11th Edition
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MARITIME FORUM 2026
Friday - 12th June, 2026
The Lalit Great Eastern, Kolkata
Concurrent with
Eastern Star Awards

East Coast Maritime Forum and Eastern Star Awards 2026 sees eminent participation, engaging deliberation and deserving commendation



Mr Rathendra Raman, IRTS
Chairman, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port



Mr Shrawan Kumar, IRS
Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Zone



Mr Samrat Rahi, IRS
Deputy Chairman, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port



Mr Ramavath Srinivasa Naik, IRS
Chief Commissioner of GST, Kolkata Zone



Mr Nasim Arshi, IRS
Principal Commissioner of Customs (Port), Kolkata



Mr Pramod Kumar Agrawal, IRS
Former Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata



The Forum panel discussion had as participants (from left) Mr Avishkar Srivastava, Mr Ramesh Babu, Mr Mannu Choudhary, Mr Ravi Shankar Rajhans, Mr Parthasarathy Gopalan, Mr Ashutosh Jaiswal, Mr Arup Guha, Ms Rudrani Dutta, Mr Sayantan Kumar Ghosh and Mr Pradeep Berde

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EXIM India's **East Coast Maritime Forum (ECMF 2026) — Shippers & LSP Forum,** the 11th edition, alongside the **Eastern Star Awards 2026, at The Lalit Great Eastern, Kolkata** on **June 12, 2026,** unfolded as a grand confluence of industry leaders, where participation was nothing short of illustrious.

Mr Rathendra Raman, IRTS, Chairman of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, graced the occasion, as did **Mr Samrat Rahi, IRS, Deputy Chairman, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port.**

Three of Kolkata's top Commissioners also made their presence felt:

★ **Mr Shrawan Kumar, IRS, Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Zone**

★ **Mr Ramavath Srinivasa Naik, IRS, Chief Commissioner of GST, Kolkata Zone**

★ **Mr Nasim Arshi, IRS, Principal Commissioner of Customs (Port), Kolkata**

In brief addresses, the Commissioners highlighted the continuing focus on ease of doing business for the trade, digital transformation and trust-based compliance.

Then there was **Mr Pramod Kumar Agrawal, IRS, Former Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata,** a well known

figure in these parts for his key role in enabling the shift from physical to digital and paper to paperless in the face of much opposition, as well as his facilitative initiatives during Covid which he described in a rousing address.

Among the other notable attendees was **Mr S. Hajara, Former CMD of The Shipping Corporation of India.** The wider industry, comprising representatives from the entire spectrum of logistics service providers, leading shipping lines, the regional ports, CFS and ICD operators, transporters, technology experts, consultants, shippers & consignees and more were also there in numbers, making for a grand congregation with pertinent insights at the CEO Forum and a salutation to success and excellence at the Eastern Star Awards that followed.

The Eastern region's definitive gathering of the maritime, cargo and logistics trade was thus, again this year, a notch above the previous editions, an absolute success where key authorities, industry titans, long-term veterans, eminent leaders and decision-makers, young entrepreneurs as well as new professionals **(see box)** listened, expressed opinions, connected and networked, took home awards, and appreciated some of the best under one roof in a full house.

Optimism at the CEO Forum

The CEO Forum, **moderated by Mr Parthasarathy Gopalan, Managing Director, PIL (India) Private Limited,** explored the event theme **'Growing Cargo Volumes and Logistics Infrastructure in the Eastern Region'.** The eminent participants exuded a strong sense of optimism at the progress happening in the region, though constraints remain, with operational, productivity and infrastructure improvements at Syama Prasad Mookerjee and other ports, the focus on PPP projects, growth in CFSs and ICDs, the transformative digitisation, augmentation in multimodal connectivity, and enhanced partnerships between solutions providers and their clients.



Commissioners (from left) Mr Ramavath Srinivasa Naik, IRS, Mr Shrawan Kumar, IRS, and Mr Nasim Arshi, IRS, graced the occasion

With infrastructure being boosted and policy momentum, there are opportunities to tap into and huge potential for collaboration, it was emphasised.

Stars of the East

Companies and individuals basked in the glory and applause at the **Eastern Star Awards 2026** that followed, where leadership, innovation and excellence were acknowledged in over 35 categories.

The Lifetime Achievement Award went to Mr Rajiv Agarwall of D. Agarwalla & Co.

The Awards Jury, chaired by **Mr Ravi Shankar Rajhans, Former Traffic Manager, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port,** was also felicitated.

SOME OF THE ESTEEMED PARTICIPANTS

- Rathendra Raman, IRTS, Chairman, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port
- Shrawan Kumar, IRS, Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Zone
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- Ravi Shankar Rajhans, Former Traffic Manager, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port
- Ashutosh Jaiswal, CEO & Director, Century Infra Limited and Century Ports Limited
- Mannu Choudhary, Managing Director, Masum Group (M. K. Agency) & President, Calcutta Customs House Agents' Association
- Arup Guha, Vice President - East India, Samsara Group
- Avishkar Srivastava, Chief Innovation Officer, The PDP Group
- Parthasarathy Gopalan, Managing Director, PIL (India) Private Limited
- Sayantan Kumar Ghosh, Director, Eastern Clearing & Forwarding Agency Pvt. Ltd. and Hon. Secretary, Calcutta Customs House Agents' Association
- Rudrani Dutta, Chief Administrative Officer, B. G. Somadder & Sons Pvt. Ltd.
- Ramesh Babu, Founder & MD, Seashell Logistics Pvt. Ltd.
- Pradeep Berde, Asst. General Manager – Procurement & Project Logistics, Larsen & Toubro Limited, Div: L&T Energy – Hydrocarbon



Unveiling of the book 'Next In Line: A Youngster's Guide to Indian Family Business' authored by Avishkar Srivastava

Book unveiling

Another highlight of the evening was the ECMF 2026 unveiling of a book authored by **Mr Avishkar Srivastava, Chief Innovation Officer at The PDP Group,** a dynamic young leader and entrepreneur of the cargo and logistics industry.

