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The economy is back on track

**INTERVIEW**

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—Anil Jayantha Fernando  
minister of labour and deputy minister of economic development

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- ▶ India is poised to attract investments worth ₹80 lakh crore, generate over 1.5 crore jobs and accelerate green shipping practices—Sarbananda Sonowal, Union minister for ports, shipping and waterways
- ▶ Last year, India's shipping trade was about \$85 billion, of which 90 per cent was paid to foreign shipping companies. This cannot continue—Madhu S. Nair, chairman and MD, Cochin Shipyard Ltd

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