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# NEWS VALUES

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## News Values Included:

### Impact

This story has a **high impact**, as it discusses the potential causes of a **major aircraft crash** (Air India Flight AI 171). It affects not only the **aviation industry**, but also **public confidence in air safety** and regulatory mechanisms. The mention of Boeing 787-8 and FAA advisories implies a **global impact** beyond India.

### Timeliness

The issue is current, with reference to recent actions like:

- The FAA's Continued Airworthiness Notification on July 11
- Ongoing investigations by the AAIB

This gives the story relevance in the present moment.

### Prominence

The article involves **prominent institutions**:

- **Air India**
- **FAA (US Federal Aviation Administration)**
- **Boeing**
- **AAIB (Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau)**

These increase the newsworthiness due to their authority and recognition.

### Novelty

The focus on electrical/software faults and the fuel switch lock issue adds a novel angle to a traditional air crash story, especially as previous potential causes are ruled out.

# Vizhinjam port to bring forward expansion plan to Sept; will invest ₹10,000 crore

**TE Raja Simhan**  
Vizhinjam

The Adani Group-run Vizhinjam International Deepwater Multi-purpose Seaport, the country's first dedicated container trans-shipment port, has achieved full capacity utilisation of 1.2 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) handling over a lakh container a month, in its first year of operations.

There is now an urgency to expand the infrastructure with a planned investment of around ₹10,000 crore, a company spokesperson said.

"We never expected to reach 8.5 lakh TEUs in 10 months. We thought it would be half of it. But looking at the success of Phase I, why wait till 2045 for the second phase. We are advancing the next phase of expansion so that the extended terminal will be ready by 2028," the



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spokesperson added.

In May 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the terminal. In July, the first ship berthed at the 800-metre container terminal for trials and commercial operations started only in December. In the last one year, the terminal handled over 380 container ships, including *MSC Irina*, world's largest container ship, in June this year, he said.

The terminal will start handling Exim cargo in three months, and this is especially

useful for industrial clusters like that for textiles in Tiruppur in Tamil Nadu, that can use Vizhinjam instead of global transshipment hubs like Colombo, Jebel Ali or Singapore, the spokesperson said.

"We are building connectivity to NH 66. Once this is ready, the Exim cargo will be handled," he said. Around 2,000 trucks a day are likely to be handled," he said. Already, companies like Volvo (spare parts), IKEA and Marks & Spencer have instituted en-

quiries on moving boxes through the port, he added. Nearly 25 per cent of the cargo could be Exim cargo.

## EXPANSION PLAN

The planned expansion of the port will involve extension of the existing berth by 1.2 km from the existing 800 meters, extension of breakwater by 920 m, construction of a 1.2-km multi-purpose berth, bunkering facilities, enhanced warehousing, and inland connectivity upgrades. The number of cranes will be increased to 90, including ship-to-shore cranes, from the present 32. Once the berth (in a single line) is expanded to 2 km, it can handle five large vessels at a time up from two now, said the spokesperson, adding that the work will start in September.

The reporter was in Vizhinjam at the company's invitation

## News Values Included:

### **Impact**

The expansion of Vizhinjam port and a ₹10,000 crore investment will significantly affect trade, logistics, and infrastructure development in India.

### **Timeliness**

The news is relevant because the expansion work will start as early as September and is planned earlier than expected.

### **Prominence**

The involvement of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a high-profile leader, adds prominence to the story.



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# June retail inflation print, too, seen under May's 2.8%

**KEENLY WATCHING.** Govt to formally release CPI data today; RBI may pause on rate cut

**Our Bureau**  
New Delhi

Retail inflation, based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), is likely to have dipped further below 2.8 per cent in June. If this assessment is accurate, it would be the second consecutive month of the print coming in under 3 per cent. It would also be the fifth successive month of retail inflation remaining below the RBI median rate of 4 per cent.

However, this might not prompt the Monetary Policy Committee to go for another rate cut in August.

The government will formally release the inflation data on Monday.

