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Logistics Monthly Update

Broader logistics indicators continue to indicate growth for Dec-21; Cargo volume at major ports fell marginally led by iron ore, coking coal; Container volume remains strong; IR freight loading healthy led by coal; E-way bill generation growth healthy; Diesel consumption at 2-year high; Toll collection growth remains strong

Cargo volumes at 12 major ports witnessed marginal decline of 0.61% YoY at 62.9 mn tn during Dec-21; compared to pre-covid month, i.e. Dec-19, volume was up 3.4%.

Container volume at major ports for the month of Dec-21 rose 8% YoY at 15.2 mn tn; growth over pre-covid month stood at 24.1%.

Freight loading at Indian Railways grew 7.2% YoY at 126.8 mn tn during Dec-21. IR container volume reported growth of 8.9% YoY at 6.6 mn tn.

Diesel consumption for Dec-21 at highest level in last 2 years; E-way bill generation growth healthy at 11.6% YoY at 71.6 mn; toll collection growth strong at 59.7% YoY

Cargo volume at major ports reported marginal decline for the second consecutive month during Dec-21

- Cargo volumes at India's 12 major ports fell marginally by 0.61% YoY at 62.9 mn tn during
 the month of Dec-21, compared to a decine of 0.17% registered during Nov-21. On compared
 to pre-covid level, i.e. Dec-19, the volume stood higher by 3.4%.
- The decline in volume was led by Iron Ore (-46.3% YoY, 3.3 mn tn), Coking Coal (-32.8% YoY, 3.6 mn tn) and Finished Fertilizers (-15.4% YoY, 0.6 mn tn), which together contributed ~12% (vs ~20% YoY) to the total volume during the month of Dec-21.
- P.O.L. (+4.5% YoY, 20.3 mn tn), Thermal Coal (+14.2% YoY, 8 mn tn), Other liquids (+2.8% YoY, 2.8 mn tn), Other Misc. Cargo (+14.9% YoY, 8.2 mn tn) reported YoY growth; together contributing ~62% (vs ~57%) to the volume. Container volume was up 8% YoY at 15.2 mn tn.
- The YTD-FY22 (Apr-Dec) volume was up by 10.7% YoY at 529.3 mn tn against 478.0 mn tn during the corresponding period last year. On compared to pre-covid period, volume stood marginally higher by 1%. Within total, Container volume grew 23.9% YoY at 124.5 mn tn.
- For YTD-FY22 (Apr-Dec) Deendayal port accounted for highest share of cargo handled at 18.2% or 96.5 mn tn, followed by Paradip (15.8%, 83.6 mn tn), JNPT (10.6%, 56.1 mn tn), Vishakapatnam (9.6%, 50.9 mn tn) and Mumbai (8.4%, 44.3 mn tn).

IR Freight loading up 7.2% YoY led by increase in Coal, Food Grains

- The freight loading at Indian Railways (IR) grew 7.2% YoY at 126.8 mn tn, mainly due to 16.5% YoY increase in volume for Coal at 59.4 mn tn, which contributed ~47% to the total volume. The volume for Food grains was also up by 10.7% YoY at 6.8 mn tn, while volume of Iron ore (-8.4% YoY, 14 mn tn) and Cement (-3.5% YoY, 11.8 mn tn) registered decline.
- The freight earning recorded a growth of 20.8% YoY at Rs 129 bn during Dec-21.
- IR container volume registered an increase of 8.9% YoY at 6.6 mn tn, led by 23.1% YoY growth in domestic container volume at 1.6 mn tn.
- The YTD-FY22 freight loading at IR continue to record strong growth of 18.4% YoY at 1030.2 mn tn; on compared to pre-covid period, volume was up 15.7%.

