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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The project " COMPARATIVE STUDY OF TRAFFIC HANDLED AT INDIAN MAJOR PORTS AND NON-MAJOR PORTS " aims to analyse cargo traffic at major and non-major ports in India.

The study first provides an overview of the current state of the port, including its traffic metrics for the last 5 years. It then examines traffic handled in each major port in India. Also examines the traffic handled in non-major ports and state-wise cargo handled at non-major ports

The study also explores comparison between the traffic handled at major and non-major ports.

Based on the study some of the major findings are listed out.

Overall, the project offers valuable insights into comparison between the traffic handled at major and non-major ports.

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 PORT INDUSTRY IN INDIA

The port industry, also known as the maritime transport industry, plays a significant role in the global economy as it facilitates the movement of goods and services through waterways. Ports serve as gateways for international trade, connecting businesses and consumers worldwide.

The history of ports dates back to ancient times when ships were used to transport goods and people across water bodies. In modern times, ports have become essential infrastructure for economic development and growth. The first modern ports were established in the 19th century, and since then, the industry has undergone significant changes and advancements.

Today, the port industry is a complex and highly competitive sector with numerous players, including port authorities, terminal operators, shipping lines, freight forwarders, and other logistics service providers. The industry is characterized by the movement of large volumes of cargo, ranging from containerized cargo, bulk commodities, and liquid and gas products.

The Indian port industry is a crucial sector for the country's economy, as it handles a significant portion of India's external trade. The Indian port industry is divided into two categories: major ports and non-major ports.

1.1.1 MAJOR PORTS

India has 12 major ports, which are managed by the government-owned port authorities. These ports are strategically located along the country's coastline and handle the majority of India's maritime traffic. Here is a brief description of each major port in India:

1. Mumbai Port: Located in Maharashtra, it is the largest port in India in terms of handling liquid cargo. It handles petroleum products, chemicals, and crude oil, among other commodities.

2. Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Nhava Sheva): Located in Maharashtra, it is the largest container port in India and one of the busiest in the world. It handles a significant portion of India's container traffic and serves as a major gateway to the country's largest commercial and industrial hub, Mumbai.

3. Kandla Port: Located in Gujarat, it is the largest port in India in terms of cargo handling. It handles bulk cargo, such as petroleum products, iron ore, and grains.

4. Mormugao Port: Located in Goa, it primarily handles iron ore and coal, among other commodities.

Figure 1.1: Indian ports

5. New Mangalore Port: Located in Karnataka, it handles various commodities, including crude oil, LPG, fertilizers, and timber.

6. Cochin Port: Located in Kerala, it is one of the busiest ports in India in terms of passenger traffic. It handles container cargo, liquid cargo, and dry bulk cargo.

7. Chennai Port: Located in Tamil Nadu, it handles various commodities, including container cargo, dry bulk cargo, and liquid cargo.

8. Ennore Port: Located in Tamil Nadu, it primarily handles coal and iron ore.

9. V.O. Chidambaranar Port (Tuticorin): Located in Tamil Nadu, it is one of the fastest-growing ports in India and primarily handles container cargo and coal.

10. Paradip Port: Located in Odisha, it handles various commodities, including iron ore, coal, and fertilizer.

11. Visakhapatnam Port: Located in Andhra Pradesh, it is one of the busiest ports in India in terms of cargo handling. It handles container cargo, dry bulk cargo, and liquid cargo.

12. Kolkata Port: Located in West Bengal, it handles various commodities, including iron ore, coal, and petroleum products.

These major ports are well-equipped with modern infrastructure, handling facilities, and technology to support the efficient and timely movement of cargo. They offer a range of services, including container handling, bulk cargo handling, liquid cargo handling, and passenger services.

key features of the major ports:

The major ports in India are important gateways for the country's international trade and commerce. Here are some of the key features of major ports in India:

1. Strategic location: The major ports in India are strategically located along the country's coastline, providing easy access to major shipping routes and trade destinations. This makes them ideal gateways for trade with countries in Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Americas.

2. Modern infrastructure: The major ports in India are equipped with modern infrastructure and handling facilities, including deep-draft berths, container terminals, and specialized cargo-handling facilities. These ports have undergone significant modernization and expansion in recent years to keep up with the growing demand for maritime trade.

3. Cargo handling: The major ports in India handle a wide range of cargo, including containers, bulk cargo, liquid cargo, and break-bulk cargo. They are equipped with state-of-the-art handling equipment and technology to ensure efficient and timely movement of cargo.

4. Connectivity: The major ports in India are well-connected by road, rail, and inland waterways, providing efficient multi-modal connectivity to the hinterland. Many of these ports have also invested in developing dedicated freight corridors and logistics parks to enhance their connectivity and competitiveness.

5. Customer-focused services: The major ports in India offer a range of customer-focused services, including online cargo tracking, real-time vessel tracking, and round-the-clock

operations. They also provide value-added services such as warehousing, customs clearance, and inland transportation to meet the specific needs of their customers.

6. Government support: The Indian government has launched several initiatives to promote the growth of the major ports industry, including the Sagar Mala program, which aims to develop a coastal economic zone and improve port infrastructure, connectivity, and logistics. Other initiatives include the development of dedicated maritime clusters and the creation of special economic zones.

7. Private sector participation: The major ports in India also encourage private sector participation through public-private partnerships (PPP) and other models. Private sector participation has led to increased investments in port infrastructure, technology, and efficiency, thereby enhancing the competitiveness of the Indian port industry.

Overall, the major ports in India are crucial for the country's economic growth and development, and the Indian government continues to invest in their modernization and expansion to meet the increasing demand for maritime trade.

1.1.2 NON-MAJOR PORTS

India has over 200 non-major ports that are managed by state governments and private entities. Some of the prominent non-major ports in India are:

1. Kakinada Port, Andhra Pradesh

2. Krishnapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh

3. Dhamra Port, Odisha

4. Mundra Port, Gujarat

5. Hazira Port, Gujarat

6. Bedi Port, Gujarat

7. Jafrabad Port, Gujarat

8. Magdalla Port, Gujarat

9. Navlakhi Port, Gujarat

10. Porbandar Port, Gujarat

11. Sikka Port, Gujarat

12. Vadinar Port, Gujarat

13. Dahej Port, Gujarat

14. Alibag Port, Maharashtra

15. Dighi Port, Maharashtra

16. Vijaydurg Port, Maharashtra

17. Redi Port, Maharashtra

18. Karwar Port, Karnataka

19. Old Port, Mangalore, Karnataka

20. Murud Port, Maharashtra

These non-major ports primarily handle coastal trade and cater to the local industries, fishing communities, and tourism in their respective regions. While the volume of cargo handled at non-major ports is lower than major ports, they play a significant role in the economic development of the country.

Key features in non-major ports:

The non-major ports in India play an important role in the country's maritime trade, particularly for local industries, fishing communities, and tourism. Here are some key features of the non-major ports industry in India:

1. Regional connectivity: The non-major ports in India are located in smaller towns and cities and are primarily used for local and regional trade. They provide connectivity to the hinterland, including remote areas, which are not accessible through major ports.

2. Flexibility: Non-major ports in India are more flexible in terms of handling cargo and vessels compared to major ports. They can handle smaller and specialized vessels and can accommodate various types of cargo, including dry bulk, liquid bulk, and break-bulk cargo.

3. Low cost: The handling charges at non-major ports in India are generally lower compared to major ports, making them an attractive option for small and medium-sized businesses.

4. Government initiatives: The Indian government has launched several initiatives to promote the development of non-major ports, including the Sagarmala program, which aims to develop a coastal economic zone and improve port infrastructure and connectivity. The government has

also announced several tax incentives and subsidies to encourage private sector participation in the development of non-major ports.

5. Private sector participation: The Indian government has encouraged private sector participation in the development and operation of non-major ports through public-private partnerships (PPP) and other models. Private sector participation has led to increased investments in port infrastructure and technology, improving the efficiency and competitiveness of non-major ports in India.

Overall, the non-major ports industry in India is an important component of the country's maritime trade, serving as a crucial link between the coastal regions and the hinterland. With the government's focus on the development of coastal economic zones and the promotion of private sector participation, the non-major ports industry is expected to grow in the coming years.

1.2 GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES FOR PORT SECTOR

Drawing from the government's Blue Economy policy, the Union Budget 2021 makes allocations for expansion of shipping and inland waterways infrastructure along with ₹2,000 crores for PPP model in all major ports.

Make in India – In line with this initiative, Ministry of Shipping amended the guidelines of Right of First Refusal (ROFR) licensing conditions. Chartering of vessels priority is given to the vessels built in India, flagged in the country and owned by the Indians.

National Logistics Portal (Marine) will be developed to help exporters, importers and service providers.

SAROD-Ports' (Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputes – Ports) is a dispute redressal portal developed by Ministry of Shipping for the private players.

Major Port Authorities Bill 2020 has been passed by the Parliament that aims to repeal Major Ports Trust Act, 1963. It will establish a Board of Major Port Authority for each major port.

1.3 PORT PERFORMACE IN AT INDIAN MAJOR PORTS

The performance of Indian major ports has improved significantly in recent years, with various initiatives taken by the government to modernize and improve the efficiency of port operations. Some of the key performance indicators for Indian major ports are:

Cargo handling: The total cargo handled at Indian major ports has been steadily increasing over the years, reaching a record high of 1.23 billion tonnes in 2019-20. The government has set a target of 2.5 billion tonnes of cargo by 2025.

Turnaround time: The turnaround time, which is the time taken for a ship to unload and load cargo and leave the port, has improved significantly in recent years. The average turnaround time at Indian major ports has decreased from 3.44 days in 2017-18 to 2.48 days in 2019-20.

Productivity: The productivity of Indian major ports, which is measured in terms of the number of tonnes of cargo handled per ship per day, has also improved. The average productivity has increased from 12,081 tonnes per ship per day in 2017-18 to 14,508 tonnes per ship per day in 2019-20.

Infrastructure: The government has invested heavily in developing port infrastructure, including dredging of channels, construction of new berths, and installation of modern cargo handling equipment. This has led to an increase in the capacity of Indian major ports and improved their efficiency.

Technology adoption: Indian major ports have been adopting new technologies such as RFID-based gate management systems, automated stacking cranes, and container scanners to improve efficiency and reduce turnaround time.

Overall, the performance of Indian major ports has been improving steadily, and the government's focus on modernization and efficiency is expected to further improve their performance in the coming years.

1.4 OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

- To analyse the trends in cargo traffic at Indian major ports.
- To analyse the trends in cargo traffic at Indian non-major ports.
- Comparative study of cargo traffic at non-major ports and major ports.
- To understand the difference between the major and non-major ports

1.5 RESEARCH METHADOLOGY

- Data Collection: Collecting data on the cargo traffic at major ports and non-major ports in India from various sources such as annual reports, performance reports, financial statements, and websites.
- Data Analysis: Analysing the collected data using statistical tools.

- Comparative Analysis: Comparing the cargo traffic at major and non-major ports.
- Identification of Factors Affecting cargo traffic: Identifying the factors affecting at the major ports.
- Recommendations: Based on the analysis and findings, developing recommendations for improving the performance of ports and addressing the limitations and challenges.

1.6 LIMITATION OF PORT PERFORMACE IN AT INDIAN MAJOR PORTS

Here are some potential limitations that could arise in a study on port performance at Indian major ports:

- Data availability: Obtaining reliable and consistent data across all major ports in India may be challenging, especially when considering factors such as cargo throughput, vessel turnaround times, and port efficiency. There may also be variations in the quality and accuracy of data reported by different ports.
- Variability in port characteristics: Indian major ports vary in terms of their size, location, and cargo mix, which could affect their performance indicators. For example, a port that primarily handles bulk cargo may have different performance metrics compared to a port that mainly handles containerized cargo.
- External factors: The performance of Indian major ports may be influenced by external factors such as weather conditions, geopolitical events, and global economic trends, which could limit the ability to draw conclusions about port performance based solely on internal factors.
- Limited scope: A study on port performance at Indian major ports may only focus on certain performance indicators and may not capture the full range of factors that affect port efficiency and productivity. This could limit the generalizability of the study's findings to other contexts or ports.
- Operational differences: There could be differences in the operational practices and management strategies followed by different ports, leading to variations in their performance. Hence, comparing the performance of different ports might not be straightforward.

1.7 CHALLENGERS OF PORT PERFORMACE IN AT INDIAN PORTS

The challenges faced by Indian ports in terms of performance can be numerous, and some of them are listed below:

- Congestion: The Indian ports are facing congestion due to a variety of factors, including inadequate infrastructure, lack of mechanization, and insufficient cargo handling capacity. This results in longer turnaround times for vessels and delays in cargo delivery, which affects the overall performance of the port.
- Inefficient Operations: Many Indian ports lack modern equipment and technology, which can lead to inefficient operations. This, in turn, affects the performance of the port and can result in delays, increased costs, and reduced competitiveness.
- Regulatory and Administrative Issues: The regulatory and administrative framework for the Indian ports is often complex and can lead to delays and inefficiencies. Issues such as delays in approvals and clearances, bureaucratic hurdles, and red tape can affect the performance of the ports.
- Environmental Concerns: Ports are often located in ecologically sensitive areas, and their operations can have a significant impact on the environment. Compliance with environmental regulations can be challenging, and non-compliance can lead to fines and legal action.
- Inadequate Investment: Adequate investment is critical for the development of ports and to keep up with the growing demand for cargo handling. However, many Indian ports face a shortage of investment, which can affect their performance and competitiveness.
- Inefficient Supply Chain: Inefficient supply chain management can lead to delays and inefficiencies in cargo handling, resulting in reduced performance of the port. This can be due to a lack of coordination among various stakeholders, including shipping lines, customs, and port authorities.

