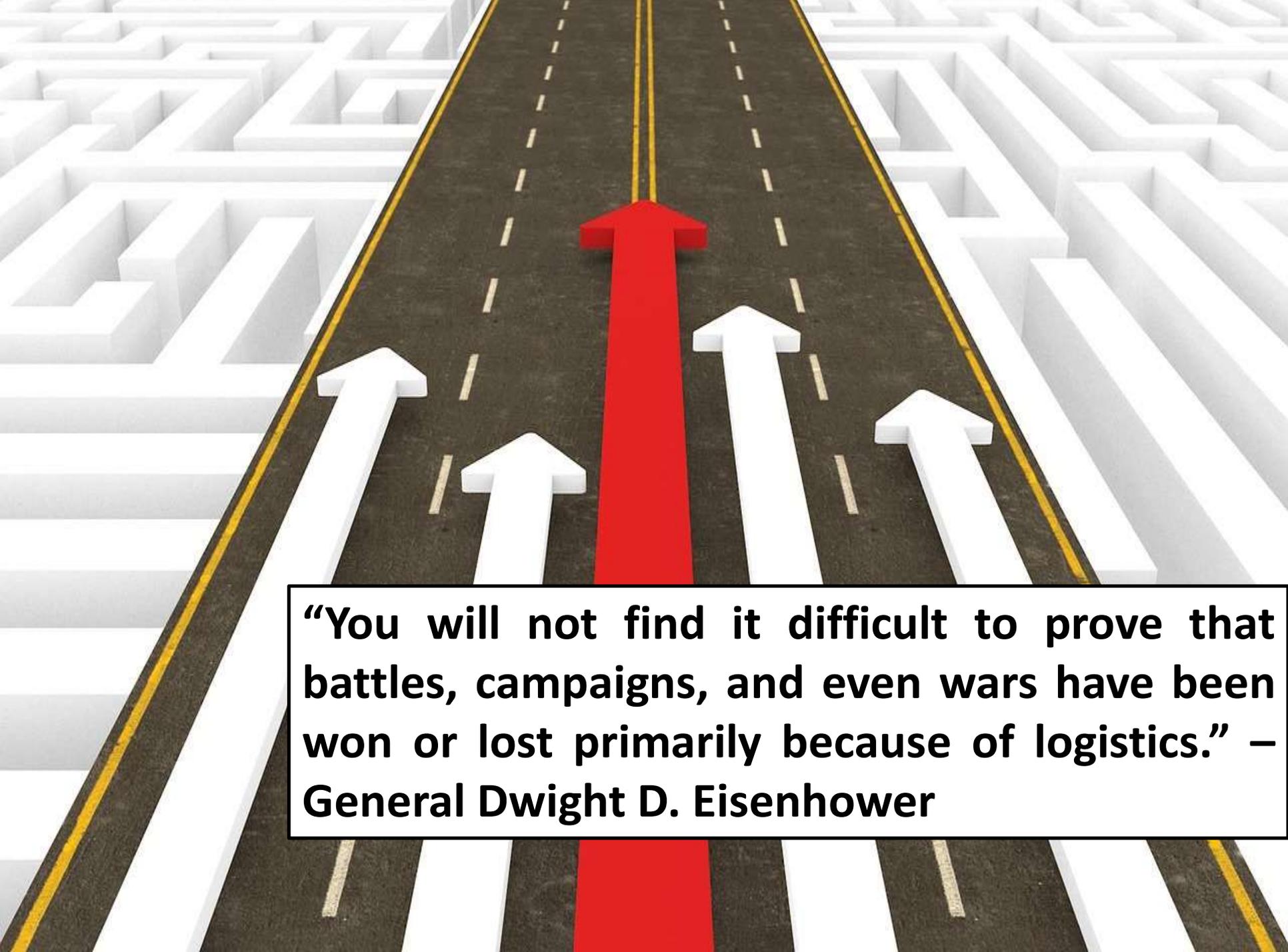


The background of the entire page is a photograph of a harbor at sunset. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, with a bright sun low on the horizon. The sun's light reflects as a shimmering path on the water in the foreground. In the middle ground, the silhouettes of several large cranes are visible against the bright sky. The cranes are of various types, including tower cranes and gantry cranes, and their long jibs extend across the frame.

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# LOGISTICS INDUSTRY NEWS

**NO DEMURRAGE, WHARFAGE, STACKING, STABLING, DETENTION, GROUND USAGE CHARGES TILL MAY 3: INDIAN RAILWAYS**



Indian Railways has announced that it will not charge any demurrage, wharfage, stacking, stabling, detention and ground usage charges till May 3 for those using its freight services in view of the extension of the lockdown period. These charges were previously waived off till April 14.