Table 1: Cargo Volume at Major Ports - YTD (In Mn Tn)

(In Mn Tn)		Apr-Dec		%Ch	Doc 20	Dec-20 Dec-21	
(III IVIII I III)	FY20	FY21	FY22	YoY	Det-20	Det-21	YoY
KOLKATA	46.7	43.5	42.1	-3.0	5.9	5.1	-13.5
PARADIP	83.6	82.4	83.6	1.4	10.2	9.7	-4.8
VISAKHAPATNAM	53.5	51.9	50.9	-2.0	6.7	5.9	-11.7
KAMARAJAR (ENNORE)	23.4	17.2	28.0	62.8	2.7	3.2	16.4
CHENNAI	35.8	30.5	35.6	16.8	4.7	4.2	-10.1
V.O. CHIDAMBARANAR	26.9	23.6	26.1	10.4	2.4	2.9	19.9
COCHIN	25.0	21.4	25.2	18.0	3.2	3.1	-2.7
NEW MANGALORE	27.6	25.8	27.5	6.5	3.5	3.5	0.6
MORMUGAO	11.8	14.5	13.4	<i>-7.6</i>	2.3	1.4	-37.7
MUMBAI	46.2	38.0	44.3	16.5	4.8	5.5	15.3
JNPT	50.9	44.7	56.1	25.3	6.4	7.0	10.1
DEENDAYAL	92.4	84.4	96.5	14.4	10.5	11.3	7.7
Total	523.8	478.0	529.3	10.7	63.3	62.9	-0.6

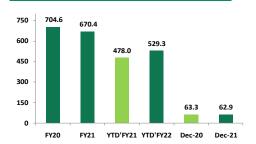
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Key Logistics Indicators (Dec-21)	YoY trend
Cargo volume at major ports	-0.6%
Container volume at major ports	+8.0%
Indian Railway Freight Loading	+7.2%
IR Domestic Container volume	1 +23.1%
IR EXIM Container volume	+5.0%
E-Way Bill generation	1 +11.6%
Diesel consumption	+1.6%
Toll collection	1 +59.7%
*Source: IPA IR GSTN NPCL SMIFS Research	

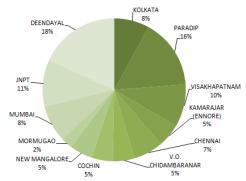
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Fig 1: Cargo Volume at Major Ports (Mn Tn)



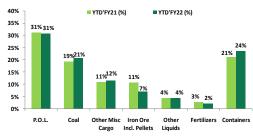
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Fig 2: Port-wise %share of cargo volume (YTD'FY22)



Source: Indian Port Association, SMIFS Research

Fig 3: Commodity-wise %share of cargo volume (YTD'FY22)



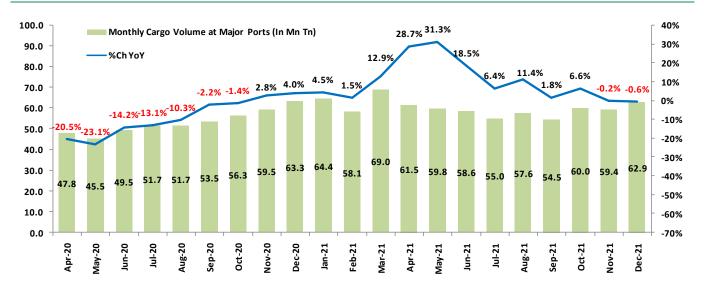
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Fig 4: Cargo Volume at Major Ports (In Mn Tn)



Source: Indian Port Association, SMIFS Research

Table 2: Port-wise, Commodity-wise Cargo Volume at Major Ports for Dec-21 (In Mn Tn)

