



## India Gains Sittwe Port Access

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Recently, the **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** has approved a proposal for **India Ports Global Ltd (IPGL)** to take over the operations of the entire **Sittwe port** located on the **Kaladan River, Myanmar**. It will be **India's 2<sup>nd</sup> overseas port** after **Chabahar Port**.

- **IPGL** is a company **100% owned** by the **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways**.

### **Sittwe Port:**

- The Sittwe Port, located in the **Rakhine State of Myanmar**, is a crucial component of the **Kaladan multi-modal transit transport project**.
- The **deep-water port** offers a significant connectivity advantage for cargo to reach from **Vizag and Kolkata to the Northeastern states**, bypassing Bangladesh.
- It will also **reduce dependency** on the **Siliguri Corridor (or the chicken's neck)** squeezed between Bhutan and **Bangladesh**.
- **India's operational control over these 2 overseas ports, Chabahar and Sittwe**, will strengthen India's maritime influence to counter **China's String of Pearls policy** with ports like **Hambantota in Sri Lanka, Djibouti in Africa, etc.**



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