These are some of the challenges faced by Indian major ports in terms of performance, and addressing them is critical for improving the efficiency and competitiveness of the ports.

1.8 SOURCES OF DATA COLLECTION

- Administration reports or Annual reports of ministry of ports shipping and waterways.
- Indian port association official website.

- Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways official website.
- Books, magazines and newspaper.
- Various publications of the central, state and local government.
- Technical and trade journals.
- Official government websites.

1.9 LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

The limitations of the research are as follows:

- Limited time span of the project.
- Sources for collecting data were very limited.
- The research is limited to the availability of data which was not provided from higher officials.
- The accuracy of data is limited due to non-working of many nonmajor ports.
- Some of the data are also not available due to security reasons.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 REVIEW OF LITERATURE

2.1.1 "A Comparative Study on the Performance of Indian Ports that Handle Bulk Cargo"

Author: R. Divyaranjani, Dr Sandeep Kumar Gupta, Mr. Dolan Rajkumar,

The paper "A Comparative Study on the Performance of Indian Ports that Handle Bulk Cargo" by R. Divyaranjani, Dr Sandeep Kumar Gupta, and Mr. Dolan Rajkumar compares the performance of major and non-major ports in India in handling bulk cargo. The study uses data from the period 2014-2018 and analyses key performance indicators such as cargo throughput, turnaround time, berth productivity, and vessel waiting time.

The results of the study indicate that major ports perform better than non-major ports in most of the performance indicators analysed. Major ports have higher cargo throughput, faster turnaround time, higher berth productivity, and lower vessel waiting time compared to non-major ports. However, the study also highlights that non-major ports have a competitive advantage in handling specialized cargo such as iron ore and coal.

The study identifies several factors that contribute to the performance differences between major and non-major ports. These include the level of investment in port infrastructure and technology, the efficiency of cargo handling operations, the availability of skilled manpower, and the level of government support.

Overall, the study concludes that major ports in India have a competitive advantage in handling bulk cargo, primarily due to their superior infrastructure and operational efficiency. However, non-major ports can still compete in specialized cargo segments and can improve their performance by investing in infrastructure and technology, improving operational efficiency, and leveraging government support.

2.1.2 "Operational performance model for Indian container terminals using qualitative comparative analysis"

Author: Nihar Nanyam. Kumar Neeraj jha**.**

The paper "Operational Performance Model for Indian Container Terminals using Qualitative Comparative Analysis" by Nihar Nanyam and Kumar Neeraj Jha proposes a model for assessing the operational performance of container terminals in India using qualitative

comparative analysis (QCA). The study uses data from the period 2011-2017 and analyzes key performance indicators such as vessel turnaround time, berth productivity, and container dwell time.

The study identifies several factors that influence the operational performance of container terminals in India. These include the size of the terminal, the number of cranes, the level of automation, the level of congestion, and the efficiency of cargo handling operations. The study also identifies the importance of government support in improving the operational performance of container terminals.

Using QCA, the study develops a model for assessing the operational performance of container terminals in India. The model identifies the key combinations of factors that lead to high performance and those that lead to low performance. The study finds that the combination of high automation, low congestion, and efficient cargo handling operations leads to high performance, while the combination of low automation, high congestion, and inefficient cargo handling operations leads to low performance.

The study concludes that the proposed model can help container terminals in India to identify areas for improvement and develop strategies to enhance their operational performance. The study also highlights the importance of government support in improving the performance of container terminals and calls for more investment in port infrastructure and technology.

2.1.3 "Market Trend Analysis on Cargo Handling of Indian Ports"

Author: Subas Chandra. Prof Padmanav Mohapatra.

The paper "Market Trend Analysis on Cargo Handling of Indian Ports" by Subas Chandra and Prof. Padmanav Mohapatra analyses the market trends in cargo handling in Indian ports. The study uses data from the period 2013-2017 and analyses the growth rates and market share of major and non-major ports in different cargo segments.

The study finds that major ports in India have a dominant market share in most cargo segments, particularly in containerized and liquid cargo. Non-major ports, on the other hand, have a larger market share in dry bulk cargo segments such as coal and iron ore. The study also identifies a trend towards an increasing share of containerized cargo in the overall cargo mix, particularly in major ports.

The study attributes the dominance of major ports in containerized and liquid cargo segments to their superior infrastructure and operational efficiency. Non-major ports, on the other hand, have a competitive advantage in handling bulk cargo due to their proximity to production centres and lower handling costs.

The study concludes that Indian ports need to invest in infrastructure and technology to improve their operational efficiency and competitiveness. The study also highlights the importance of government policies and initiatives in promoting the growth of non-major ports and improving the overall efficiency of the port sector in India.

2.1.4 "Major Ports of India Performance Appraisal of Selected Financial Parameters Using Correlation Analysis "

Author: N. Bhanu Prakash, B.V. Ramalingeswara Rao and T. Anupama

The paper "Major Ports of India Performance Appraisal of Selected Financial Parameters Using Correlation Analysis" by N. Bhanu Prakash, B.V. Ramalingeswara Rao, and T. Anupama examines the financial performance of major ports in India using correlation analysis. The study uses data from the period 2009-2018 and analyses key financial parameters such as revenue, profit, expenses, and capital expenditure.

The study finds that there is a positive correlation between revenue and profit for major ports in India, indicating that higher revenue leads to higher profitability. However, the study also identifies a negative correlation between expenses and profit, suggesting that higher expenses lead to lower profitability.

The study further analyses the impact of capital expenditure on the financial performance of major ports in India. The study finds that there is a positive correlation between capital expenditure and revenue, indicating that higher investment in port infrastructure leads to higher revenue. However, the study also identifies a negative correlation between capital expenditure and profit, suggesting that higher investment in port infrastructure leads to lower profitability in the short term.

Overall, the study concludes that the financial performance of major ports in India is influenced by several factors, including revenue, expenses, and capital expenditure. The study recommends that major ports in India should focus on increasing their revenue and reducing their expenses to improve their financial performance. The study also highlights the importance of careful planning and management of capital expenditure to ensure long-term profitability.

2.1.5 "A STUDY ON THE PERFORMANCE OF MAJOR PORTS IN INDIA “

Author: Dr. J. Rengamani V. Venkatraman

The paper "A Study on the Performance of Major Ports in India" by Dr. J. Rengamani and V. Venkatraman examines the performance of major ports in India from 2011-2016. The study analyses key performance indicators such as cargo throughput, container traffic, vessel turnaround time, berth productivity, and financial performance.

The study finds that major ports in India have shown a steady growth in cargo throughput and container traffic over the years. The study also finds that major ports have improved their operational efficiency, with reduced vessel turnaround time and increased berth productivity. However, the study highlights that major ports have not been able to maintain their financial performance, with declining profit margins and increasing debt levels.

The study identifies several factors that contribute to the performance of major ports in India. These include the level of investment in port infrastructure and technology, the efficiency of cargo handling operations, the availability of skilled manpower, and the level of government support. The study also highlights the importance of competition from non-major ports in improving the performance of major ports.

The study concludes that major ports in India need to focus on improving their financial performance, by reducing their operating costs and increasing their revenue streams. The study also calls for more investment in port infrastructure and technology to improve the efficiency and competitiveness of major ports. Finally, the study emphasizes the need for a coordinated approach between the government and private sector in developing the port sector in India.

2.1.6 "A Review on Development of Minor Ports to Improve the Economy of Developing Country "

Author: Geetha Kuntojia and Subba Raob

The paper "A Review on Development of Minor Ports to Improve the Economy of Developing Country" by Geetha Kuntojia and Subba Rao reviews the development of minor ports in developing countries and their potential to improve the economy. The study examines case studies from India, China, and Indonesia to analyse the factors that contribute to the successful development of minor ports.

The study finds that minor ports have the potential to contribute significantly to the economic growth of developing countries. Minor ports can facilitate the growth of international trade, create job opportunities, and attract investment in the local economy. The study also highlights the importance of the location of minor ports in determining their potential for economic development.

The study identifies several factors that contribute to the successful development of minor ports. These include the availability of suitable land and water resources, the presence of a supportive government policy framework, the availability of finance and investment, and the existence of a skilled workforce. The study also highlights the importance of private sector participation in the development of minor ports.

The study concludes that the development of minor ports has the potential to contribute significantly to the economic growth of developing countries. However, the success of minor port development depends on several factors, including government policies, infrastructure development, and private sector participation. The study suggests that developing countries can learn from the experiences of India, China, and Indonesia in developing their minor ports and creating a conducive environment for economic growth.

2.1.7 "DO THE MINOR PORTS OF INDIA OPERATE EFFICIENTLY? "

Author: T. Rajasekar and Malabika Deo

The paper "Do the Minor Ports of India Operate Efficiently?" by T. Rajasekar and Malabika Deo examines the efficiency of minor ports in India by analysing their performance in terms of cargo throughput, vessel turnaround time, and berth productivity.

The study finds that minor ports in India have shown a steady growth in cargo throughput over the years, but their operational efficiency is lower than that of major ports. The study also finds that minor ports have longer vessel turnaround times and lower berth productivity compared to major ports.

The study identifies several factors that contribute to the inefficiency of minor ports in India. These include the lack of investment in port infrastructure and technology, the inadequate availability of skilled manpower, and the lack of competition among minor ports.

The study concludes that minor ports in India need to improve their operational efficiency to compete with major ports and attract more business. This can be achieved by investing in port

infrastructure and technology, improving cargo handling operations, and increasing the availability of skilled manpower. The study also suggests that promoting competition among minor ports can lead to improved efficiency and competitiveness in the sector.

2.1.8 "A Contemporary on Recent Development Activities and Challenges in Logistics Sector in India"

Author: Aravindaraj K, P. Rajan Chinna

The paper "A Contemporary on Recent Development Activities and Challenges in Logistics Sector in India" by Aravindaraj K and P. Rajan Chinna provides an overview of recent developments and challenges in the logistics sector in India. The study examines the current state of the logistics sector, recent initiatives undertaken by the government, and the challenges facing the sector.

The study finds that the logistics sector in India has been growing rapidly in recent years, driven by factors such as increasing globalization, growth in e-commerce, and government initiatives such as the Make in India and Digital India programs. The study also highlights the challenges facing the sector, including inadequate infrastructure, high logistics costs, and a lack of skilled manpower.

The study analyses recent initiatives undertaken by the government to address these challenges. These include the development of dedicated freight corridors, the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) to simplify the tax system, and the promotion of public-private partnerships (PPP) in logistics infrastructure development. The study also examines the role of technology in improving the efficiency of logistics operations.

The study concludes that while the logistics sector in India has shown significant growth in recent years, there are still challenges that need to be addressed to fully realize its potential. The study suggests that the government should focus on improving infrastructure, reducing logistics costs, and promoting skill development to address these challenges. The study also highlights the importance of technology and PPPs in improving the efficiency and competitiveness of the logistics sector in India.

2.1.9 "Assessment of port performance in India: A fuzzy TOPSIS approach"

Author: N. Bhatia and R. Ramanathan

The paper "Assessment of port performance in India: A fuzzy TOPSIS approach" by N. Bhatia and R. Ramanathan, published in the Journal of Business Research in 2015, focuses on assessing the performance of major ports in India using the fuzzy technique for order preference by similarity to ideal solution (TOPSIS) approach. The study uses data from the period of 2008-2013 and examines the efficiency of major ports in terms of infrastructure, technology, and performance indicators.

The authors use the fuzzy TOPSIS approach to evaluate the performance of major ports in India and identify the relative rankings of each port. The study finds that the major ports in India have varying levels of performance across the different criteria, with some ports performing better in infrastructure and others in performance indicators. The authors also find that the top-performing ports are those that have invested in technology and infrastructure.

The paper concludes that the adoption of best practices in port management, investment in infrastructure and technology, and the development of skilled human resources can help improve the performance of major ports in India. The findings of this study can be useful for policymakers and port operators in developing strategies to enhance the performance of major ports in India. The study also highlights the importance of using evaluation techniques such as fuzzy TOPSIS to identify sources of inefficiency and improve the overall performance of major ports.

2.1.10 "An assessment of port performance in India using DEA and grey relational analysis"

Author: S. Chakraborty and S. Mukherjee

The paper "An assessment of port performance in India using DEA and grey relational analysis" by S. Chakraborty and S. Mukherjee, published in the Maritime Policy & Management journal in 2016, focuses on assessing the performance of major ports in India using a combination of data envelopment analysis (DEA) and grey relational analysis (GRA). The study uses data from the period of 2008-2013 and examines the efficiency of major ports in terms of resource utilization, financial performance, and operational efficiency.

The authors use DEA and GRA to evaluate the performance of major ports in India and identify the relative rankings of each port. The study finds that some ports are more efficient in terms of resource utilization, while others perform better in terms of financial performance and

operational efficiency. The authors also find that the top-performing ports are those that have invested in technology and infrastructure.

The paper concludes that the adoption of best practices in port management, investment in infrastructure and technology, and the development of skilled human resources can help improve the performance of major ports in India. The findings of this study can be useful for policymakers and port operators in developing strategies to enhance the performance of major ports in India. The study also highlights the importance of using evaluation techniques such as DEA and GRA to identify sources of inefficiency and improve the overall performance of major ports.

