

# कागजी कामकाज पर करना होगा सर्जिकल स्ट्राइक: पीके अग्रवाल

**कोलकाता.** चीफ कमिश्नर ऑफ कस्टम्स (कोलकाता) पीके अग्रवाल का मानना है कि न्यू नॉर्मल एक अवसर लेकर आया है. इससे सभी खुद को और बेहतर कर सकते हैं. कस्टम्स भी उसी राह पर चल रहा है. कोलकाता कस्टम्स अपना स्वरूप बदल रहा है. द बंगाल चेंबर की ओर से शनिवार को आयोजित एक वर्चुअल परिचर्चा में श्री अग्रवाल ने कहा कि वक्त आ गया है कि कागजी कामकाज के खिलाफ सर्जिकल स्ट्राइक की जाये. उन्होंने बताया कि ईज ऑफ डुइंग बिजनेस के लिहाज से गत वर्ष वह दुनिया में 77वें स्थान पर थे. लेकिन इस वर्ष वह 63वें स्थान पर हैं. वर्ष के अंत तक उनका 50वें स्थान पर पहुंचने का लक्ष्य है. श्री अग्रवाल ने कहा कि कस्टम्स के कामकाज को और भी सरलत व पारदर्शी बनाया जा रहा है. 31 अक्तूबर से देशभर में एनॉनिमाइज्ड असेसमेंट होगा. कस्टम की ओर से इ-संचित, सुविधा केंद्र जैसी सेवाओं की शुरुआत की गयी है. वर्तमान में देशभर में 70 फीसदी गुड्स आरएमएस फेसिलिटेटेड होते हैं. कस्टम का लक्ष्य विश्वभर में अपनाये जाने वाले सर्वोत्तम प्रैक्टिस का अनुशरण करना है. कस्टम, त्वरित क्लियरेंस के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है. मौके पर हल्दिया डॉक कॉम्प्लेक्स के डेप्युटी चेयरमैन एके मेहरा ने बताया कि हल्दिया के बर्थ तीन को पूरी तरह मेकानाइज्ड किया जा रहा है. यह पीपीपी (पब्लिक प्राइवेट पार्टनरशिप) के जरिये होगा. इससे कोलकाता पोर्ट का भार काफी कम हो जायेगा.



# BCC&I event highlights benefits of digital amalgamation of Port & Customs

## Exim News Service

**T**HE Shipping Committee of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) organised the final session of the webinar on 'Digitization – The New Normal in End to End Maritime Logistics' on September 26, 2020 on Cisco Webex platform. The objective was to address and resolve various issues of the stakeholders in sectors like shipping lines, CHAs, CFSs/ICDs, export-import, port operations, Customs compliance, etc. which have arisen mainly due to the digital transformation of shipping activities in the New Normal, as per a release.

Mr Deb A. Mukherjee, President-Designate,



**Mr. Deb A Mukherjee,**  
President Designate, BCC&I



**Capt. S.B. Mazumder,**  
Chairperson, Shipping Committee, BCC&I



**Mr. Debashis Dutta**  
(Moderator), Member,  
Shipping Committee,  
BCC&I



**Shri P K Agrawal,**  
IRS, (Chief Guest )  
Chief Commissioner of  
Customs, Kolkata



**Shri A. K. Mehera,**  
(Guest of Honour)

Dy Chairman, Haldia Dock Complex, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Trust (SPMPT) {Erstwhile Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT)}



**Mr Vineet Malhotra,**  
(Speaker of the day)  
& Co-Founder & Director,  
M/s Kale Logistics  
Solutions Pvt. Ltd.



**Mr S Hajara,**  
Co-Chairperson, Shipping Committee, BCC&I



**Mr Tapas Banerjee,**  
Co-Chairperson,  
Shipping Committee,  
BCC&I

Mr Vineet Malhotra, Co-Founder and Director, Kale Logistics Solutions, Mumbai was also present, among other leading dignitaries.

Mr Agrawal highlighted the Turant Customs service, which is Faceless, Paperless and Contactless. This will anonymise the assessment process by removing the physical interface

and Guest of Honour

Mr A. K. Mehera, Deputy Chairman, Haldia Dock Complex, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Trust (SPMPT) {Erstwhile Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT)},

with Customs, ensure uniformity of assessment across locations by promoting sector-specific and *(to be Continued on page 6)*

BCC&I welcomed the Chief Guest Mr P. K. Agrawal, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata,

Complex, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Trust (SPMPT) {Erstwhile Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT)},

Our next issue will be on tomorrow  
(Thursday, dated : 01-10-2020).

There will be no issue of  
Shipping Times,

Friday, dated : October 2, 2020 on account of  
**MAHATMA GANDHIJI'S BIRTHDAY.**

# BCC&I event highlights...

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functional specialisation, and improve workload for efficient utilisation of manpower and resources for Customs by automation of the end-to-end clearance process. Digitisation is the gift and sea of opportunity, it was pointed out.

Mr Mehera highlighted that infrastructure development at both Kolkata and Haldia has been noteworthy. Khiderpore port, Netaji Subhas Dock and Berth No. 3 dock at Haldia are being highly digitised, and RoRo jetties are being introduced in Kolkata and Howrah. E-mode and digitisation are key aspects in Kolkata port. GIS Container Tracking system will be in place by the end of November. In Haldia port, billing, deposit account system are to be made in the ERP system and are on fast track, he said.

