

**20<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

### **Govt announces launch of National Logistics Excellence Awards**

Government on Monday announced the launch of National Logistics Excellence Awards to turn the spotlight on the logistics sector. The Awards will give due recognition to various players involved in the logistics supply chain. The awards are in two categories, the first group includes logistics infrastructure and service providers and second one is for various user industries.

There was wide scale appreciation from user industries for giving the due recognition to various players involved in the logistics supply chain. The awards will highlight best practices including consolidation, process standardisation, technological upgrade, digital transformations, and sustainable practices.

### **Shripad Yesso Naik takes charge as Union Minister of State for Tourism, Ports, Shipping & Waterways**

Shripad Yesso Naik today took charge as Union Minister of State for Tourism, Ports, Shipping and Waterways. Mr Naik expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for entrusting him the responsibility.

### **India emerges as 5th largest foreign exchange reserves holder in World**

India has emerged as the fifth largest foreign exchange reserves holder in the world after China, Japan, Switzerland and Russia. In a written reply in Lok Sabha, the Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said the country's forex reserves stood at around 609 billion Dollars on 25th of last month. He said the country's foreign exchange reserves position is comfortable in terms of import cover of more than 18 months and provides cushion against unforeseen external shocks.

### **Oxygen generation facility inaugurated by Lt Gen Ajai Singh**

An Oxygen generation facility was inaugurated by Lt Gen Ajai Singh, AVSM, Commander-in-Chief, Andaman & Nicobar Command on Monday in presence of Dr. V Chandavelou, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health), A & N Admin, Dr. Omkar Singh, Director (Health), A&N Islands & Sr Offrs of ANC.

Oxygen generation facility will be only captive/in-house facility within a hospital for generation of oxygen at Port Blair. It would ensure continual supply of oxygen to specified beds, thus providing a fillip to fight against the COVID pandemic & enhancing self-sufficiency.