2.2 LITERATURE GAP

There are significant Number of studies are done on port performance of the Indian major ports and non-major ports but there is a lack of comprehensive studies focused on traffic throughput in the major ports and non-major ports for the last 5 fiscal years. The same this goes with comparative analysis between major and non-major ports. this study focused on last 5 years cargo traffic of major ports and non-major. Study also focused on the comparison between the 2 sectors of Indian ports.

CHAPTER 3

CARGO TRAFFIC AT INDIAN MAJOR PORTS

3.1 CARGO TRAFFIC

Cargo traffic at Indian major ports refers to the total amount of goods or cargo that is handled at the major ports in India over a given period of time, usually a year. It includes both the import and export of goods, as well as coastal cargo, which refers to the movement of cargo between two ports within India.

The cargo traffic at Indian major ports is measured in terms of the volume of cargo, which is usually expressed in million tonnes (MT) or in twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) for containerized cargo. The major ports in India handle a variety of cargo, including bulk cargo such as coal, iron ore, and petroleum products, as well as containerized cargo, fertilizers, food grains, and cement.

Cargo traffic is an important indicator of the economic activity of a country, as it reflects the demand for goods and the level of industrialization and trade. The growth in cargo traffic at major ports in India is also indicative of the country's increasing integration with the global economy, as well as the growth in domestic demand for goods and services.

The Indian government has been taking several measures to increase the efficiency and capacity of major ports in the country to handle the increasing cargo traffic. These include the development of new ports, expansion of existing ports, and the modernization of port infrastructure and equipment. The increase in cargo traffic at major ports in India is expected to continue in the coming years, driven by factors such as increasing industrialization, infrastructure development, and trade.

3.2 TOTAL TRAFFIC

Here is the total traffic data for major ports in India for the last 5 years, according to the Indian Ports Association:

- FY 2017-18: 683.37 million tonnes (MT)

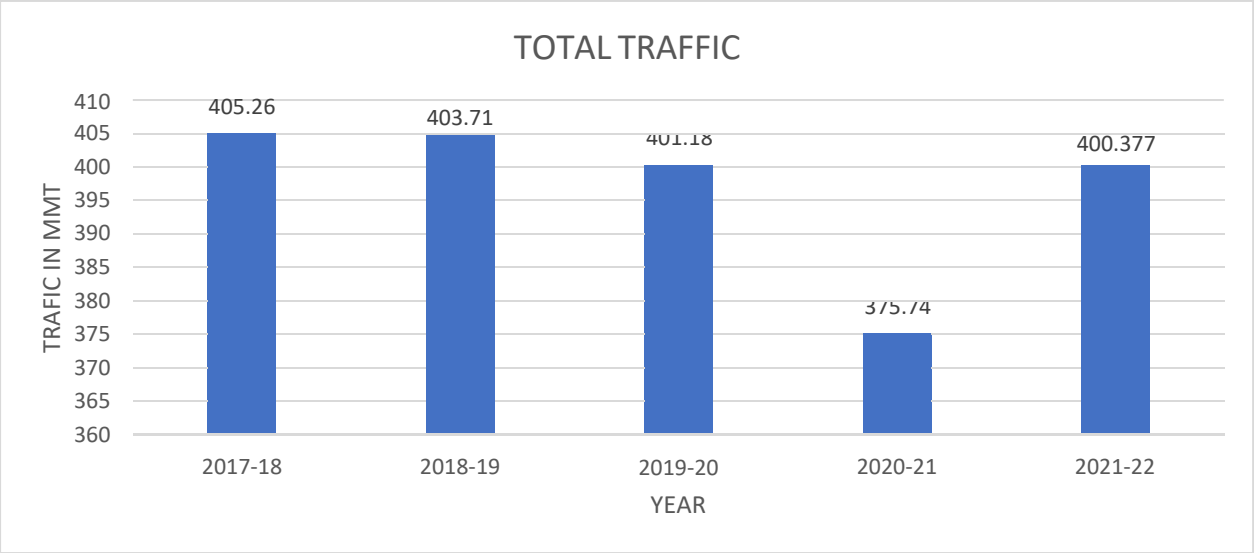
- FY 2018-19: 699.10 million tonnes (MT)

- FY 2019-20: 704.93 million tonnes (MT)

- FY 2020-21: 672.67 million tonnes (MT)

- FY 2021-22: 720.28 million tonnes (MT)

Figure 3.1: Total Traffic at Indian Major Ports.



Based on the data provided by the Indian Ports Association, the total traffic data for major ports in India has shown an overall increasing trend over the last five years with some fluctuations.

The data shows that in the financial year 2017-18, the total traffic data for major ports in India was 683.37 million tonnes (MT), which increased to 699.10 MT in FY 2018-19, representing a growth of 2.3%. The upward trend continued in FY 2019-20, where the total traffic data reached 704.93 MT, indicating a growth of 2.2% from the previous year.

However, the financial year 2020-21 saw a decline in the total traffic data for major ports in India, dropping to 672.67 MT, which is a decrease of 4.6% from the previous year. This can be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic, which had a significant impact on global trade and commerce.

Despite the pandemic, the financial year 2021-22 recorded a significant increase in the total traffic data, reaching 720.28 MT, indicating a growth of 7.1% from the previous year, which is a positive sign for the Indian economy.

In conclusion, the total traffic data for major ports in India has shown an overall increasing trend over the last five years, with the exception of the year 2020-21, which saw a decline due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The recent increase in traffic data in the financial year 2021-22 indicates a promising outlook for the Indian economy.

3.3 TRAFFIC OF MAJOR PORTS COMMODITY WISE

Here are the port-wise total traffic figures at Indian major ports for the last five years, as reported by the Indian Ports Association:

Table 3.1: Port-Wise Traffic

name of the port	overall traffic (in MMT)				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Kandla Port	110.1	115.4	122.61	117.57	127.78
Paradip Port	102.01	109.28	112.69	114.55	116.13
Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT)	66	70.71	68.45	64.809	75.99
Mumbai Port	62.83	60.59	60.7	53.32	59.89
Visakhapatnam Port	63.54	65.3	72.72	69.84	69.03
Chennai Port	51.88	53.01	46.76	43.55	48.56
V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust (Tuticorin Port)	36.58	34.34	36.07	31.79	34.12
Kolkata Port	57.89	63.76	63.98	61.36	57.817
New Mangalore Port Trust	42.05	42.51	39.14	36.5	39.29
Cochin Port	29.14	32.02	34.04	31.5	34.55
Mormugao port	26.9	17.68	16.02	21.99	18.47
kamarajar port	34.45	34.5	31.75	25.89	38.65
TOTAL	**683.37**	**699.1**	**704.93**	**672.669**	**720.277**

3.3.1 KANDLA PORT

The total traffic at Kandla Port Trust, one of the major ports in India, has been as follows for the last 5 years (FY 2017-18 to FY 2021-22):

- FY 2017-18: 110.1 MT

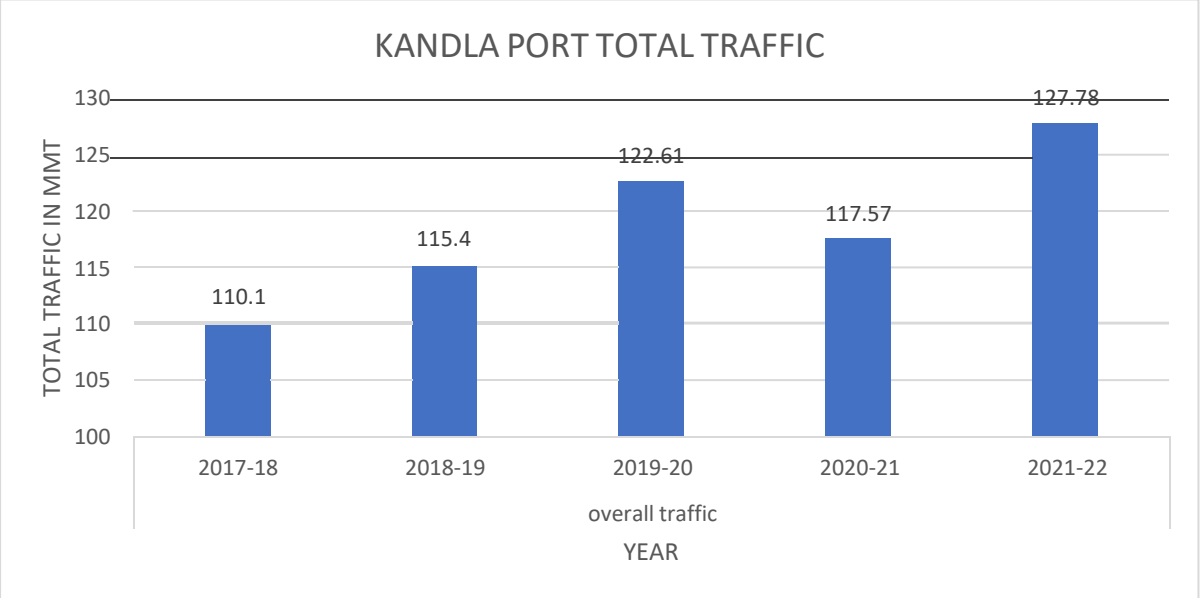
- FY 2018-19: 115.40 MT

- FY 2019-20: 122.62 MT

- FY 2020-21: 117.57 MT

- FY 2021-22: 127.78 MT

Figure 3.2: Traffic at Kandla port



Based on the data provided, the total traffic at Kandla Port Trust, which is one of the major ports in India, has shown an overall increasing trend over the last five years with some fluctuations.In the financial year 2017-18, the total traffic at Kandla Port Trust was 110.1 MT, which increased to 115.40 MT in FY 2018-19, representing a growth of 4.8%. The upward trend continued in FY 2019-20, where the total traffic reached 122.62 MT, indicating a growth of 6.3% from the previous year.

However, the financial year 2020-21 saw a decline in the total traffic at Kandla Port Trust, dropping to 117.57 MT, which is a decrease of 4% from the previous year. This can be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic, which had a significant impact on global trade and commerce.

Despite the pandemic, the financial year 2021-22 recorded a significant increase in the total traffic at Kandla Port Trust, reaching 127.78 MT, indicating a growth of 8.7% from the previous year, which is a positive sign for the port and the Indian economy.

In conclusion, the total traffic at Kandla Port Trust has shown an overall increasing trend over the last five years, with the exception of the year 2020-21, which saw a decline due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The recent increase in traffic in the financial year 2021-22 indicates a promising outlook for the port and the Indian economy.

3.3.2 PARADIP PORT

The total traffic at Paradip Port, one of the major ports in India, has been as follows for the last 5 years (FY 2017-18 to FY 2021-22):

- FY 2017-18: 102.01 MT

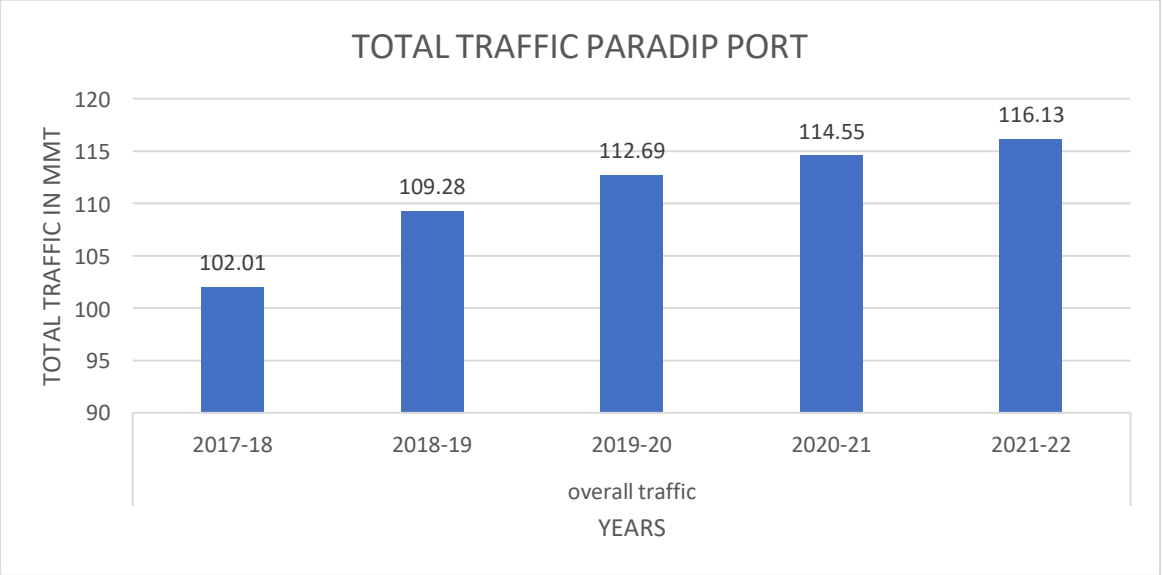
- FY 2018-19: 109.28 MT

- FY 2019-20: 112.69 MT

- FY 2020-21: 114.55 MT

- FY 2021-22: 116.13 MT

Figure 3.3: Traffic at Paradip port



Based on the data provided, the total traffic at Paradip Port, which is one of the major ports in India, has shown an overall increasing trend over the last five years with some fluctuations.

In the financial year 2017-18, the total traffic at Paradip Port was 102.01 MT, which increased to 109.28 MT in FY 2018-19, representing a growth of 7.1%. The upward trend continued in FY 2019-20, where the total traffic reached 112.69 MT, indicating a growth of 3.1% from the previous year.

In the financial year 2020-21, the total traffic at Paradip Port Trust continued to increase, reaching 114.55 MT, which is a growth of 1.6% from the previous year.