Port/ Commodities	P.O.L.			Fertilizers		Coal		Containers		Other	
(In Mn Tn)	(Crude, Prod., LPG/LNG)	Other Liquids	Iron Ore Incl. Pellets	FIN.	RAW	Thermal & Steam	Coking & Others	Tonnage	TEUs (Mn Nos)	Misc. Cargo	TOTAL
KOLKATA	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	1.5	0.9	0.1	1.1	5.1
PARADIP	3.3	0.2	1.0	0.1	0.4	2.9	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.8	9.7
VISAKHAPATNAM	1.3	0.2	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.3	0.8	0.0	1.1	5.9
KAMARAJAR(ENNORE)	0.4	0.0	-	-	-	1.4	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.3	3.2
CHENNAI	0.9	0.1	-	-	0.1	-	-	2.7	0.1	0.5	4.2
V.O.CHIDAMBARANAR	0.0	0.1	-	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.4	1.3	0.1	0.2	2.9
COCHIN	1.9	0.0	-	-	0.0	-	-	0.9	0.1	0.1	3.1
NEW MANGALORE	2.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	-	0.2	-	0.2	0.0	0.2	3.5
MORMUGAO	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.4
MUMBAI	3.5	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.7	5.5
J.N.P.T.	0.2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.5	0.1	7.0
DEENDAYAL	5.3	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.0	2.3	11.3
ALL PORTS	20.3	2.8	3.3	0.6	0.9	8.0	3.6	15.2	1.0	8.2	62.9

Source: Indian Port Association, SMIFS Research

Table 3: Port-wise, Commodity-wise Cargo Volume for YTD'FY22 (In Mn Tn)

Port/ Commodities	P.O.L.	June 0 11		Fertilizers		Co	al	Contai	ners	Other	
(In Mn Tn)	(Crude, Prod., LPG/LNG)	Other Liquids	Iron Ore Incl. Pellets	FIN.	RAW	Thermal & Steam	Coking & Others	Tonnage	TEUs (Mn Nos)	Misc. Cargo	TOTAL
KOLKATA	7.5	4.3	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.1	10.9	8.9	0.6	8.8	42.1
PARADIP	25.6	1.5	14.5	0.3	3.6	20.9	10.6	0.1	0.0	6.5	83.6
VISAKHAPATNAM	10.4	1.5	10.8	0.9	1.2	6.9	3.6	6.5	0.4	9.2	50.9
KAMARAJAR(ENNORE)	3.6	0.1	-	-	-	13.8	1.5	6.8	0.4	2.1	28.0
CHENNAI	8.1	0.8	-	-	0.2	-	0.0	23.3	1.2	3.2	35.6
V.O.CHIDAMBARANAR	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.6	5.8	3.9	11.7	0.6	2.9	26.1
COCHIN	16.0	0.4	-	-	0.2	-	-	7.7	0.6	1.0	25.2
NEW MANGALORE	16.6	1.8	2.8	0.2	0.1	2.6	0.4	1.8	0.1	1.2	27.5
MORMUGAO	0.4	0.1	2.5	0.0	-	1.4	5.5	0.2	0.0	3.3	13.4
MUMBAI	27.2	1.2	5.0	0.3	0.1	4.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	5.8	44.3
J.N.P.T.	2.4	2.1	-	-	-	-	-	51.0	4.2	0.6	56.1
DEENDAYAL	44.6	8.3	0.6	2.8	0.2	16.2	0.5	6.4	0.4	16.8	96.5
ALL PORTS	162.5	22.8	37.2	5.1	6.6	72.1	37.1	124.5	8.3	61.4	529.3

Source: Indian Port Association, SMIFS Research



Table 4: Volume at Major Ports - Commodity-wise (In Mn Tn)

(In Mn Tn)		Y	ſD	%Ch	YTD	%Ch	Dec 20	Dec 21	%Ch
(in win in)	(in win 1n)		FY21	YoY	FY22	YoY	Dec-20	Dec-21	YoY
P.O.L. (Crude,	Prod., LPG/LNG)	178.0	148.3	-16.7	162.5	9.6	19.5	20.3	4.5
Other Liquids		22.3	20.7	-7.2	22.8	10.4	2.7	2.8	2.8
Iron Ore Incl.	Pellets	39.4	50.7	28.7	37.2	-26.6	6.2	3.3	-46.3
Fautiliana	Finished	7.7	8.1	5.4	5.1	-36.7	0.8	0.6	-15.4
Fertilizers	Raw	4.9	5.6	13.0	6.6	17.6	0.7	0.9	34.6
Coal	Thermal & Steam	66.0	55.2	-16.3	72.1	30.6	7.0	8.0	14.2
Coai	Coking & Others	42.1	37.0	-12.1	37.1	0.4	5.4	3.6	-32.8
Containers	Tonnage	110.2	100.5	-8.8	124.5	23.9	14.1	15.2	8.0
Containers	TEUs	7.5	6.7	-11.0	8.3	24.4	0.9	1.0	9.0
Other Misc. Cargo		53.3	52.0	-2.5	61.4	18.0	7.1	8.2	14.9
TOTAL		523.8	478.0	-8.7	529.3	10.7	63.3	62.9	-0.6