## 75-MONTH LOW

The retail inflation rate was 2.82 per cent in May, which was a 75-month low. This is expected to dip further, mainly on account of easing food prices as supplies from a robust spring harvest reached markets. Although some vegetable prices are showing an upward trend on



**EASING PRICES.** The retail inflation rate is expected to dip further, mainly on account of ease in food prices.

account of an uneven monsoon, prices of cereals are down, and that is likely to have eased overall food inflation.

The year-on-year inflation rate based on All India Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) in May was 0.99 per cent, showing a sharp decline of 79 basis points over April. Food inflation in May was the lowest since October 2021.

The predicted drop marks the longest stretch in nearly six years that inflation has stayed below the Reserve Bank of India's medium-term target of 4 per cent. The expected moderation, marking the longest disinflationary streak in India in at least a

decade, was largely due to a high base as vegetable prices had surged nearly 30 per cent during the same period last year. The situation has clearly changed now.

According to Crisil's monthly indicator of food plate cost, tomato prices fell 24 per cent year-on-year to ₹32/kg in June from ₹42/kg in June last year, driven by a high base effect linked to lower yields last year. Prices of potato and onion declined 20 per cent and 27 per cent year-on-year, respectively, on a high base. However, despite a reduction in the basic Customs duty on crude edible oils, vegetable oil prices surged 19 per cent year-on-

year as lower costs have not yet been fully passed on to customers.

## RBI'S FORECAST

Earlier this month, a report by Bank of Baroda expected the CPI in April-June to undershoot RBI's 2.9 per cent forecast, as June 25 high-frequency price data is also comforting.

However, close monitoring is required, especially on the evolution of TOP (Tomato, Onion and Potato) trajectory, as some build-up in prices, albeit at a crawling level, is witnessed. "For core inflation) we expect some stickiness supported by frontloading of demand with the RBI's jumbo rate cut and ample liquidity support. Overall, we expect for the inflation this year to remain conducive if the monsoon plays out well," it said.

Core inflation is likely to have moved up a bit in June to 4.5 per cent from 4.2 per cent in May, mainly on account of a rise in prices of gold and some other items. This also gives an idea about steady demand.

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## News Value included:

### Timeliness

- The article talks about June inflation data that is expected to be released **soon (formally on Monday)**. It is **current and relevant**, as inflation impacts daily life and economic policy decisions.

### Impact

- The fall in inflation affects **millions of consumers**, especially in terms of **food prices**, which is a daily necessity. The article explains how this dip could influence **RBI's decision on interest rates**, affecting loans, savings, and the broader economy.

### Proximity (Economic Relevance to Indian Public)

- The news is highly relevant to the **Indian audience**, focusing on Indian CPI, RBI, food price trends, and monsoon impact.

### Conflict

- There's a conflict in expectations: while inflation is easing, the RBI may still pause rate cuts due to incomplete transmission of benefits to customers, showing policy tension.



# RE Ministry to issue new norms on domestic sourcing for wind sector

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Mumbai

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy will issue a new, revised list of models and manufacturers (RLMM) norms soon following the public consultation it sought in April.

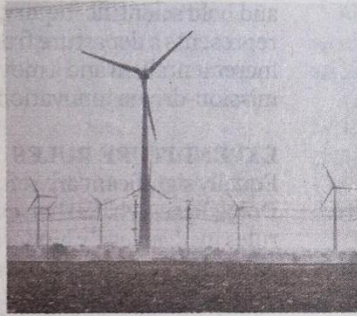
The Ministry had proposed mandatory domestic sourcing of rotor blades, towers, gearboxes and generators for all wind turbine models.

Aditya Pyasi, CEO, Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association, said the MNRE had issued a progressive RLMM draft notification that will lead to the execution of recommendations made in the NITI Aayog report on wind manufacturing more than a year ago.

With 65 per cent localisation already achieved and the capacity to scale up to 85 per cent, this policy can unlock India's global manufacturing potential, he said.

However, timely and effective implementation is imperative to safeguard the jobs in the wind manufacturing industry, he added.