However, the financial year 2021-22 saw a lower rate of growth in the total traffic at Paradip Port, reaching 116.13 MT, indicating a growth of only 1.4% from the previous year. This lower rate of growth can be attributed to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on global trade and commerce.

In conclusion, the total traffic at Paradip Port has shown an overall increasing trend over the last five years, with some fluctuations in the growth rate. The COVID-19 pandemic has had some impact on the growth rate of the port, but the recent growth in the financial year 2021-22 indicates that the port is still seeing positive growth.

3.3.3 JAWAHARLAL NEHRU PORT

The total traffic at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, one of the major ports in India, has been as follows for the last 5 years (FY 2017-18 to FY 2021-22):

- FY 2017-18: 66 MT

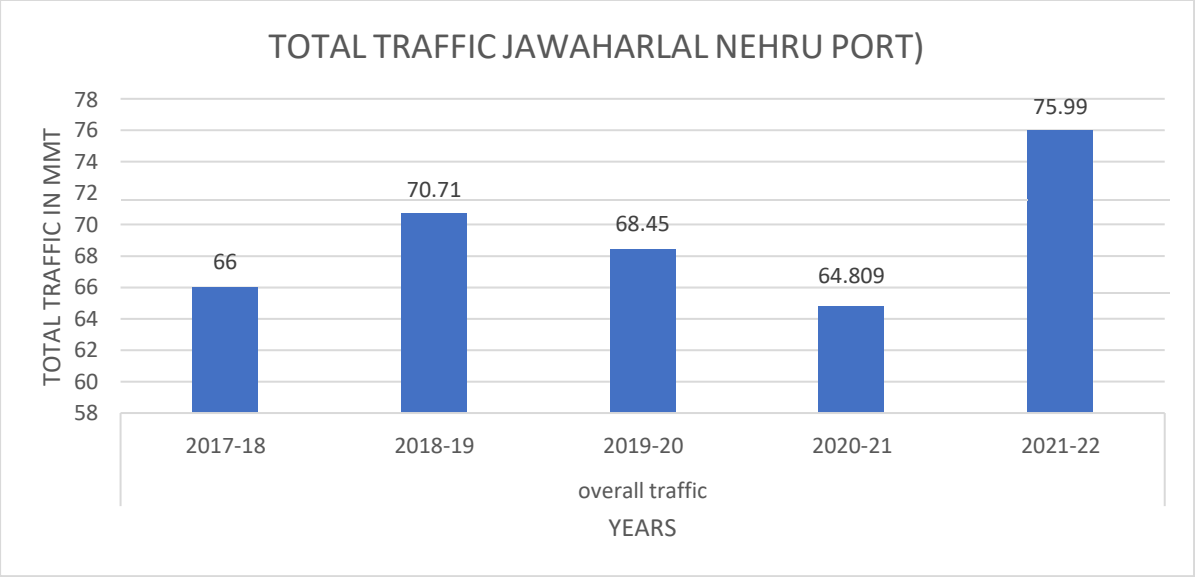
- FY 2018-19: 70.71 MT

- FY 2019-20: 68.45 MT

- FY 2020-21: 64.809 MT

- FY 2021-22: 75.99 MT

Figure 3.4: Traffic at Jawaharlal Nehru port



Based on the data provided, the total traffic at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, which is one of the major ports in India, has shown an overall increasing trend over the last five years with some fluctuations.

In the financial year 2017-18, the total traffic at Jawaharlal Nehru Port was 66 MT, which increased to 70.71 MT in FY 2018-19, representing a growth of 7.1%. However, in FY 2019-20, the total traffic declined to 68.45 MT, indicating a decrease of 3.2% from the previous year.

The financial year 2020-21 saw a further decline in the total traffic at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, dropping to 64.809 MT, which is a decrease of 5.3% from the previous year. This can be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic, which had a significant impact on global trade and commerce.

Despite the pandemic, the financial year 2021-22 recorded a significant increase in the total traffic at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, reaching 75.99 MT, indicating a growth of 17.3% from the previous year, which is a positive sign for the port and the Indian economy.

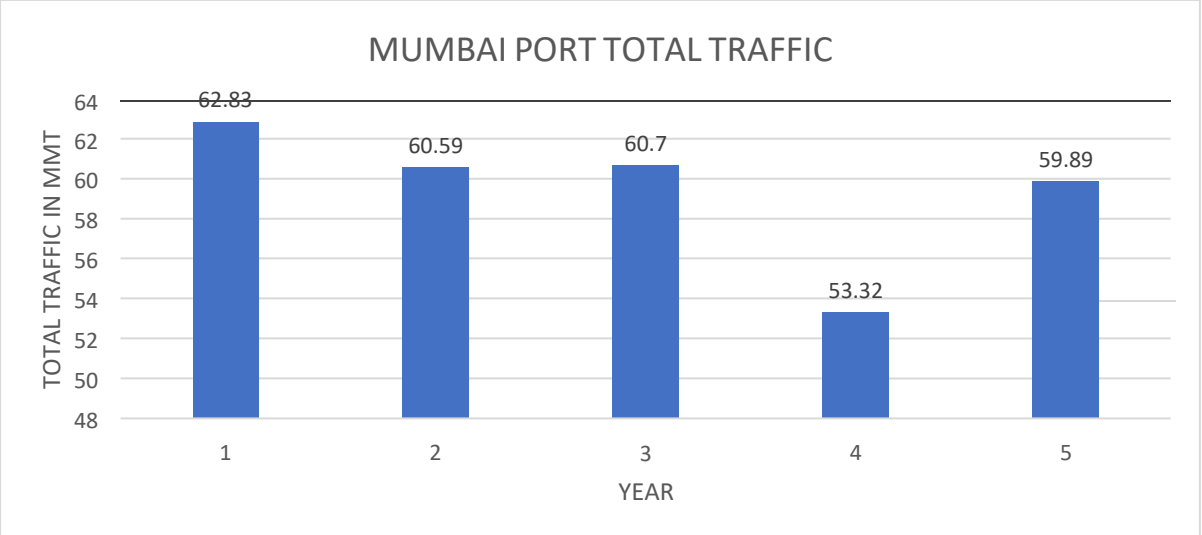
In conclusion, the total traffic at Jawaharlal Nehru Port has shown an overall increasing trend over the last five years, with the exception of the year 2019-20 and 2020-21, which saw a decline due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The recent increase in traffic in the financial year 2021-22 indicates a promising outlook for the port and the Indian economy.

3.3.4 MUMBAI PORT

The total traffic at Mumbai Port, one of the major ports in India, has been as follows for the last 5 years (FY 2017-18 to FY 2021-22):

- FY 2017-18: 62.83 MT
- FY 2018-19: 60.59 MT
- FY 2019-20: 60.7 MT
- FY 2020-21: 53.32 MT
- FY 2021-22: 59.89 MT

Figure 3.5: Traffic at Mumbai port



Based on the data provided, the total traffic at Mumbai Port, which is one of the major ports in India, has shown a fluctuating trend over the last five years.

In the financial year 2017-18, the total traffic at Mumbai Port was 62.83 MT, which decreased to 60.59 MT in FY 2018-19, representing a decline of 3.6%. However, in FY 2019-20, the total traffic increased slightly to 60.7 MT, indicating a growth of 0.2% from the previous year.

The financial year 2020-21 saw a significant decrease in the total traffic at Mumbai Port, dropping to 53.32 MT, which is a decrease of 12.1% from the previous year. This can be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic, which had a significant impact on global trade and commerce.

Despite the pandemic, the financial year 2021-22 recorded a moderate increase in the total traffic at Mumbai Port, reaching 59.89 MT, indicating a growth of 12.3% from the previous year, which is a positive sign for the port and the Indian economy.

In conclusion, the total traffic at Mumbai Port has shown a fluctuating trend over the last five years, with a significant decline in the financial year 2020-21 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The recent increase in traffic in the financial year 2021-22 indicates a positive outlook for the port and the Indian economy. However, sustained efforts are needed to maintain and increase traffic in the future.

3.3.5 VISAKHAPATNAM PORT

The total traffic at Visakhapatnam Port, one of the major ports in India, has been as follows for the last 5 years (FY 2017-18 to FY 2021-22):

- FY 2017-18: 63.54 MT

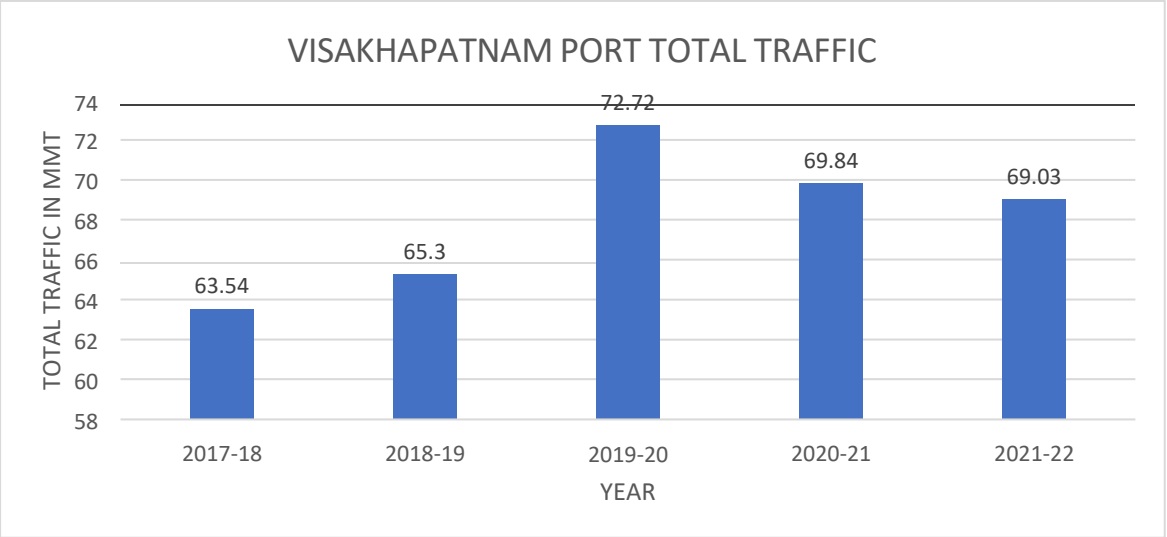
- FY 2018-19: 65.3 MT

- FY 2019-20: 72.72 MT

- FY 2020-21: 69.84 MT

- FY 2021-22: 69.03 MT

Figure 3.6: Traffic at Visakhapatnam port



here's an analysis of the total traffic at Visakhapatnam Port for the last 5 years:

- The total traffic at Visakhapatnam Port has shown an overall increasing trend over the last 5 years, with a few fluctuations.

- From FY 2017-18 to FY 2018-19, the traffic increased from 63.54 MT to 65.3 MT, which is a growth rate of about 2.8%.

- In FY 2019-20, there was a significant jump in traffic to 72.72 MT, which is a growth rate of about 11.3%.

- However, in FY 2020-21, there was a dip in traffic to 69.84 MT, which is a decrease of about 4% compared to the previous year.

- In FY 2021-22, there was a slight decrease in traffic to 69.03 MT, which is a decrease of about 1.2% compared to the previous year.

- Despite the fluctuations, the total traffic at Visakhapatnam Port has grown by about 8.5% over the last 5 years, from 63.54 MT in FY 2017-18 to 69.03 MT in FY 2021-22.

Overall, the data suggests that Visakhapatnam Port has been performing well in terms of increasing its traffic over the last 5 years, with the exception of the dip in traffic in FY 2020-21.

3.3.6 CHENNAI PORT

The total traffic at Chennai Port, one of the major ports in India, has been as follows for the last 5 years (FY 2017-18 to FY 2021-22):

- FY 2017-18: 51.88 MT

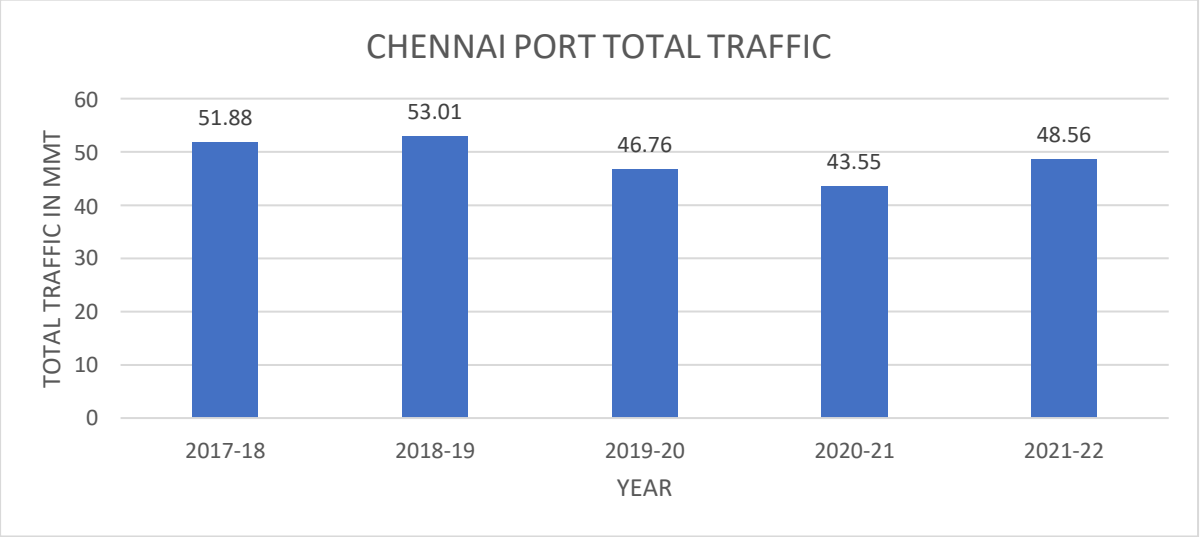
- FY 2018-19: 53.01 MT

- FY 2019-20: 46.76 MT

- FY 2020-21: 43.55 MT

- FY 2021-22: 48.56 MT

Figure 3.7: Traffic at Chennai port



Here's an analysis of the total traffic data at Chennai Port for the last 5 years (FY 2017-18 to FY 2021-22):

- The port saw a growth in total traffic from FY 2017-18 to FY 2018-19, increasing from 51.88 MT to 53.01 MT.