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## COVID-19 FALLOUT: TRUCK MOVEMENTS YET TO NORMALISE



Manpower shortage apart, fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) companies are battling supply chain glitches following the Market sources, including FMCG majors, point out that vehicular movement “still” remains affected, severely impacting supplies, both at the manufacturing and retail ends. Goods vehicles / carriers remain stuck along state borders or on highways Covid-19-induced lockdown in India.

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## CORONAVIRUS IMPACT: SHIPS STUCK AT PORTS DUE TO SHORTAGE OF WORKERS, TRUCKS



The movement of ships at Indian ports is almost halted because of the lockdown and quarantine measures taken by the government to control coronavirus pandemic. “There are scary views of ships waiting at the mid-sea for days at the Mumbai, Gujarat and the west coasts because of the manpower shortage and logistics problems at the ports,” said a senior executive of a shipping line.

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**COVID-19: NO SAFETY COMPROMISE IN CARGO HANDLING AT PORTS: OFFICIAL**

Strictly adhering to precautions to prevent any further spread of COVID-19 while handling cargo at India's ports, the government has not issued shore passes to more than 50,000 crew and passengers, an official said. Maintaining smooth operations across its ports and initiating several steps, including waiving rentals, ports have done thermal scanning of over 50,000 crew and passengers post January 27.

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## **EXEMPTION / REMISSION OF PORT CHARGES**

Due to COVID 19 pandemic and lockdown measures in several countries, the logistics chain has been severely disrupted and associated production and consumption centers have been effected. The logistics chains are going through an unusual and massive shock from the disruption on supply side as well as the demand side. The logistics chain related business including traders, importers, exporters, port operations, shipping lines, transporters are facing huge challenge in maintaining their business due to lower trade volume as well as cash flow issues. Therefore, Ministry of Shipping issued order exemption / remission of Port Charges.

## **COVID-19 IMPACT: PORT CONGESTION ADDS TO EXPORTERS' WOES**

Import containers have piled up at ports as manufacturing of non-essential goods is yet to pick up under the lockdown, prompting some ports to shut export gates. India's exports shrank almost 35% in March, the biggest contraction in almost a decade, reflecting the global slowdown made worse by the Covid-19 pandemic.

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## GOVT FALLS BACK ON FREIGHT STATIONS TO DE-CONGEST PORTS DURING LOCKDOWN



From being a favorite whipping boy some three years ago, blamed for India's high logistics costs, container freight station (CFS) operators have suddenly become a messiah for the government, by helping ports from getting choked as importers fail to clear cargo for reasons that can be attributed to the lockdown.

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## LOCKDOWN: 75K INTER-STATE TRUCKS ADDED TO RUNNING FLEET IN A DAY



As many as 2.25 lakh national-permit trucks plied on Indian roads on April 21st, up from 1.5 lakh on the previous day and 1.2 lakh a week ago, in what indicates a steady improvement in inter-state commerce. However, only 15% of the national-permit vehicles are on the roads even now and it would be a long road ahead before the plying rate returns to over 10 lakh vehicles.

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## **RECOVERY FOR INDIAN AIR CARGO FROM COVID-19 WILL BE U-SHAPED AND NOT V**

As expressed in a recent virtual conference, the Indian air cargo industry stakeholders seem to believe that the recovery and normalization of the movement of freight through the air will not be V-shaped instead it will go for a U-shaped route and will take much more time as the domestic industry sectors are affected into its core.

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# **JEENA NEWS**

## **JCL BECOMES THE OFFICIAL LOGISTICS PARTNER TO ICMR & NIV**

During these times of global pandemic, Jeena Criticare Logistics Pvt. Ltd., the healthcare arm of Jeena is the official logistics partner to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and National Institute of Virology (NIV) for handling the shipment of COVID-19 test kits across India.



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### COVID 19 PANDEMIC IMPACT: EXPORTS COLLAPSE BY 35% IN MARCH, MORE PAINS IN SIGHT

Merchandise exports crashed by almost 35% year-on-year in March to \$21.4 billion, the sharpest monthly decline in at least three decades since liberalization, and imports plunged by 28.7%, as the COVID-19 outbreak and a consequent lockdown since March 24 wrought havoc on external

trade. Trade deficit narrowed to a 13-month low of \$9.75 billion in March.

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## **GOVT'S DECISION TO ALLOW OPENING OF MANUFACTURING UNITS IN RURAL AREAS WILL HELP EXPORT SECTOR: FIEO**

Exporters body FIEO on Wednesday said the government's decision to resume factory operations in rural areas would help in opening of about 80-85 per cent of the manufacturing gradually and augmenting supply which will bring exports back on track.

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