The industry is concerned that



This policy can unlock India's global manufacturing potential

any significant exemptions on domestic sourcing for large ongoing projects will undermine the localisation goals, said the CEO of a leading gearbox manufacturing company for wind projects.

## PROJECT TARGET

Once exemptions are announced, about 30 GW of wind projects currently under execution will be exempt from the mandatory domestic sourcing requirements, he added.

Requirements of rotor blades, towers, gearboxes and generators for ongoing projects will be met through imports and shift about ₹2-lakh crore worth of economic activity overseas, he said.

India has built substantial wind manufacturing infrastructure over three decades, with over 30 GW of blade capacity, 29 GW in gearboxes, 17 GW in generators and over 20 GW in towers.

However, the capacity utilisation of these units is only 25 per cent, said industry sources.

The proposed dilution of domestic sourcing will further threaten the viability of manufacturing these infrastructure idle, risking widespread job losses, MSME bankruptcies and long-term investor hesitation, he added.

With about 30 GW of wind projects currently under execution, allowing imports under diluted norms could result in India losing about ₹1 lakh crore in local manufacturing value over the next 3-5 years.

With the final notification expected soon, the industry believes that India cannot afford half-measures when global manufacturers are racing ahead with scale, speed and clarity.

The wind sector's readiness, combined with India's manufacturing capabilities, positions the country to achieve its 100 GW wind target by 2030.

NLC India 'in advanced talks' to source

## News Values Included:

### **Timeliness**

- The news is current, discussing an upcoming revised RLMM (Revised List of Models and Manufacturers) notification.

### **Proximity**

- The issue is national, directly affecting India's renewable energy policy, domestic manufacturers, and the economic landscape.

### **Novelty**

Talks about India's ambition to achieve 100 GW of wind energy by 2030, and the effort to push 85% localization, which represents new and forward-looking developments.



# Tibet-related issues a 'thorn' in ties, says China, ahead of Jaishankar's visit

**Press Trust of India**  
NEW DELHI

Tibet-related issues, including reincarnation of the Dalai Lama, are a "thorn" in India-China bilateral relations and they have become a "burden" for New Delhi, the Chinese embassy said on Sunday. The remarks came ahead of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's visit to China to attend a conclave of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) on July 14 and 15.

It would be Jaishankar's first visit to China after the ties between the two countries came under severe

strain following the 2020 military standoff along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh.

In the last few months, India and China have initiated a number of measures to repair the bilateral ties after completing the disengagement of troops from the last of the two face-off sites in October last year.

Earlier this month, the Dalai Lama asserted that a trust of Tibetan Buddhists will have the sole authority to recognise his future reincarnation. China reacted angrily to his remarks and said his reincarnation should be approved by the

Chinese government.

In a social media post on Sunday, Chinese embassy spokesperson Yu Jing said that members of the strategic and academic communities, including former officials, had made "improper remarks" regarding the reincarnation of the Dalai Lama "contrary" to Indian government's public stance.

"They should be fully cognizant of the sensitivity of issues related to Xizang, and that the reincarnation and succession of the Dalai Lama is inherently an internal affair of China, brooking no interference of any external forces," the

spokesperson said.

China refers to Tibet as 'Xizang'. "In reality, Xizang-related issue is a thorn in China-India relations and has become a burden for India. Playing the 'Xizang card' will definitely end up shooting oneself in the foot," the Chinese embassy spokesperson said.

In China, Jaishankar is expected to hold bilateral talks with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on the sidelines of the SCO conclave.

China is the current chair of the SCO and it is hosting the meetings of the grouping in that capacity.

## News Values Included:

### Conflict

The primary news value here is conflict, as the story highlights ongoing diplomatic tensions between India and China over the issue of Tibet and the Dalai Lama's reincarnation.

### Timeliness

The news is timely as it comes ahead of External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's visit to China for the SCO meeting on July 14 and 15, making it relevant and current.

### Proximity

The story is significant to Indian readers due to its direct impact on India-China relations, involving Indian leadership and diplomatic interests.