

Mobile X-Ray Container Scanning System: Paradip Port

Why in News

Recently, a **Mobile X-Ray Container Scanning System (MXCS)** has been installed by **Paradip Port** near the PICT (Paradeep International Cargo Terminal) Terminal.

Key Points

About:

- It has been installed under the <u>Ease of Doing Business</u> (**EoDB**) **initiative** for the purpose of **reducing physical examination and dwell time of containers at the Port.**
- It will facilitate **movement of unshredded metallic scrap** materials in containers through the Port to meet the long standing requirement of hinterland Industries.

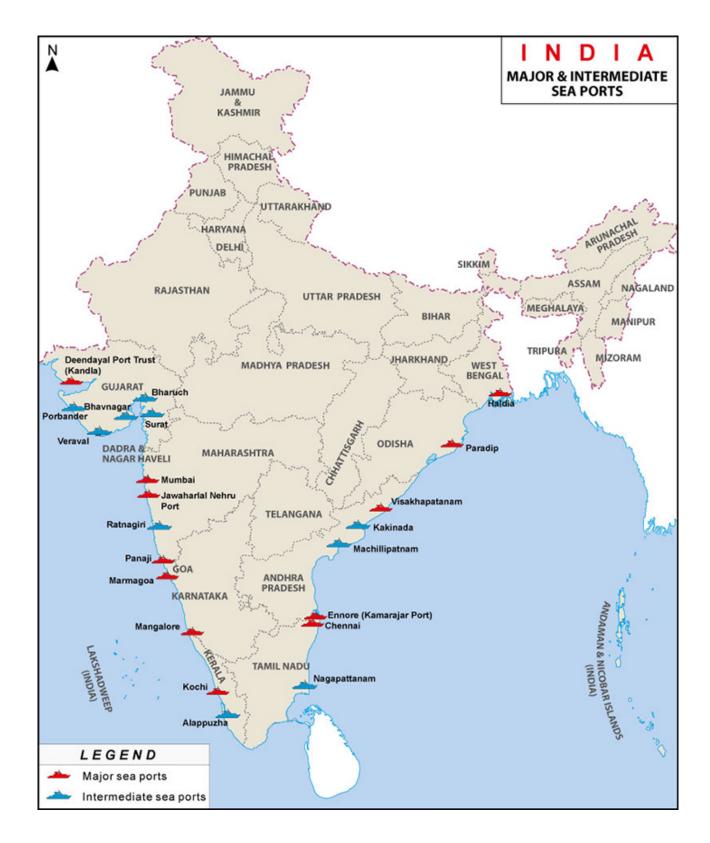
Significance:

 It is expected to boost the container volume at Paradip Port and will reduce the logistic cost and help the EXIM (Export-Import) trade.

Paradip Port:

- It is a **natural**, **deep-water port on the East coast of India**, situated at the confluence of the **Mahanadi river** and the Bay of Bengal, in Odisha.
 - Located 210 nautical miles south of Kolkata and 260 nautical miles north of Visakhapatnam.
- It is administered by the **Paradip Port Trust (PPT)**, administering under the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 functioning under the **Ministry of Ports**, **Shipping and Waterways**.
 - PPT was commissioned in 1966 as a **mono commodity port for export of iron** ore.

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