Source: Indian Port Association, SMIFS Research

Table 5: Indian Railway Freight Data (In Mn Tn)

In Mn Tn	Dec-20	Nov-21	Dec-21	% YoY	% MoM
Freight Loading (In Mn Tn)	118.3	116.8	126.8	7.2	8.5
Freight Earning (Rs Bn)	118	122	129	9.4	5.8
Freight/ Mn Tn (Rs Mn)	998	1,044	1,019	2.1	-2.5
Break-up: (In Mn Tn)					
Coal	51.0	56.2	59.4	16.5	5.7
RM for steel plants (ex. Ore)	2.3	2.6	2.6	9.4	-2.3
Pig Iron & Finished Steel	5.8	5.5	5.7	-2.1	3.3
Iron Ore	15.3	13.0	14.0	-8.4	7.7
Cement	12.2	9.5	11.8	-3.5	24.4
Food grains	6.2	6.1	6.8	10.7	11.5
Fertilizers	5.2	4.5	4.8	-8.4	6.0
Mineral Oil	4.3	4.0	4.2	-2.1	5.8
Balance other goods	9.9	9.5	10.9	10.3	15.3
Container services (Domestic+EXIM)	6.1	5.9	6.6	8.9	11.5
-Domestic Containers	1.3	1.4	1.6	23.1	11.9
-EXIM Containers	4.8	4.5	5.0	5.0	11.4

YTD'FY21	YTD'FY22	% YoY
870.5	1030.2	18.4
831	1,040	25.2
955	1,010	5.8
381.5	473.9	24.2
17.3	21.6	24.9
41.5	50.4	21.5
111.3	123.9	11.3
80.4	97.7	21.4
50.5	53.1	5.2
43.5	37.6	-13.5
31.5	33.4	6.2
68.4	84.2	23.0
44.5	54.4	22.2
8.33	12.3	47.4
36.16	42.1	16.4

Source: Indian Railways, SMIFS Research

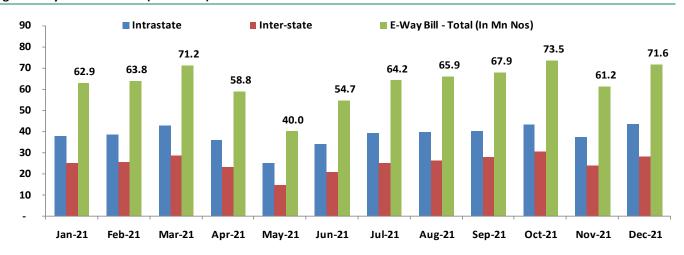
Table 6: Indian Railway Freight Volume Trend (%YoY)

Commodities	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
Coal	52.0	48.5	28.1	24.0	18.6	10.6	16.7	14.8	16.5
RM for steel plants (ex. Ore)	78.2	46.3	44.7	48.1	26.9	4.5	3.1	8.3	9.4
Pig Iron & Finished Steel	155.0	45.9	26.1	10.5	16.1	12.7	12.3	5.5	-2.1
Iron Ore	88.8	68.5	27.2	14.2	7.5	-17.5	-12.7	-6.5	-8.4
Cement	1,291.9	15.0	3.4	26.5	38.6	4.6	8.0	-14.8	-3.5
Food grains	-44.1	14.8	9.1	7.5	10.3	2.4	25.4	19.8	10.7
Fertilizers	-8.4	-3.4	2.8	-6.3	-21.1	-22.3	-29.4	-16.9	-8.4
Mineral Oil	57.5	-3.4	-0.8	5.8	12.1	2.8	2.3	0.8	-2.1
Balance other goods	182.1	35.3	3.7	10.4	30.3	7.7	15.3	10.5	10.3
Container services (Domestic+EXIM)	35.5	38.6	46.2	27.5	23.7	9.8	12.2	9.6	8.9