- However, in FY 2019-20, the total traffic decreased significantly to 46.76 MT, possibly due to various economic and geopolitical factors.

- The COVID-19 pandemic could have also affected the total traffic at Chennai Port in FY 2020-21, as it further decreased to 43.55 MT.

- Despite the pandemic and economic slowdown, the total traffic increased in FY 2021-22, reaching 48.56 MT.

- Overall, the total traffic at Chennai Port has been relatively stable over the last 5 years, with some fluctuations due to external factors.

3.3.7 V.O. CHIDAMBARANAR PORT TRUST (TUTICORIN PORT)

The total traffic at Tuticorin Port, one of the major ports in India, has been as follows for the last 5 years (FY 2017-18 to FY 2021-22):

- FY 2017-18: 36.58 MT

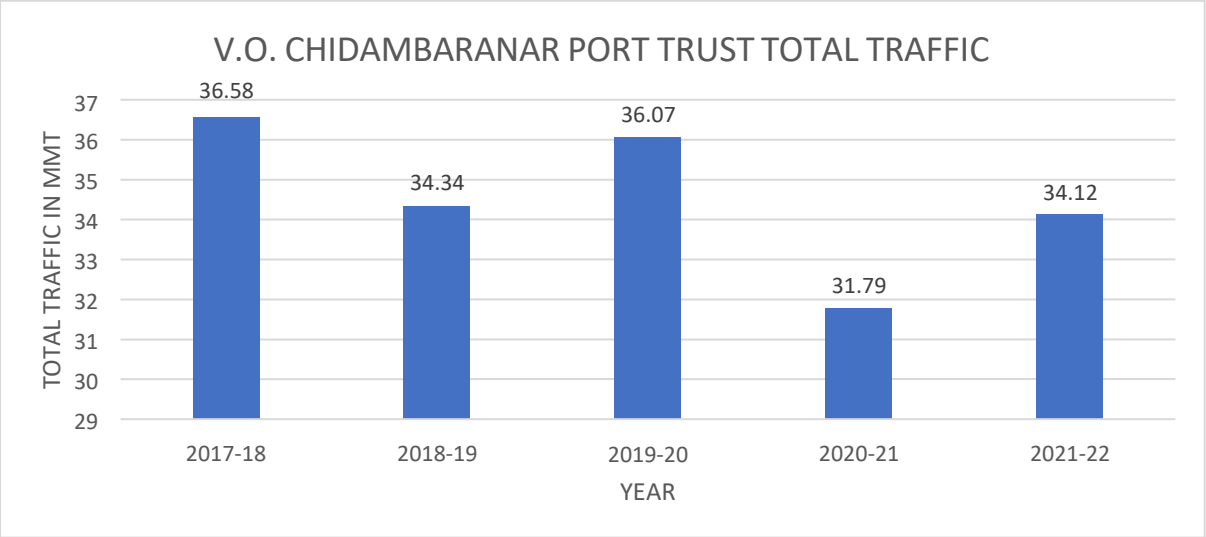
- FY 2018-19: 34.34 MT

- FY 2019-20: 36.07 MT

- FY 2020-21: 31.79 MT

- FY 2021-22: 34.12 MT

Figure 3.8: Traffic at Tuticorin port



Looking at the data for Tuticorin Port for the last 5 years, we can see that the port's total traffic has fluctuated but has remained relatively stable. The traffic in FY 2017-18 was 36.58 MT, and it decreased to 34.34 MT in FY 2018-19. However, in FY 2019-20, the traffic increased slightly to 36.07 MT. In FY 2020-21, the traffic decreased significantly to 31.79 MT, but it increased again in FY 2021-22 to 34.12 MT.

Overall, there seems to be no clear trend in the traffic data for Tuticorin Port. The port's traffic appears to be influenced by various factors such as the performance of the Indian economy, trade agreements, and weather conditions. It is important to note that Tuticorin Port has traditionally been a significant gateway for imports and exports in southern India. The port's traffic data could be analysed further by breaking down the types of cargo handled and their origins and destinations.

3.3.8 KOLKATA PORT

The total traffic at Kolkata Port, one of the major ports in India, has been as follows for the last 5 years (FY 2017-18 to FY 2021-22):

- FY 2017-18: 57.89 MT

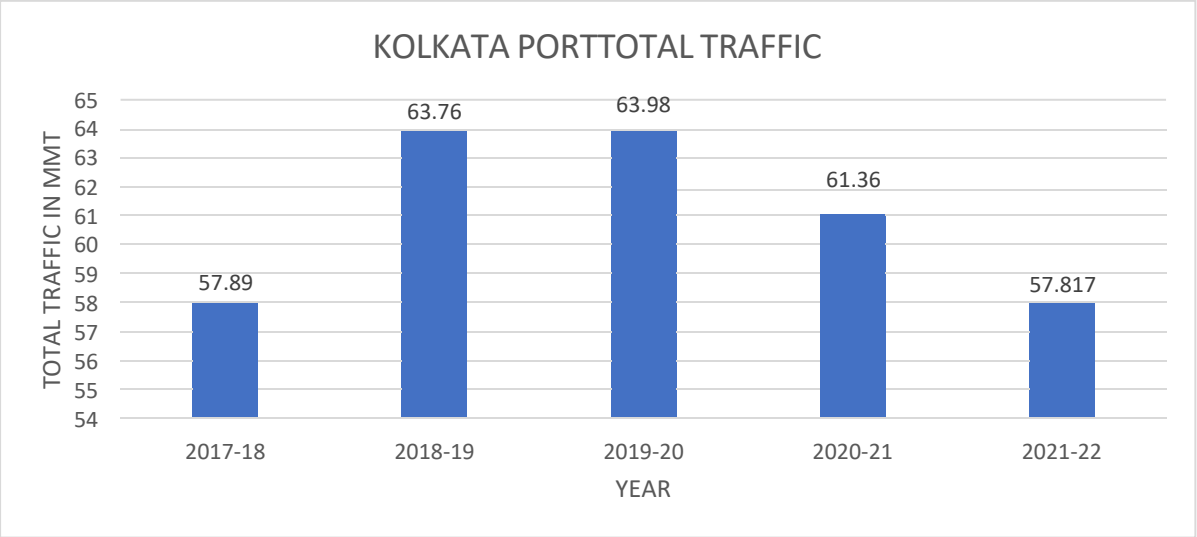
- FY 2018-19: 63.76 MT

- FY 2019-20: 63.98 MT

- FY 2020-21: 61.36 MT

- FY 2021-22: 57.817 MT

Figure 3.9: Traffic at Kolkata port



According to data available from the Kolkata Port Trust, the port's cargo traffic has shown a mixed trend over the last five years. In the financial year 2017-18, the port handled a total of 57.89 million tonnes (MT) of cargo, which increased to 63.76 MT in 2018-19. However, in the following year, the cargo traffic decreased to 61.36 MT in 2020-21.

In the financial year 2019-20, Kolkata Port handled a total of 63.98 MT of cargo, which was an increase compared to the previous year. However, the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the cargo traffic at the port in the financial year 2020-21, and the port handled only 61.36 MT of cargo, which was a decline compared to the previous year.

The major commodities handled at Kolkata Port include iron ore, coal, petroleum, crude oil, fertilizers, and container cargo. The port has been taking various initiatives to increase its cargo

traffic and efficiency, such as implementing container tracking systems, dredging channels to increase draft, and developing new terminals.

Overall, the cargo traffic at Kolkata Port has shown a mixed trend over the last five years, with some years experiencing an increase in cargo traffic, while others showing a decline. However, the port is making efforts to improve its infrastructure and services to increase its cargo traffic and improve its competitiveness.

3.3.9 NEW MANGALORE PORT

The total traffic at Mangalore Port, one of the major ports in India, has been as follows for the last 5 years (FY 2017-18 to FY 2021-22):

- FY 2017-18: 42.05 MT

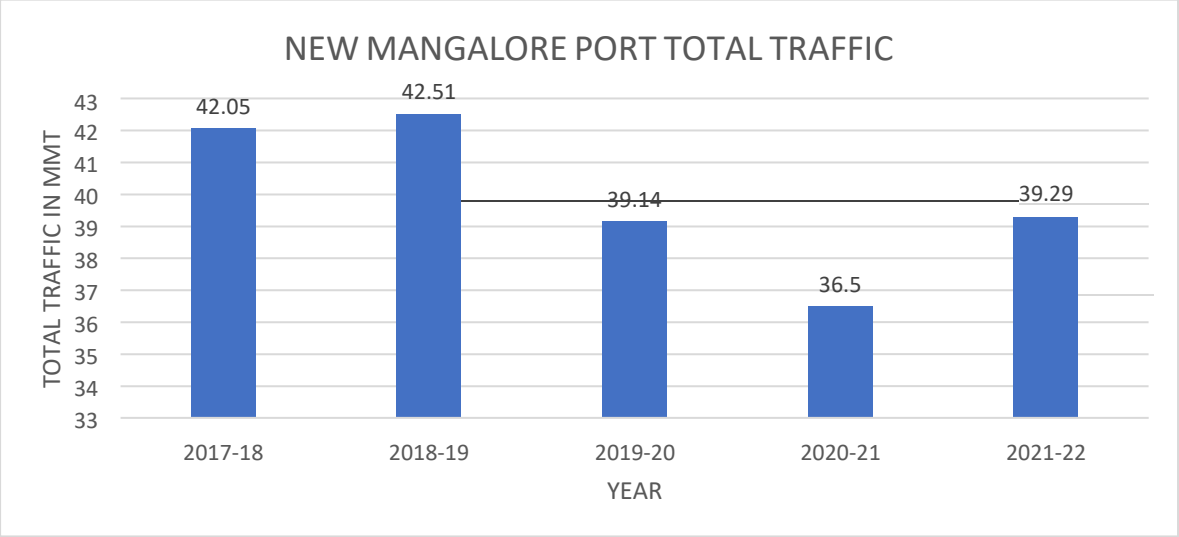
- FY 2018-19: 42.51 MT

- FY 2019-20: 39.14 MT

- FY 2020-21: 36.5 MT

- FY 2021-22: 39.29 MT

Figure 3.10: Traffic at New Mangalore port



Based on the data provided, we can make several observations about the cargo traffic at Mangalore Port over the last five years:

The cargo traffic at Mangalore Port has been relatively stable over the last five years, with the port handling between 36.5 and 42.51 million tonnes of cargo per year. The highest cargo traffic

volume was recorded in FY 2018-19, when the port handled 42.51 million tonnes of cargo. This represented a slight increase from the previous year's traffic volume of 42.05 million tonnes. The cargo traffic volume declined in the next two years, with the port handling 39.14 million tonnes of cargo in FY 2019-20, and 36.5 million tonnes in FY 2020-21. This decline was likely due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which disrupted global trade and reduced demand for certain types of cargo. However, the cargo traffic volume at Mangalore Port rebounded in FY 2021-22, with the port handling 39.29 million tonnes of cargo. This suggests that the port has started to recover from the pandemic and is returning to pre-pandemic cargo traffic levels. the data indicates that Mangalore Port has experienced some fluctuations in cargo traffic volume over the last five years, likely due to a combination of global economic trends and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the port has demonstrated resilience by maintaining a relatively stable cargo traffic volume, and is now showing signs of recovery.