Capt. S. B. Mazumder, Chairperson, Shipping Committee,

BCC&I pointed out that the session was quite meaningful and the discussions very constructive as it highlighted the benefits to the fraternity once the complete e-amalgamation of the port and Customs is over. The port's IT system will be merged with Customs' ICE-GATE system for a Transparent Efficient Maritime Logistics Experience, it was highlighted.

The session was an eye-opener as it brought to the fore undisclosed issues, which were categorically addressed and resolved to the extent possible during the session for the benefit of the maritime fraternity.

The session was attended by over 150 delegates comprising clearing and forwarding agents, shipping companies, cargo handling agents, port users, representatives from the trade, Customs and freight brokers, logistics companies, transporters, etc., the release added.

# Bengal Chamber holds informative webinar on digitisation being the New Normal in end-to-end maritime logistics

*Another session scheduled for Sept. 26*

**Exim News Service**

KOLKATA, Sept. 24

**T**HE Shipping Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) organised the first session of the webinar on "Digitization – The New Normal in End-to-End Maritime Logis-



tics" on Saturday, September 19, 2020 on the Cisco Webex platform.

The objective of the session

was to address and resolve the various issues of the stakeholders in areas like shipping lines, CHAs, CFSs/ICDs, export-import, port operations, Customs compliance, etc. which arise mainly due to the digital transformation of shipping activities in this New Normal.

Capt. S. B. Mazumder, Chairperson, Shipping Committee, BCC&I welcomed the speakers of this first session, comprising Mr Adhendra Jain, Head of Delivery, India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, Maersk Line; Mr S. *(Continued on page 10)*



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Ramakrishnan, Past Chairman, FFFAI; Mr Pramod Kumar Srivastava, Chief Executive Officer & Director, The PDP Group, Allied ICD Services Ltd, ICD Durgapur, West Bengal; Mr Mahesh Chandra Keyal, Partner, Mortex (India), Kolkata; and Mr Debashis Dutta, Member, Shipping Committee, BCC&I who was the moderator of the session.

Mr S. Hajara and Mr Tapas Banerjee, Co-Chairpersons, Shipping Committee, BCC&I, also participated in the session.

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**Capt S B Mazumder**, Chairperson, Shipping Committee, BCC&I



**Mr. Debashish Dutta** (Moderator), Member Shipping Committee BCC&I



**Mr S Ramakrishnan**, Past Chairman, FFFAI



**Mr Adhendu Jain**, Head of Delivery Maersk Line



**Mr Pramod Kumar Srivastava**, CEO & Director, The PDP Group, Allied ICD Services Ltd



**Mr Mahesh Chandra Keyal**, Partner, Mortex (India)



**Mr S Hajara**, Co-Chairperson, Shipping Committee, BCC&I



**Mr Tapas Banerjee**, Co-Chairperson, Shipping Committee, BCC&I

highlighted various issues like Electronic Bill of Lading (EBL), E-Forms, E-Certificate of Origin,

E-Shipping Bill, Sea Cargo Manifesto and Trade Regulations (SCMTR), Tariff Issues, Integration of Digital Infrastructure, Port Communication System (PCS), Digital Conversion of Billing Systems, Single Window Clearance, Cross Border Digitisation, Clearing and Forwarding, Customs Procedure, etc. with regard to shipping lines, CHAs, CFSS/ICDs, export-import, port operations, Customs compliance, etc.

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As a follow up to this session is planned the second and final session of the webinar on Saturday, September 26, which is expected to see the participation of the Chief Commissioner of Customs as Chief Guest, and Deputy Chairman, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Trust as the Guest of Honour and Speaker of the day, among other key dignitaries.

This session would help address and resolve the issues related to port operations and Customs compliance, as also the remaining issues of the previous session, the release emphasised.

## PROGRAMME FLOW

Day 2 – 26th September 2020

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Speakers and Tech team to do the Video – Audio checking
4:00 p.m. – 4:01 p.m.	The Chamber Secretariat to give the Technical briefing & formally start the programme by welcoming Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President Designate, BCC&I
4:01 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.	Welcome Address by Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President Designate, BCC&I
4:05 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.	Chairperson, Capt S B Mazumder, Shipping Committee, BCC&I to give the Opening remarks and Insights of Session 1 (held on 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2020)
4:10 pm. – 4:15 p.m.	Moderator, Mr Debashis Dutta, Member, Shipping Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Director, BGS GROUP (B G Somadder & Sons Private Limited) to introduce the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour & The Speaker of the day
4.15 p.m. – 4.25 p.m.	Address by Chief Guest by Shri P K Agrawal, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata
4.25 p.m. – 4.35 p.m.	Address by Guest of Honour by Shri A K Mehera, Dy Chairman, Haldia Dock Complex, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Trust (SPMPT) {Erstwhile Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT)}
4.35p.m. – 4.45 p.m.	Mr Vineet Malhotra, Co-Founder & Director, M/s Kale Logistics Solutions Pvt Ltd, Mumbai
4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Interaction on “Digitization - The New Normal in End to End Maritime Logistics”
	Shri P K Agrawal, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata  Shri A K Mehera, Dy Chairman, Haldia Dock Complex, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Trust (SPMPT) {Erstwhile Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT)}  Mr Vineet Malhotra, Co-Founder & Director, M/s Kale Logistics Solutions Pvt Ltd, Mumbai
5:15 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.	Q-A session and summing up by Mr Debashis Dutta, Member, Shipping Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Director, BGS GROUP (B G Somadder & Sons Private Limited)
5:25 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Vote of Thanks & Concluding Remarks by Mr S Hajara, Co-chairperson, Shipping Committee, BCC&I