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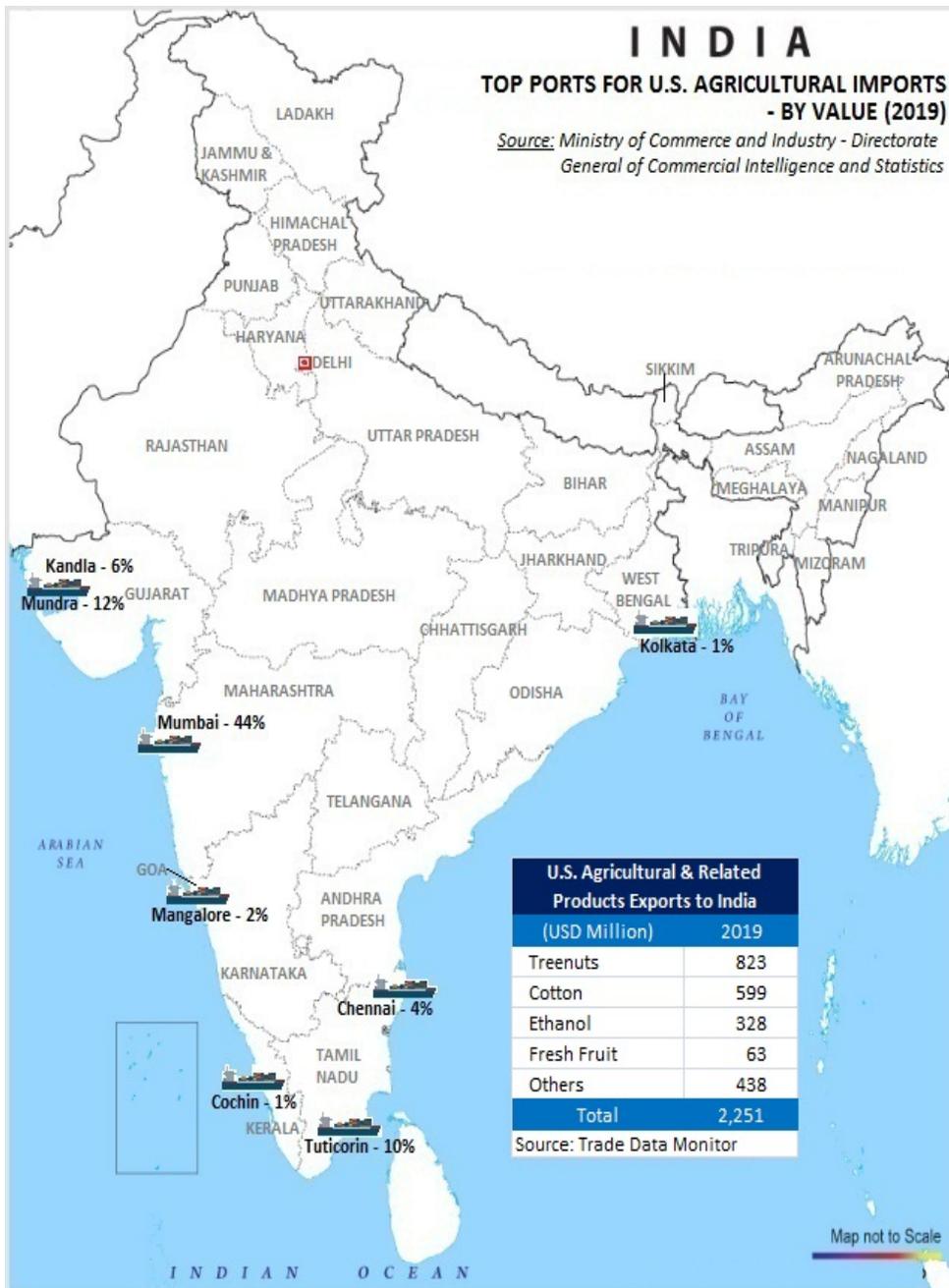
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Report Highlights:

Weekly report as of September 18, 2020, of COVID-19 impact on Indian port operations.

India Port Situation Update as of Friday, September 18, 2020



1. Mumbai: Maharashtra’s Urban Development Minister Eknath Shinde reports that there are over 400,000 metric tons of onions stuck at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), due to the national government’s recent decision to ban onion exports. Minister Shinde added that 500 trucks of onions are also stuck at the Nepal and Bangladesh borders. In response, the state’s Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray had stated that he plans to ask the national government to immediately lift the ban. Maharashtra is the largest onion producing state in India.

2. Mundra: Based on available information, port operations are running normally.

3. Tuticorin: No update available at this time.

4. Kandla: No update available at this time.

5. Chennai: According to local media reports, Chennai Port Authorities granted two terminal operators, DP World and PSA Singapore, additional carrying time from 5 to 7 days, for one month. Port authorities did this in response to container congestion during peak hours. This additional time allotment is expected give exporters more time to move containers and avoid peak hour rushes, which will facilitate a more consistent flow of export containers departing the port.

6. Mangalore: Based on available information, port operations are running normally.

7. Kolkata: According to local media reports, Kolkata Customs is expected to allocate a separate zone for cargo destined for Nepal at Syama Prasad Mukherjee port. This will be the first dedicated cargo handling area for Nepal within an Indian port. This zone is expected to expedite the processing of Nepal-destined cargo and boost incoming shipments at Syama Prasad Mukherjee port.

Note: Each featured port includes air freight imports arriving at that city.

8. Cochin: Truck movement continues to be slow.

Attachments:

No Attachments.