Major ports have recorded robust growth in net profit in recent years, but a falling port utilisation rate continues to be a cause for concern. By Ramesh Chakrapani

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Cargo capacity at major ports

Cargo traffic at major ports

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Iron ore traffic at major ports

Market share of major and non-major ports

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1. India has more than 200 ports along coastline more than 7,500 km long.  
2. There are 12 major ports: 6 on the eastern coast and 6 on the western coast.  
3. The country has 205 non-major ports, of which 68 handled cargo in 2017-18.  
4. Total investment in Indian ports by 2020 is expected to reach $43.03 billion.  
5. Average turnaround time has dropped from 107 hours in 2011-12 to 59.8 hours in 2018-19.