Source: Indian Railways, SMIFS Research

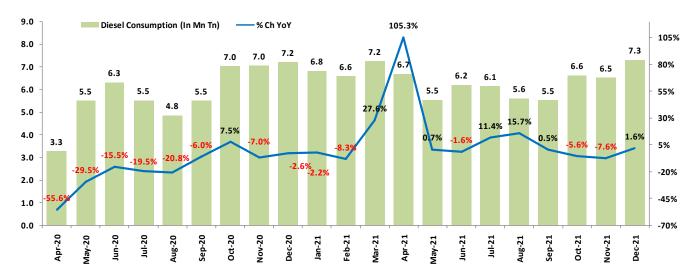


Fig 5: E-way Bill Generation (In Mn Nos)



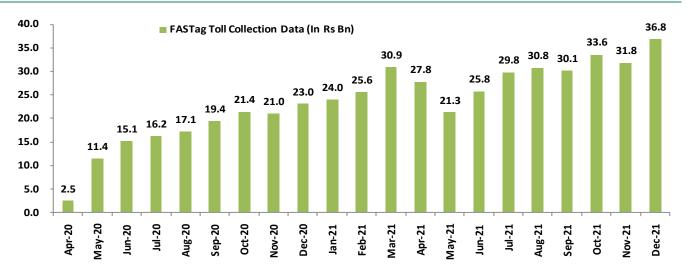
Source: GSTN, SMIFS Research

Fig 6: Diesel Consumption (In Mn Tn)



Source: PPAC, SMIFS Research

Fig 7: FASTag Toll Collection (In Rs Bn)



Source: NPCI, SMIFS Research



Table 7: Logistics Valuation Matrix

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No.	Company Name	(Rs)	(Rs Bn)	(x)	(x)	, (x)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(%)
1	Adani Ports and SEZ	761	1,553.9	106.2	7.0	35.4	0.7	9.3	10.0	1.6	63.83
2	Container Corporation Of India	644	392.2	50.7	3.7	21.2	0.8	5.0	7.0	na	54.80
3	Blue Dart Express Ltd.	6,959	165.1	54.7	21.7	25.1	0.2	15.3	22.0	0.2	75.00
4	Allcargo Logistics Ltd.	377	92.7	25.8	4.9	19.2	0.5	12.4	11.0	0.4	69.95
5	TCI Express Ltd.	2,150	82.8	61.8	17.0	44.3	0.2	26.2	34.2	0.0	66.70
6	Aegis Logistics Ltd.	214	75.2	31.2	5.7	22.2	0.9	14.9	13.8	0.3	58.07
7	Transport Corporation Of India	819	63.3	30.2	5.3	17.4	0.3	13.4	13.5	0.2	66.54
8	Shipping Corporation Of India	135	63.1	11.6	0.8	6.6	0.2	8.1	5.6	0.5	63.75
9	Mahindra Logistics	695	50.0	132.8	8.9	26.6	0.4	4.4	9.0	na	58.25
10	Great Eastern Shipping	311	45.6	6.3	0.7	4.3	2.9	18.5	14.0	0.6	29.21
11	VRL Logistics	494	43.7	36.3	7.2	12.6	0.8	7.4	13.3	0.2	69.59
12	GATI	193	23.7	na	3.7	576.5	na	na	na	0.0	51.93
13	Snowman Logistics	42	7.0	336.3	1.7	10.6	na	0.0	4.0	0.2	40.25
14	Navkar Corporation	46	6.9	14.8	0.4	6.2	na	0.9	3.9	0.3	69.03

Source: ACE Equity, SMIFS Research *CMP as on 11-Jan-21 end. Valuation based on TTM financials. Balance sheet data like ROE, ROCE and D/E based on FY21 financials.

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