3.3.10 COCHIN PORT

The total traffic at cochin Port, one of the major ports in India, has been as follows for the last 5 years (FY 2017-18 to FY 2021-22):

- FY 2017-18: 29.14 MT

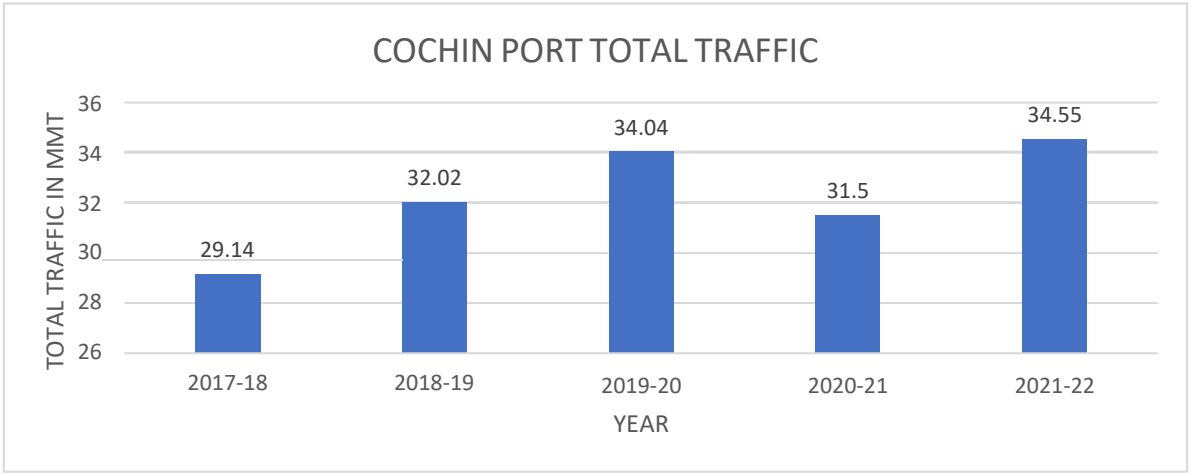
- FY 2018-19: 32.02 MT

- FY 2019-20: 34.04 MT

- FY 2020-21: 31.05 MT

- FY 2021-22: 34.55 MT

Figure 3.11: Traffic at Cochin port



the cargo traffic at Cochin Port has been increasing over the last 5 years, with a growth of 10.0% from 29.14 million tonnes (MT) in FY 2017-18 to 34.55 MT in FY 2021-22. The growth in cargo traffic has not been consistent year-on-year, with fluctuations observed in the traffic volumes. For example, the port experienced a growth of 9.9% in FY 2018-19, followed by an increase of 6.3% in FY 2019-20, and a decline of 8.8% in FY 2020-21. However, the traffic rebounded strongly in FY 2021-22 with a growth of 11.3% compared to the previous year. The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on cargo traffic at Cochin Port, resulting in a decline of 8.8% in FY 2020-21 compared to the previous year. However, the port was able to recover quickly in FY 2021-22, reflecting the resilience of the port and the recovery of the global economy. The growth in cargo traffic at Cochin Port over the last 5 years has been primarily driven by an increase in containerized cargo. According to the port's official website, the container traffic at the port increased by 20% in FY 2020-21, contributing significantly to the growth in overall cargo traffic.

3.3.11 MORMUGAO PORT

The total traffic at Mormugao Port, one of the major ports in India, has been as follows for the last 5 years (FY 2017-18 to FY 2021-22):

- FY 2017-18: 26.9 MT

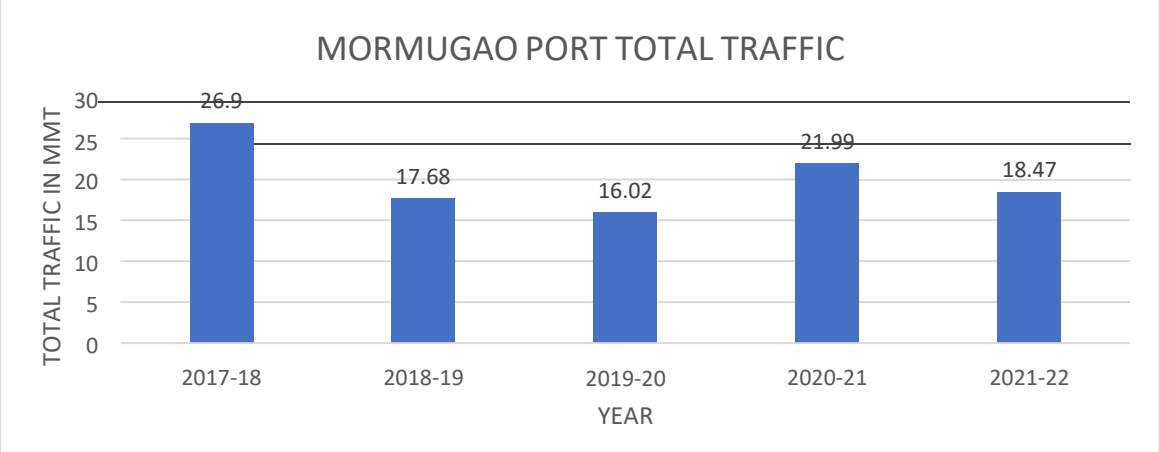
- FY 2018-19: 17.68 MT

- FY 2019-20: 16.02 MT

- FY 2020-21: 21.99 MT

- FY 2021-22: 18.47 MT

Figure 3.12: Traffic at Mormugao port



The cargo traffic at Mormugao Port has been volatile over the past five years, with significant fluctuations in traffic volume from year to year. The port experienced a sharp decline in traffic volume from 26.9 million tonnes (MT) in FY 2017-18 to 17.68 MT in FY 2018-19, representing a decline of over 34%. This suggests that the port may have faced significant challenges during this period, such as changes in market demand or operational difficulties. The decline in traffic volume continued in FY 2019-20, when the port handled only 16.02 MT of cargo, representing a decline of over 9% compared to the previous year. However, there was a significant rebound in traffic volume in FY 2020-21, when the port handled 21.99 MT of cargo, representing an increase of over 37% compared to the previous year. This increase may have been due to a recovery in market demand, the resumption of economic activity after the COVID-19 pandemic, or other factors. In FY 2021-22, the traffic volume at Mormugao Port declined again, to 18.47 MT, suggesting that the port may continue to face challenges in maintaining a consistent level of cargo traffic.

3.3.12 KAMARAJAR PORT

The total traffic at kamarajar Port, one of the major ports in India, has been as follows for the last 5 years (FY 2017-18 to FY 2021-22):

- FY 2017-18: 34.45 MT

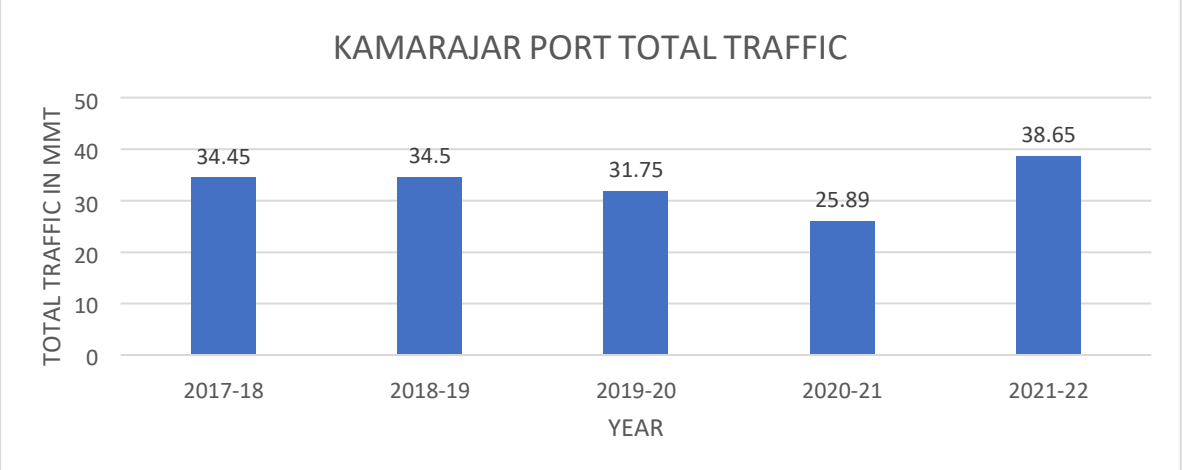
- FY 2018-19: 34.5 MT

- FY 2019-20: 31.75 MT

- FY 2020-21: 25.89 MT

- FY 2021-22: 38,65 MT

Figure 3.13: Traffic at Kamarajar port



The cargo traffic at Kamarajar Port has been somewhat volatile over the past five years. It remained relatively stable between FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19, with a small increase from 34.45 MT to 34.5 MT. However, the cargo traffic declined sharply in FY 2019-20, with a decrease of around 8% compared to the previous year. This could be attributed to several factors, such as a slowdown in the Indian economy, changes in the global trade landscape, or fluctuations in demand for specific types of cargo. The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on cargo traffic at Kamarajar Port in FY 2020-21, with a decline of around 20% compared to the previous year. This decline was likely due to disruptions in global trade, reduced demand for certain types of cargo, and operational challenges posed by the pandemic. The cargo traffic at Kamarajar Port rebounded strongly in FY 2021-22, with a growth of around 49% compared to the previous year. This growth is significant and indicates a rapid recovery of the port's cargo traffic, likely due to the resumption of global trade and increased demand for specific types of cargo.

3.4 TRAFFIC OF MAJOR PORTS COMMODITY-WISE

Major ports in India handle a wide range of commodities, including:

1. Coal: Coal is one of the most significant commodities handled at major ports in India. It is primarily used for power generation and is a key input for many industries, including cement, steel, and aluminium. Major coal ports in India include Paradip Port, Visakhapatnam Port, and Mormugao Port.

2. Crude Oil and Petroleum Products: Major ports in India also handle large volumes of crude oil and petroleum products, which are used for transportation and as feedstock for various industries. The most significant ports for crude oil and petroleum products in India include Mumbai Port, Chennai Port, and Kandla Port.

3. Iron Ore: Iron ore is another critical commodity handled at major ports in India. It is primarily used in the production of steel and is a critical input for the construction industry. The most significant ports for iron ore in India include Mormugao Port, Paradip Port, and Visakhapatnam Port.

4. Containerized Cargo: Major ports in India also handle large volumes of containerized cargo, which includes a wide range of goods such as textiles, electronics, machinery, and food products. Container traffic is primarily handled at ports such as Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), Mundra Port, and Chennai Port.

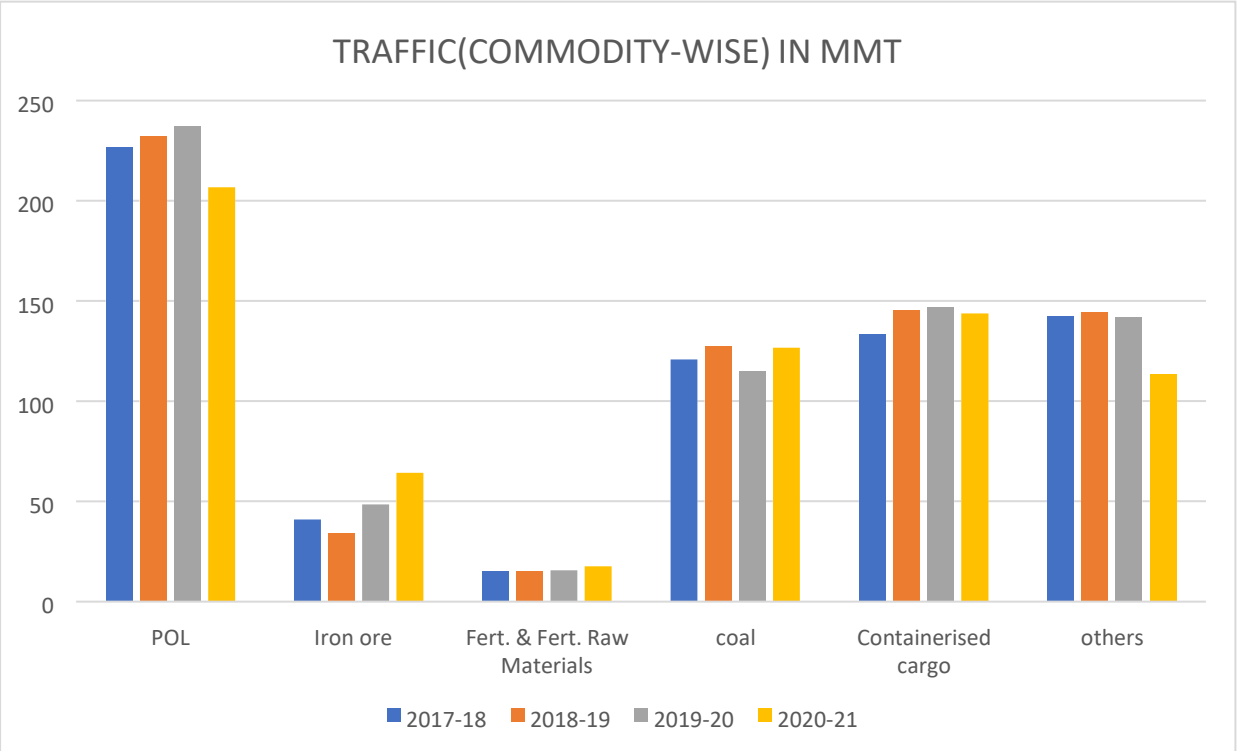
5. Fertilizers: Fertilizers, including urea, phosphates, and potash, are essential inputs for the agricultural industry and are another significant commodity handled at major ports in India. Major fertilizer ports in India include Kandla Port, Chennai Port, and Ennore Port.

6. Other Commodities: Major ports in India also handle other commodities such as cement, sugar, chemicals, and food grains.

Table 3.2: Traffic commodity-wise

	traffic in MMT			
Commodity	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
POL	226.68	232.36	237.17	206.764
Iron ore	41.05	34.07	48.45	64.282
Fert. & Fert. Raw Materials	14.89	15.13	15.54	17.67
Coal	120.77	127.7	114.91	126.75
Containerised cargo	133.63	145.45	146.91	143.773
Others	142.35	144.31	141.95	113.44

Figure 3.14: Traffic of Major Ports commodity-wise



Looking at the table, we can see that the top commodities handled at major ports are:

1. POL (Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants) - with a total traffic of 206.764 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) in 2020-21, down from 237.17 MMT in 2019-20.

2. Coal - with a total traffic of 126.75 MMT in 2020-21, up from 114.91 MMT in 2019-20.

3. Containerised cargo - with a total traffic of 143.773 MMT in 2020-21, slightly down from 146.91 MMT in 2019-20.

4. Iron ore - with a total traffic of 64.282 MMT in 2020-21, up from 48.45 MMT in 2019-20.

5. Fert. & Fert. Raw Materials - with a total traffic of 17.67 MMT in 2019-20, up from 15.54 MMT in 2019-20.

6. Others - with a total traffic of 113.44 MMT in 2020-21, down from 141.95 MMT in 2019-20.

Overall, we can see that the traffic for most commodities at non-major ports increased from 2017-18 to 2020-21, except for POL and Others, which saw a decrease in traffic during this period.

