupalli–Singapore, enabling faster customs clearance, reduced delays, and blockchain-based documentation.

Tech, Sustainability & Future Outlook

Smart Warehousing Adoption Up 40%—

Warehouse developers are increasingly deploying AI-based digital twins, IoT asset tracking, and autonomous forklifts. This shift is driven by green compliance mandates and retailer pressure for better inventory visibility.

Target: 9% Logistics Cost by Year-End

Government reaffirmed its aim to reduce logistics costs to 9% of GDP in 2025 through:

- Dedicated Freight Corridors
- Sagarmala–Gati Shakti Integration
- Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP)

Digital interlinking of EXIM, port, customs, and freight data is being rolled out on a national scale.

• Globus Logisys – Your Partner in a Smarter Logistics Future

At Globus Logisys, we champion the transformation of logistics by integrating technology, sustainability, and global reach. Our vision for 2025 is aligned with India's logistics evolution—whether you're navigating ports or pallets, we deliver seamless movement with measurable efficiency.