

Queueing vessels force Adani to fast-track Vizhinjam expansion

Signs MoU with Bharat Petroleum to launch India's first ship-to-ship LNG bunkering ops

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OPERATING at full capacity and witnessing vessels queueing outside during the height of the West Asia crisis, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) has moved to fast-track the phase II expansion of the Vizhinjam International Seaport, highlighting the port's rapidly growing strategic relevance along global shipping routes.



A fisherman rows through the waters off Vizhinjam port as the Phase-II construction work progresses at a rapid pace in the background | ALBIN MATHEW

The accelerated expansion comes at a time when disruptions in the Gulf region and congestion across parts of West Asia are reshaping maritime trade flows and pushing shipping lines to scout for alternative transshipment hubs. Vizhinjam, located barely 10 nautical miles from the busy international East-West shipping corridor connecting Europe, the Gulf and Asia, has emerged as a major beneficiary.

During the company's Q4 FY26 earnings call, Adani Ports CEO Ashwani Gupta said the firm had decided not to wait for the originally planned timeline for the second phase after the port handled heavy transshipment traffic during the regional crisis.

"We are at 100% capacity at Vizhinjam already," Gupta said while responding to an analyst. "In the West Asia crisis, we had many vessels waiting outside. So we are not waiting for phase 2, and we have kicked it off."

Gupta said the port benefited

from "transshipment overflow" during the crisis even as operational disruptions affected some regional facilities. "So we are accelerating the Vizhinjam space too, and soon we will also start working on the exit cargo as there's a huge potential in the catchment area," he said.

The second phase is expected to expand the port's annual capacity sharply from the current 1.6 million TEUs to around 5.7 million TEUs. Under the expansion, the existing container berth will be extended to a continuous 2-km-long berth, making it the longest in India. The breakwater will be expanded to 3.88km while additional container yards will be created through large-scale sea reclamation works.

The project will also strengthen Vizhinjam's capability to handle next-generation mega container ships. Additional ship-to-shore cranes and yard cranes are planned, enabling

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the terminal to accommodate vessels carrying up to 28,000 TEUs. Once completed, the port will be capable of simultaneously handling five mother vessels.

During the company's Q3 and nine-month FY26 earnings call in February, Gupta had outlined the scale of the proposed investment. "This ₹16,000 crore is as a Phase II development. This will take the capacity (to) more than

5 million because with the technology and with the efficiency, we are delivering 20% to 30% more than the nameplate capacity," he had said.

In a major strategic move, Adani Ports has already signed an MoU with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd to launch India's first ship-to-ship LNG bunkering operations at Vizhinjam. "Today, the LNG bunkering at Jebel Ali and Colombo is still struggling," Gupta noted earlier. "Because on this international channel, there are not many competitive LNG bunkering facilities, shipping lines are not bringing their LNG-capable vessels on this channel. The ship-to-ship bunkering facility in Vizhinjam, which is just 10 nautical miles from international waters, is boosting shipping lines and motivating them to bring their LNG-capable vessels."

While Vizhinjam is currently positioned largely as a transshipment hub, the company is also preparing for future EXIM cargo growth.

Chief financial officer D Muthukumar in the Q3 conference call said the port already has road connectivity for cargo evacuation and plans for rail connectivity are under evaluation. "As the market develops, we'll be able to handle EXIM cargo quite easily," he said, indicating that hinterland connectivity would gradually strengthen the port's role beyond transshipment operations.

PM's plea to skip overseas travel jolts thriving outbound tourism sector

SHAINU MOHAN @TPuram

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's appeal to Indians to avoid overseas leisure trips and destination weddings to help conserve foreign exchange has triggered concern among Kerala's fast growing outbound tourism industry. Tour operators are warning that such statements could dampen the sector, which has seen explosive growth since the pandemic.

According to industry estimates, there are thousands of agencies organising group tours, family vacations, destination weddings and vacations in destinations across Asia, Europe and West Asia to meet the growing demand and preferences of Malayali travellers.

The operators fear that the PM's remarks would adversely impact the travel and hospitality sector, which is still recovering from back-to-back setbacks caused by the pandemic, geopolitical tensions and uncertainties.

"Tourism did not receive any

meaningful support from the Centre even during the pandemic. For us, the current situation feels like a second pandemic," said Sheikh Ismail, president of the Tourism Professionals Club (TPC).

He said that overseas vacations were earlier largely confined to affluent families. "Today, a five-day package to Thailand, Malaysia, Bali or Vietnam is often cheaper than a domestic trip to Goa, Rajasthan or Maharashtra. With the same budget, travellers get a much better experience abroad," he added.

Many foreign tourism boards are now carrying out aggressive marketing and conducting roadshows and trade meetings to promote their destinations in Kerala and India.

Before the pandemic, outbound tourism accounted for just 2-5% of lei-

sure travel. But operators now estimate that around 30-50% of travellers from Kerala now prefer overseas destinations to domestic holidays. The industry is demanding measures to make domestic tourism more affordable, to encourage people to holiday within the country.

However, some feel that Modi's plea to avoid non-essential foreign travel may provide a significant boost to domestic tourism, particularly in Kerala.

"People are unlikely to stop travelling altogether. Instead, many Malayalis are expected to opt for destinations within the state. This trend is already visible, with tourists from northern Kerala increasingly visiting

Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram, Kumarakom and Munnar, while travellers from the south are exploring destinations such as Kozhikode and Kannur," said Jose Pradeep, president of the Kerala Travel Mart Society (KTM).