CHAPTER 4

CARGO TRAFFIC AT INDIAN NON-MAJOR PORTS

4.1 CARGO TRAFFIC AT NON-MAJOR PORTS

Indian minor ports are ports that are not designated as major ports under the Indian Ports Act, 1908, and are managed by state governments or private operators. These ports are typically smaller in size and handle lower volumes of cargo than major ports, but they still play an important role in facilitating maritime trade and commerce in India.

Cargo traffic at Indian minor ports refers to the total volume of cargo that is handled at these ports over a specified period, usually measured in terms of metric tonnes (MT). This cargo can include various types of goods, such as crude oil, coal, iron ore, fertilizers, chemicals, containerized cargo, and other bulk and breakbulk cargoes.

The growth of cargo traffic at Indian minor ports has been significant in recent years, reflecting the increasing demand for maritime transportation services in India. According to the latest data available as of my knowledge cut-off date of September 2021, Indian minor ports accounted for about 35% of the total cargo traffic at all ports in India, and this share is expected to grow further in the coming years.

Table 4.1: Cargo traffic at non-major

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
OVERSEAS	418.499	450.81	486.288	521.078	496.545	508.584
COASTAL	66.715	78.278	96.321	93.969	80.759	90.041
TOTAL	**485.214**	**529.088**	**582.609**	**615.047**	**577.304**	**598.625**

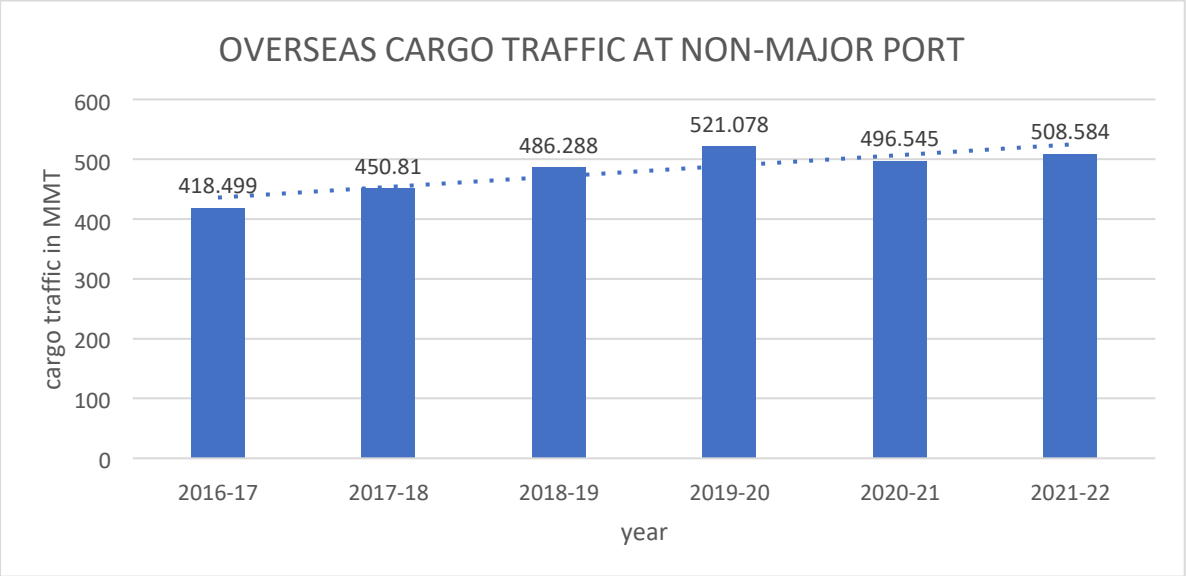
The growth of cargo traffic at Indian minor ports has been driven by several factors, including the development of new port infrastructure, favourable government policies, and the increasing focus on coastal shipping as a more sustainable and cost-effective mode of transportation. This growth is expected to continue in the coming years, with Indian minor ports playing an increasingly important role in India's maritime trade and economic growth.

4.2 OVERSEAS CARGO TRAFFIC

Overseas cargo at non-major ports refers to the shipment of goods that are transported through a port that is not classified as a major port and is located in a coastal area of a country. Non-major ports are typically smaller ports that handle a relatively smaller volume of cargo compared to major ports. These ports may have limited infrastructure and may not have the capacity to handle larger vessels.

The overseas cargo at non-major ports may include various types of goods such as raw materials, finished products, and consumer goods. This cargo is typically transported by sea from one country to another, and is important for trade and commerce between countries. The movement of cargo through non-major ports can help to support local economies and provide employment opportunities in the area.

Figure 4.1: Overseas Cargo Traffic at Non-Major Ports



Based on the data provided, it seems to be the total traffic (in million tonnes) of overseas cargo at non-major ports in India for the last six years (2016-17 to 2021-22). Here's an analysis of the data:

- The total traffic of overseas cargo at non-major ports in India has been increasing consistently over the years.

- The traffic has grown from 418.499 MT in 2016-17 to 508.584 MT in 2021-22, which represents a growth of over 21% in the last six years.

- The growth rate of overseas cargo traffic at non-major ports has fluctuated in recent years. The growth rate was highest in 2019-20 (17.9%) and lowest in 2020-21 (-4.7%).

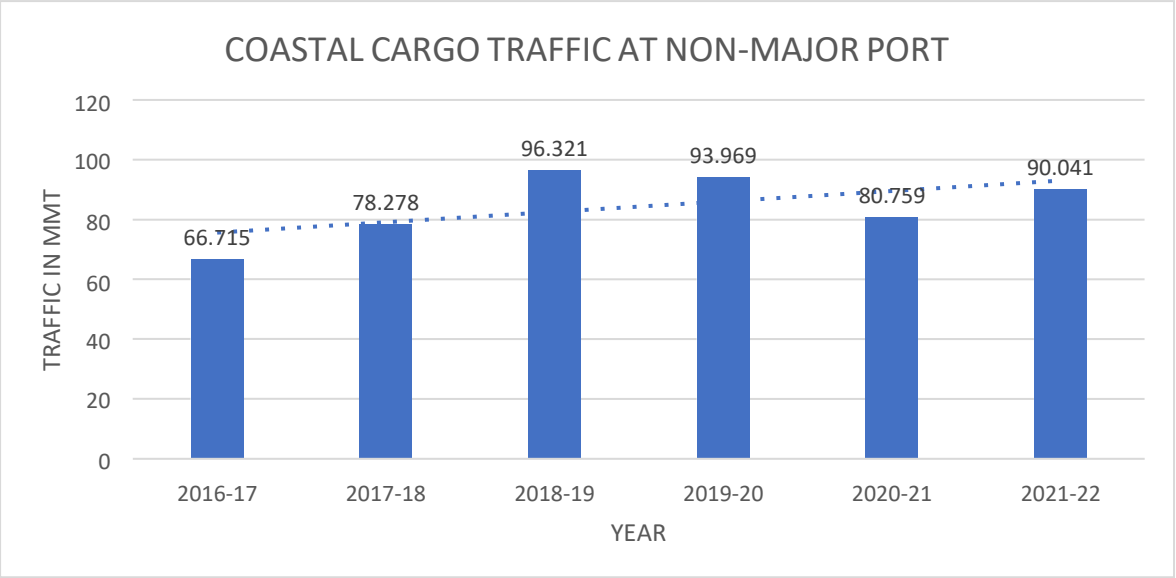
- Despite the slight dip in growth rate in 2020-21, the traffic of overseas cargo at non-major ports in India has shown resilience amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.

Overall, the data suggests that non-major ports in India are gaining importance as a viable alternative to major ports for handling overseas cargo.

4.3 COASTAL CARGO TRAFFIC

Coastal cargo refers to the movement of goods between ports within the same country. A non-major port refers to a port that is not considered as one of the major ports in India. Therefore, coastal cargo at non-major port would refer to the transportation of goods between ports within India that are not considered as one of the major ports. This type of cargo movement plays an important role in the development of the Indian economy, especially in coastal areas, as it provides a cost-effective mode of transportation for goods and promotes trade between regions.

Figure 4.2: Coastal Cargo Traffic at Non-Major Port



The data provided shows the coastal cargo traffic at non-major ports for the years 2016-2017 to 2021-2022. Here is an analysis of the data:

Overall trend: The data shows that the coastal cargo traffic at non-major ports has been increasing from 2016-2017 to 2018-2019. However, it decreased in 2019-2020 and again in 2020-2021 before increasing slightly in 2021-2022.

Peak year: The highest amount of coastal cargo traffic at non-major ports was recorded in 2018-2019, with a total of 96.321 million tonnes.

Dip years: The lowest amount of coastal cargo traffic was recorded in 2020-2021, with a total of 80.759 million tonnes, which is a significant drop from the previous year's 93.969 million tonnes.

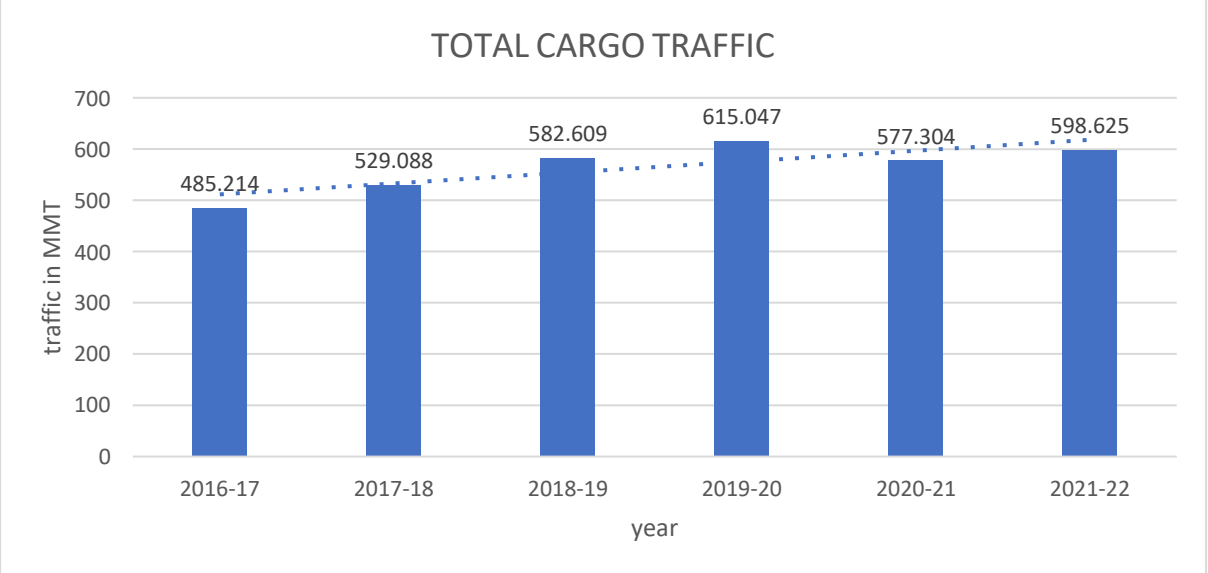
Impact of Covid-19: The drop in coastal cargo traffic in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 can be attributed to the Covid-19 pandemic, which disrupted supply chains and reduced economic activity.

Future outlook: The slight increase in coastal cargo traffic in 2021-2022 suggests a potential recovery in economic activity, which may lead to an increase in coastal cargo traffic at non-major ports in the coming years.

In conclusion, the data shows that the coastal cargo traffic at non-major ports has been volatile in recent years due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, there is a potential for growth in the future, depending on the recovery of the economy and the overall demand for coastal cargo transportation.

4.4 TOTAL CARGO TRAFFIC

Figure 4.3: Total Cargo Traffic at Non-Major Ports



The data provided shows the total traffic at non-major ports for the years 2016-2017 to 2021-2022. Here is an analysis of the data:

Overall trend: The data shows that the total traffic at non-major ports has been increasing from 2016-2017 to 2020-2021, with a peak of 615.047 million tonnes in 2019-2020. However, there was a slight decrease in 2020-2021 and a slight increase in 2021-2022.

Peak year: The highest amount of total traffic at non-major ports was recorded in 2019-2020, with a total of 615.047 million tonnes.

Dip year: The lowest amount of total traffic was recorded in 2016-2017, with a total of 485.214 million tonnes.

Covid-19 impact: The slight decrease in total traffic in 2020-2021 can be attributed to the Covid-19 pandemic, which disrupted supply chains and reduced economic activity.

Future outlook: The slight increase in total traffic in 2021-2022 suggests a potential recovery in economic activity, which may lead to an increase in total traffic at non-major ports in the coming years.

In conclusion, the data shows that the total traffic at non-major ports has been increasing in recent years, with a peak in 2019-2020. However, the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted the traffic in 2020-2021. The slight increase in traffic in 2021-2022 suggests a potential recovery, and the future outlook depends on the overall economic growth and demand for transportation.

4.5 CARGO HANDLED AT NON-MAJOR PORTS STATE-WISE

Table 4.2: state-wise cargo handled at non-major ports

YEAR	Gujarat	Maharashtra	Goa	Karnataka	Kerala	Tamil Nadu	Andhra Pradesh	Orissa	Other State
2020-21	387.57	39.84	0.035	0.785	0.113	7.407	89.63	43.033	
2019-20	411.79	43.66	0.008	0.935	0.156	11.37	99.904		
2018-19	399.197	45.786	0.015	1.044	0.199	0.963			
2017-18	370.769	37.368	0.072	0.680	0.139				
2016-17	345.739	34.894	0.119	0.691					
2015-16	339.779	28.849	0.430						
2014-15	336.093	27.295							
2013-14	309.946	24							
2012-13	287								
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State-wise cargo handled at non-major ports, we can observe the trends and patterns over the years for each state. Here are some observations:

1. Gujarat: Gujarat consistently shows the highest cargo handling among all the states listed. It has been the top performer in terms of cargo handling for several years.

