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India Enters the Mega Port Era

- Deendayal, JNPA, Paradip and Mundra have been officially notified as India's first Mega Ports.
- The designation comes under the Indian Ports Act, 2025, with the notification issued on September 25, 2026.
- The four gateways meet the government's prescribed capacity and operational criteria for Mega Port classification.
- The move strengthens India's high-capacity port network, multimodal connectivity and trade logistics infrastructure.

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Brisbane Port Sets New Annual Container Record

- Port of Brisbane handled a record 1.74 million TEUs in FY2025–26.
- Container volumes rose from 1.62 million TEUs the previous year.
- Total trade reached 38.64 million tonnes during the year.
- A$171 million invested in port infrastructure and development.

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↑ 7%

↑ 10%

↑ 10%

↓ 3%

↑ 23%

↑ 20%



India's Port Volumes Rise 7% in August 2026

- India's port volumes grew 7% YoY in August.
- Major Ports recorded 10% growth, while Non-Major Ports rose 11%.
- Container volumes at ports increased 10% YoY, despite rail container volumes declining 3%.
- Strong EXIM trade supported growth, with exports up 23% and imports 20%.

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Japan, US & South Korea Plan Arctic Shipping Pact

- Three nations are preparing a trilateral Arctic maritime cooperation framework.
- Focus includes Arctic shipping routes, icebreaker technology and marine monitoring.
- Cooperation also covers energy resources and economic security.
- The pact comes as Arctic routes move closer to commercial shipping operations.

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