

International Association of Ports and Harbours

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About International Association of Ports and Harbours:

- It is a **non-governmental organization** (NGO) established in November 1955.
- It has been developed into a global alliance of ports, representing today some 185 ports and 160 port-related businesses in 88 countries as of 31 August 2024.
- The member ports together handle well over 60% of the world's sea-borne trade and over 60% of the world's container traffic.
- It aims to be the **global trade association** of choice **for port** authorities and operators, representing their interests at regulatory level at the International Maritime Organization, the World Customs Organization, the International Standards Organization and other global alliances.
- **Headquarter:** Tokyo, Japan.

Initiative of Mormugao Port Authority

- The port's **incentive program, 'Harit Shrey,'** launched in October 2023, offers discounts on port charges based on **Environment Ship Index** (ESI) scores, rewarding ships with higher environmental performance.
- Since the introduction of the **"Harit Shrey scheme,"** many ships have benefited from the incentives aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- This initiative supports the broader goal of achieving **long-term emission reductions** in maritime operations.

What is the Environment Ship Index?

- It identifies **seagoing ships** that perform **better in reducing air emissions** than required by the current emission standards of the International Maritime Organization, the Environmental Ship Index.
 - It evaluates the amount of **nitrogen oxide** (NOX), **sulphur oxide** (SOX) that is released by a ship and includes a reporting scheme on the greenhouse gas emission of the ship.
 - The ESI is a good indication of the environmental performance of ocean-going vessels and will assist in identifying cleaner ships in a general way.
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Q1: What is a Dry Port?

A dry port is a port that is away from the sea. It is more inland and connected to a seaport with either a paved road or railway. Dry ports are terminals where cargo brought over on ships is transshipped.

News: Mormugao Port Authority recognized globally as an incentive provider on the Environmental Ship Index (ESI) platform

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