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India's First Port of Refuge Operationalised by Adani Ports

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Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) has operationalised India's first Port of Refuge (PoR) to strengthen maritime safety and emergency response infrastructure.

A Port of Refuge is a designated location where ships in distress can seek shelter to stabilise conditions, protect human life, and reduce environmental damage.

The initiative fills a long-standing gap in India's maritime safety system, aligning the country with global maritime practices.

Key Features of the Initiative

Establishment of a structured mechanism for maritime emergencies

Supported by a tripartite MoU with:

SMIT Salvage

Royal Boskalis Westminster

Maritime Emergency Response Centre

Provides:

Salvage & wreck removal

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Firefighting support

Pollution control

Emergency coordination

Strategic Locations

Dighi Port (West Coast)

Covers Arabian Sea & Persian Gulf routes

Gopalpur Port (East Coast)

Covers Bay of Bengal & Malacca Strait routes

Background & Context

India has:

11,000+ km coastline

Strategic location on major global shipping routes

Despite this, India earlier lacked a formal Port of Refuge system, unlike major maritime nations.

Importance & Significance

Strengthens maritime safety ecosystem

Helps in:

Preventing oil spills and marine disasters

Protecting coastal environment

Enhances India's role in:

Global shipping & trade corridors

Supports Blue Economy & coastal security

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Defines Port of Refuge concept

UN specialised agency for maritime safety

Formation: 17 March 1948

Headquarters: London, United Kingdom

Head: Arsenio Dominguez

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