India's First Transhipment Hub

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The Kochi International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT), locally known as the Vallarpadam terminal, is located strategically on the coastline in Kerala. The terminal, managed by DP World, is **envisaged as the first transshipment port of India.**

Vallarpadam Terminal

The Ministry aims to chalk out the strategy to tackle the various challenges and actualize the vision of the **trans-shipment hub of India and pioneer hub in South Asia.** It is to ensure that **Indian cargo trans-ships through an Indian port.** Trans-shipment hub is the terminal at the port which **handles containers, stores them temporarily and transfers them to other ships for the onward destination.**

[The first phase of the Rs 6,250-crore ICTT at the Vallarpadam island was dedicated to the nation in February 2011, describing the project as a "long-awaited milestone" in the development of the country's logistics infrastructure].

It successfully fulfills all the criteria which are needed to develop it as trans-shipment hub which include:

- It is best positioned Indian port with regard to proximity to International sea routes
- It is located at least average nautical distance from all Indian feeder ports
- It entails a connectivity which has multiple weekly feeder connections to all ports on West & East Coast of India, From Mundra to Kolkata
- It has proximity to key hinterland markets of India
- It has the infrastructure to manage large ships and

capacity to scale it up as per requirement