2. Maharashtra: Maharashtra ranks second in terms of cargo handling. It has shown a relatively stable performance over the years, with a slight increase in cargo handling from 2011-12 to 2020-21.

3. Goa: Goa has a relatively small amount of cargo handling compared to Gujarat and Maharashtra. The cargo handled in Goa has been consistently low throughout the years.

4. Karnataka: Karnataka has shown a gradual increase in cargo handling over the years, although the numbers are relatively smaller compared to Gujarat and Maharashtra.

5. Kerala: Kerala has a low cargo handling volume compared to other states. The numbers have remained relatively stable over the years.

6. Tamil Nadu: Tamil Nadu has consistently shown a moderate level of cargo handling. The numbers have remained relatively stable with a slight increase over the years.

7. Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh has shown a significant increase in cargo handling from 2011-12 to 2020-21. It ranks third in terms of cargo handling among the listed states.

8. Orissa: Odisha has shown a fluctuating trend in cargo handling over the years, with no clear upward or downward pattern.

9. Other States: The category of "Other States" has shown a varying level of cargo handling over the years, with no significant trend.

From an overall perspective, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Andhra Pradesh are the top performers in terms of cargo handling at non-major ports. These states have consistently shown higher volumes of cargo handling compared to the other listed states.

CHAPTER 5

COMPARISON BETWEEN MAJOR AND NON-MAJOR PORTS

5.1 CARGO TRAFFIC COMPARISON

"Cargo traffic comparison at Indian major and non-major ports" refers to the comparison of the amount of goods being transported through the major and non-major ports in India.

Major ports are those which are owned by the government and have facilities for loading and unloading cargo from large vessels, while non-major ports are privately-owned and usually smaller in size.

This comparison of cargo traffic can provide insight into the efficiency and effectiveness of each type of port in handling cargo and serving the needs of businesses and consumers. It can also help policymakers and investors make decisions about where to allocate resources for port infrastructure development and improvement.

Table 5.1: Total Cargo Traffic at Indian Ports

Here in the below table the cargo handled at major and non-major ports are listed for the last 5 fiscal years:

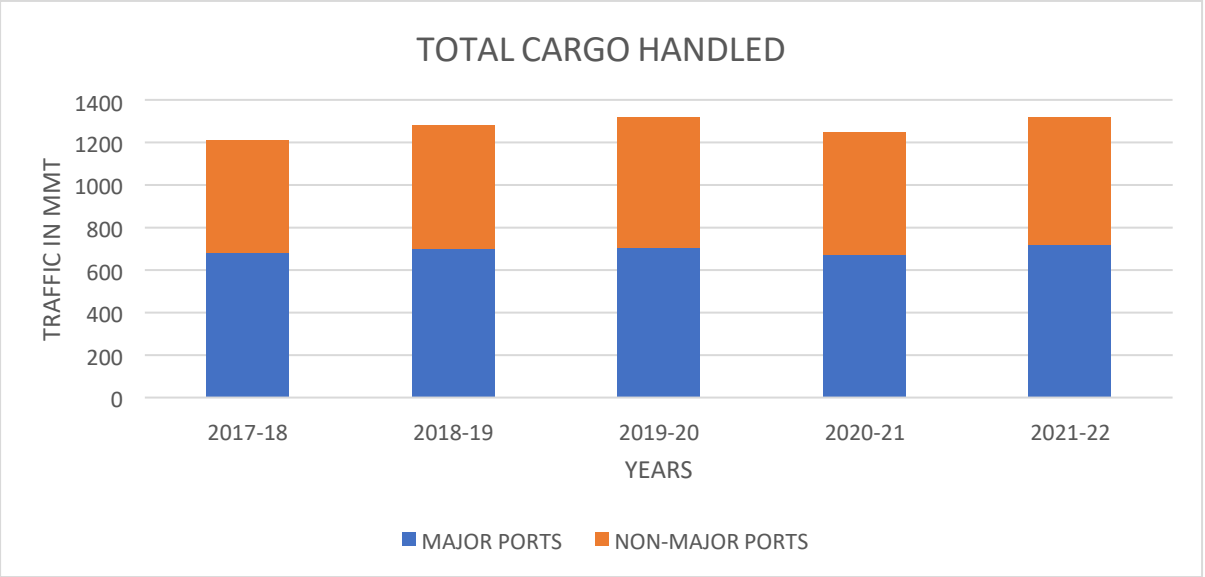
YEAR	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
MAJOR PORTS	683.37	699.1	704.93	672.669	720.277
NON-MAJOR PORTS	529.088	582.609	615.047	577.304	598.625
TOTAL	**1212.458**	**1281.709**	**1319.977**	**1249.973**	**1318.902**

The table shows the cargo traffic (in million tonnes) at major and non-major ports in India for the five-year period from 2017-18 to 2021-22.

From the data, we can see that the total cargo traffic increased from 1212.458 million tonnes in 2017-18 to 1318.902 million tonnes in 2021-22, an overall increase of 8.8%.

Looking at the breakdown between major and non-major ports, we can see that cargo traffic at major ports increased from 683.37 million tonnes in 2017-18 to 720.277 million tonnes in 2021-22, an increase of 5.4%. On the other hand, non-major ports saw an increase in cargo traffic from 529.088 million tonnes in 2017-18 to 598.625 million tonnes in 2021-22, an increase of 13.1%.

Figure 5.1: Total Cargo Traffic at Indian Ports



Data shows that both major and non-major ports have experienced an increase in cargo traffic over the past five years. However, non-major ports have seen a higher rate of growth compared to major ports. This could be due to factors such as their increasing competitiveness and better infrastructure investments.

It is also important to note that the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-21 had a negative impact on cargo traffic at both major and non-major ports, with a decrease of 4.5% and 5.9%, respectively, compared to the previous year.

5.2 OTHER ASPECTS

Major ports in India are ports that are owned and managed by the government. There are currently 12 major ports in India: Mumbai, Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNPT), Kolkata, Chennai, Cochin, Paradip, New Mangalore, Kandla, Visakhapatnam, Tuticorin, Ennore, and V.O. Chidambaranar. These ports are crucial to the country's economy as they handle a significant portion of India's maritime trade. In contrast, non-major ports are those that are privately-owned and managed. These ports are smaller in size and have less cargo handling capacity than major ports. However, in recent years, non-major ports have gained importance and have been contributing significantly to the country's economic growth.

One of the key differences between major and non-major ports is their ownership structure. Major ports are owned and operated by the government through the Ministry of Shipping, while non-major ports are usually owned and operated by private companies. This difference in

ownership has a significant impact on the management and operations of the ports. Major ports are subject to government regulations and policies, which can sometimes result in delays and bureaucracy. On the other hand, non-major ports have greater operational flexibility, allowing them to adapt to changing market conditions quickly.

Another key difference between major and non-major ports is their cargo handling capacity. Major ports are larger in size and have more sophisticated infrastructure, enabling them to handle larger volumes of cargo. They are also equipped with more advanced technology, such as container handling cranes, which makes them more efficient in handling different types of cargo. Non-major ports, on the other hand, may have limited cargo handling facilities, and they often specialize in handling specific types of cargo, such as coal, iron ore, or crude oil.

Major ports are also well-connected to the country's transport infrastructure, such as highways, railways, and airports, allowing for faster and more efficient movement of cargo. This connectivity is critical as it enables the timely delivery of goods to different parts of the country. Non-major ports, however, may have limited connectivity to the transport network, which can sometimes result in delays and higher transportation costs.

In terms of competitiveness, non-major ports have been gaining ground in recent years. They offer more flexibility in terms of pricing and operations, allowing them to attract more business from shippers and consignees. Non-major ports have also been investing in improving their infrastructure, which has helped them to handle more cargo efficiently. The government has also been encouraging private investment in non-major ports, which has led to the development of new ports and the expansion of existing ones.

In terms of efficiency, major ports have traditionally faced challenges such as bureaucratic delays, lack of automation, and labour disputes. These challenges have resulted in longer turnaround times and higher costs for shippers and consignees. However, in recent years, the government has been taking steps to address these issues, such as implementing a single-window clearance system for cargo, introducing e-payment systems, and investing in modernizing port infrastructure. These measures have helped to improve the efficiency of major ports.

In conclusion, both major and non-major ports play a critical role in India's economy, and each has its strengths and weaknesses. Major ports have traditionally been the backbone of India's maritime trade, and they continue to handle a significant portion of the country's cargo. Non-major ports, on the other hand, have been gaining ground and

CHAPTER 6

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

6.1 FINDINGS

The project "Comparative Study of Traffic Handled at Major and Minor Ports in India" aimed to analyse the cargo traffic at major and non-major ports in India over the last five years. The findings of the project are as follows:

1. Overall Cargo Traffic: The total cargo traffic at both major and non-major ports in India has been increasing steadily over the last five years. The total cargo traffic in 2017-18 was 1212.458 million metric tons (MMT), which increased to 1318.902 MMT in 2021-22. This indicates a growth rate of around 8% over five years.

2. Cargo Traffic at Major Ports: The cargo traffic at major ports in India has been fluctuating over the last five years. In 2017-18, the cargo traffic was 683.37 MMT, which increased to 699.1 MMT in 2018-19. However, in 2019-20, it reached its peak at 704.93 MMT and then declined to 672.669 MMT in 2020-21. In 2021-22, it increased to 720.277 MMT. The fluctuation in cargo traffic can be attributed to various factors such as economic slowdown, COVID-19 pandemic, and other external factors.

3. Cargo Traffic at Non-Major Ports: The cargo traffic at non-major ports in India has been consistently increasing over the last five years. In 2017-18, the cargo traffic was 529.088 MMT, which increased to 582.609 MMT in 2018-19 and further increased to 615.047 MMT in 2019-20. In 2020-21, it declined slightly to 577.304 MMT but then increased to 598.625 MMT in 2021-22. This indicates a steady growth rate of around 13% over five years.

4. Cargo Handling Capacity: Major ports in India have a higher cargo handling capacity compared to non-major ports. Major ports have modern infrastructure and advanced technology, enabling them to handle larger volumes of cargo. Non-major ports, on the other hand, may have limited cargo handling facilities and specialize in handling specific types of cargo. However, non-major ports have been investing in improving their infrastructure, which has helped them to handle more cargo efficiently.

5. Ownership Structure: Major ports in India are owned and managed by the government, while non-major ports are privately-owned and managed. This difference in ownership has a significant impact on the management and operations of the ports. Major ports are subject to government regulations and policies, which can sometimes result in delays and bureaucracy. On the other hand, non-major ports have greater operational flexibility, allowing them to adapt to changing market conditions quickly.

6. Connectivity: Major ports in India are well-connected to the country's transport infrastructure, such as highways, railways, and airports, allowing for faster and more efficient movement of cargo. Non-major ports, however, may have limited connectivity to the transport network, which can sometimes result in delays and higher transportation costs.

7. Competitiveness: Non-major ports have been gaining ground in recent years due to their flexibility in pricing and operations, ability to attract more business from shippers and consignees, and investment in improving their infrastructure. The government has also been encouraging private investment in non-major ports, which has led to the development of new ports and the expansion of existing ones.

The findings of the project indicate that both major and non-major ports play a critical role in India's economy, and each has its strengths and weaknesses. Major ports have traditionally been the backbone of India's maritime trade, and they continue to handle a significant portion of the country's cargo

6.2 CONCLUSION

The comparative study of traffic handled at major and non-major ports in India reveals several important insights. Major ports continue to play a crucial role in the country's maritime trade, handling a significant portion of the cargo. However, non-major ports have been gaining ground in recent years and have been contributing significantly to the country's economic growth.

The ownership structure of major and non-major ports is a significant factor that affects their operations and management. Major ports, being owned and operated by the government, are subject to government regulations and policies, which can sometimes result in delays and bureaucracy. Non-major ports, on the other hand, have greater operational flexibility and can adapt to changing market conditions quickly.

The cargo handling capacity of major ports is generally higher than that of non-major ports. Major ports have more sophisticated infrastructure and are equipped with more advanced technology, making them more efficient in handling different types of cargo. However, non-major ports often specialize in handling specific types of cargo and may have limited cargo handling facilities.

Connectivity to the country's transport infrastructure is also a critical factor that affects the competitiveness of ports. Major ports are well-connected to highways, railways, and airports,

enabling the timely delivery of goods to different parts of the country. Non-major ports may have limited connectivity, resulting in delays and higher transportation costs.

Efficiency is another factor that affects the competitiveness of ports. Major ports have traditionally faced challenges such as bureaucratic delays, lack of automation, and labor disputes. However, in recent years, the government has been taking steps to address these issues, which has helped to improve the efficiency of major ports. Non-major ports have also been investing in improving their infrastructure and operations, which has helped them to handle more cargo efficiently.

In conclusion, both major and non-major ports are essential components of India's maritime trade, and each has its strengths and weaknesses. Major ports continue to handle a significant portion of the country's cargo, but non-major ports have been gaining ground in recent years and have been contributing significantly to the country's economic growth. The government needs to continue to invest in both major and non-major ports and take steps to address the challenges they face to ensure that they remain competitive and efficient’

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