

MoU Signed Between National e-Governance Division and Indian Ports Association aims to drive digital transformation in India's maritime sector

Unified effort to overcome logistics fragmentation, outdated practices, and digital gaps in port and shipping sectors

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The **National e-Governance Division (NeGD)** and the **Indian Ports Association (IPA)** have signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in New Delhi on December 24, 2024. The agreement was formalised by Shri Nand Kumar, IAS, President and CEO of NeGD, and Shri Vikas Narwal, IAS, Managing Director of IPA, in the presence of Dr. Arvind Bhisikar, Executive Director (IT) of IPA, and Shri Rajnish Kumar, Chief Operating Officer of NeGD, along with their respective teams.



Key areas of focus

This strategic partnership aims to drive digital transformation in India's maritime sector by integrating NeGD's technological expertise with IPA's in-depth insights into the maritime sector (Ports, Shipping, etc.) and Logistics industries at national and international levels. The MoU establishes a robust framework for streamlining logistics systems, enhancing operational efficiency, and modernizing the port ecosystem. Key areas of focus include advanced software development, system integration, capacity building, and the

adoption of emerging technologies.

Transforming maritime ecosystem

This initiative reflects a joint commitment to creating a smarter, technology-driven maritime digital ecosystem by fostering seamless integration and stakeholder collaboration. Through this partnership, both NeGD and IPA aim to address longstanding challenges such as fragmented logistics systems, outdated operational practices, and insufficient digital infrastructure in the port and shipping sectors.

The collaboration envisions a future where ports across India are interconnected, leveraging real-time data and analytics to optimize operations, reduce turnaround time, and enhance supply chain efficiencies. This MoU strengthens India's maritime capabilities and aligns with the national vision of becoming a global leader in the digital transformation of port operations.

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