

Direct Port Delivery share rises to 38% at JNPT



Shri Neeraj Bansal, Chairman -in-charge at Infrastructure Development in Maharashtra :Vision 2025

- Uber-like model to assist EXIM trade
- Dry Ports to connect hinterlands

**Mumbai, March 27, 2018:** Direct Port Delivery (DPD) is gaining more and more popularity with EXIM trade at JNPT and its share in the traffic has gone up to 38 per cent, according to Shri Neeraj Bansal, Chairman-in-Charge JNPT who was one of the panellists at an interactive meeting on “Infrastructure Development in Maharashtra: Vision 2025” organised by All India Association of industries (AIAI) in Mumbai.

Addressing the summit, Shri Bansal observed, “In the last 4 years JNPT’s biggest achievement has been solving the congestion problem, which was a perennial problem that Port faced since 2008.

JNPT introduced series of initiatives like Inter Terminal Movement of TTs, Dedicated Parking areas, monitoring of traffic, shifting of traffic from peak hours to non-peak hours for reduction in congestion in and around Port area. The path breaking initiatives of Direct Port Delivery(DPD) and Direct Port Entry(DPE) have started showing results helping in not only reducing transaction cost and time but increasing the overall efficiency of the Port.

The EXIM Trade has whole-heartedly accepted the DPD system and the share of DPD in import cargo clearance has already gone up to 38 per cent, Shri Bansal added. More than 1600 clients have accepted DPD mode under which the cargo is transported directly from the port to the factory gate instead of detained at Container Freight Stations (CFSs). To further create more value for the trade JNPT will implement an Uber-like transport model from May 1<sup>st</sup> which would be transparent logistic solution for providing end-to-end solution.

With a view to aggregate cargo from hinterlands, JNPT is setting up 4 dry ports in Nagpur, Jalna, Sangli and Nashik in Maharashtra which will also actively assist SMEs in promoting their business. The government of India is focussed on harnessing the vast coastal line in the country to boost trade and port-led growth is the accepted growth model in many parts of the world, Shri Bansal stated.



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