TN accounts for 1 in 3 detainees in India: NCRB

RAJALAKSHMI SAMPATH @Chennai

ONE in every three prisoners held in preventive detention in India is in Tamil Nadu, according to the National Crime Records Bureau's (NCRB) Prison Statistics India 2024 report. Significantly, one third of these detainees in TN are from Scheduled Caste communities, despite SCs only accounting for a fifth of the state's population.

Preventive detention allows the state to detain a person without trial for up to 12 months on the grounds that their activities are considered prejudicial to public order.

As of December 31, 2024, Tamil Nadu had 1,117 detainees lodged in prisons, the highest in the country by a considerable margin. Out of 3,048 detainees recorded across India, TN alone accounted for 36.6% of the total, more than the combined figures of Jammu and Kashmir (660) and Maharashtra (414). Gujarat reported 249 detainees, Kerala 215 and Madhya Pradesh 92. Uttar Pradesh, despite having the country's largest prison population of 86,762 inmates, recorded only 82 detainees. Bihar, which has the second-largest prison population at 51,990, reported none.

The figures reveal TN's unusually high reliance on preventive detention laws. The trend is not new, if data submitted by all states to the NCRB is accurate.

India's total prison population stood at 5,11,542 in 2024, including 1,36,138 convicts, 3,71,440 undertrials and 3,048 detainees. In TN, detainees accounted for 5.5% of the state's 20,400 prison inmates. In contrast, the figure was just 0.09% in UP. Despite the lower year-end detainee count, the state has consistently released more than 3,300 detainees annually, suggesting a high yearly turnover in detention orders.

Rain to intensify in Kerala from May 14

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SUMMER showers have intensified in the state, with many places receiving significant rain on Monday. Many areas in the Kannur, Thrissur, Kozhikode, Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam, and Kottayam districts received widespread rain.

According to India Meteorological Department (IMD), the

rain is likely to intensify from Thursday. It has forecast isolated heavy rain in the state on Thursday and Friday following the formation of a low-pressure area over the southwest Bay of Bengal. It stated that the system is likely to intensify over the next 48 hours.

With the state expected to receive heavy rain on May 14 and 15, the IMD has issued yellow alerts for Malappuram,

Kozhikode, Kannur and Kasargod districts on Thursday, and yellow alerts for Malappuram, Kozhikode and Wayanad districts on Friday.

The IMD has forecast thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and strong winds with speeds ranging from 30 kmph to 50 kmph at isolated places in Kerala till Saturday.

It also predicted thunderstorms accompanied by lightning at one or two places over Kerala till Wednesday.

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Applications in online mode are invited from eligible Indian Citizens as per UGC eligibility criteria (UGC Notification No. F.1-2/2017(EC/PS), New Delhi 18th July, 2018) to fill up the **Regular Faculty Positions of Professor(14)/ Associate Professor(32)** and Assistant Professor(64) in the following departments of this university.

Sl. No.	Name of the Department/Subject	Professor [Pay Level-14 as per 7th CPC]					Associate Professor [Pay Level-13 A as per 7th CPC]					Assistant Professor [Pay Level-10 as per 7th CPC]				
		Total No. of Posts	UR	ST	SC	SEBC	Total No. of Posts	UR	ST	SC	SEBC	Total No. of Posts	UR	ST	SC	SEBC
1	Anthropology						1	1				2	1	1		
2	Botany	1	1				2	1	1			4	2	1	1	
3	Chemistry	1	1				2	1	1			4	2	1	1	
4	Commerce	1	1				2	1	1			4	2	1	1	
5	Economics	1			1		2	1	1			4	2	1	1	
6	Education						1			1		2	1	1		
7	English	1	1				2	1	1			4	2	1	1	
8	Geography						1	1				2	1	1		
9	History	1				1	2	1		1		4	2	1	1	
10	Home Science	1	1				2	1	1			4	2	1	1	
11	Mathematics	1	1				2	1	1			4	2	1	1	
12	Odia	1	1				2	1	1			4	2	1	1	
13	Philosophy	1			1		2	1		1		4	2	1	1	
14	Physics	1	1				2	1	1			4	2	1	1	
15	Political Science	1	1				2	1	1			4	2	1	1	
16	Sociology	1	1				2	1	1			4	2	1	1	
17	Statistics						1	1		1		2	1	1		
18	Zoology	1			1		2	1		1		4	2	2		
TOTAL		14	7	3	2	2	32	16	7	5	4	64	32	15	10	7

NB: "Reservation" of Posts @ 33% for Women, 4% for PwD and 1% for the Sports Persons shall be filled up on merit as per the prescribed principles and guidelines of the Govt. of Odisha.

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- The University is governed by the rules and regulations of Govt. of Odisha in respect of the age of superannuation and reservation.
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- All other conditions shall be mutatis mutandis as per the Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha

The filled in application, should be submitted Online in the HIMS portal- on the link <https://himsrecruitment.odisha.gov.in> available from 12.05.2026 onwards, complete in all respect along with supporting documents by 10.06.2026 11:59PM and signed printout of the downloaded application with all the certificates, mark sheets documents should be sent only through Registered/ Speed Post to The Registrar, Vikram Dev University, Jeypore, Dist- Koraput, Odisha, PIN- 764001 so as to reach on or before 20.06.2026 by 5.00 P.M.

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2	ST/ SC/ PwD and Women	1000.00

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Name of the A/c Holder	Registrar, Vikram Dev University, Jeypore

Important Dates

- Opening of online application portal : 12.05.2026 (10:00 AM)
- Closing of online application portal : 10.06.2026 (11:59 PM)
- Closing date of receiving the hard copy of the application 20.06.2026 (05:00PM)

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Closing Date of Online application- 14.06.2026

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