A first-time author, his book, **'Next In Line: A Youngster's Guide to Indian Family Business'**, offers practical tips to next-generation entrepreneurs who plan to join their family business or who have been working in the family business setup for the past few years. Published by Rupa Publications, its debut print run has been a runaway success and it is now in reprint.

Other felicitations

Two organisations were felicitated for their vital contributions to the cargo and logistics sector:

Kolkata Customs – For its dynamic and transformative role in facilitating the country's international trade.

Independence Transport & Shipping Agency – For 75 glorious years of providing wide-ranging logistics services in the Eastern Region.

Adding to the excitement, a **Lucky Draw** saw two individuals take home an exciting prize.

An engaging and exciting event concluded with the fraternity engrossed in conversations late into the night over networking cocktails and dinner.



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Some of the award winners

THE FORUM SAW NOTABLE PERSPECTIVES FROM LEADING STAKEHOLDERS

Shrawan Kumar, IRS, Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Zone



Mr Shrawan Kumar, in his address, highlighted the significance of collaboration and innovation in the cargo and logistics sector, while appreciating the presence of key industry leaders, regulators and others at the event. Such platforms foster meaningful dialogue and partnerships, and celebrate organisations and individuals who drive excellence and innovation, he said. He underscored the strategic importance of eastern ports like Kolkata and Haldia which serve as vital gateways for trade in regions such as West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand and the North-East. Ensuring efficient cargo movement through these ports is a collective responsibility critical to regional development. The focus was also on the evolving role of Customs in facilitating cross-border trade, noting ongoing reforms aimed at improving ease of doing business by reducing physical interactions and promoting trust-based systems. Initiatives such as Direct Port Delivery and Authorised Economic Operator were cited as measures to simplify processes and support genuine traders. Also emphasised was India's strong performance in digital trade facilitation, with an over 90% score in a United Nations survey, reflecting progress in digital transformation. He concluded by stressing the need for continued collaboration across the maritime and logistics ecosystem to strengthen trade and contribute to India's development.

Ramavath Srinivasa Naik, IRS, Chief Commissioner of GST, Kolkata Zone



Mr Ramavath Srinivasa Naik highlighted the transformative impact of GST on India's taxation and logistics ecosystem, emphasising the shift from physical, paper-based processes to a fully digital and paperless system. He reflected on decades of efforts toward digitisation, noting that the introduction of GST in 2017 marked a major breakthrough. It was pointed out that GST unified multiple indirect taxes into a single system, creating "one nation, one tax." This brought clarity and consistency in tax rates across the country, making trade more predictable for importers and exporters. It also eliminated interstate checkpoints, reducing delays, improving logistics efficiency and lowering transportation costs—thereby enhancing India's competitiveness in global trade. It was underscored how GST has significantly simplified procedures. Earlier, processes like filing returns, claiming refunds and export documentation required extensive physical interaction and paperwork, causing delays. Today, these are largely digitised, allowing businesses to complete tasks online without visiting offices. Export benefits, particularly IGST refunds and zero-rated supplies, are now processed faster, with refunds credited directly to exporters' accounts within days. Recent reforms aim to issue most refunds within a week, improving liquidity for businesses. While acknowledging some delays in implementation, he stressed proactive monitoring and continuous improvement. He concluded by urging traders to provide feedback to further strengthen and refine the system.

Nasim Arshi, IRS, Principal Commissioner of Customs (Port), Kolkata



Mr Nasim Arshi emphasised the broader link between a nation's prosperity and the strength of its trade sector, noting historical and global examples where economic power is driven by robust trade activities. He pointed out that while India is emerging as a major global economic player with strong potential in manufacturing and trade, the eastern region has not yet matched the levels of activity seen on the western and southern coasts. This disparity is illustrated through Customs revenue figures, indicating a gap that needs to be addressed. To bridge this gap, he stressed the need for collective effort, determination, and effective implementation by stakeholders across trade, logistics and industry. There is confidence in the capabilities of the region's business community to significantly boost trade volumes. He assured full support from the Customs administration in facilitating trade growth, including openness to procedural improvements, addressing industry concerns, and ensuring fair and efficient processes. He concluded by underscoring the importance of collaboration between authorities and industry stakeholders to strengthen trade and contribute to India's economic progress.



Pramod Kumar Agrawal, IRS, Former Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata

In a rousing address, Mr Pramod Kumar Agrawal reflected his experience in driving major transformation in Kolkata Customs, particularly the shift from manual to digital processes and from paper-based to paperless operations. Having witnessed the transitions, he emphasised that Kolkata adopted digital systems later than the rest of India, but through strong leadership and determined execution, it successfully caught up. He recounted early efforts to implement electronic systems, highlighting the resistance, operational challenges, and the need for coordinated teamwork and leadership initiative. These experiences laid the foundation for a much larger transformation during the pandemic, when he led the move to fully paperless operations under extremely difficult conditions. Despite skepticism and operational risks, including limited staff, strict movement restrictions and the loss of officers to Covid, the Customs team ensured continuity of trade and logistics. With a small but committed workforce, the department maintained operations and successfully implemented paperless systems, demonstrating resilience and adaptability. He underscored that such achievements are possible only through strong will, innovation and teamwork. He stressed on Customs' commitment to facilitating trade while ensuring compliance and highlighted the broader transformation taking place in the eastern region. He called for renewed collaboration among stakeholders to strengthen the logistics ecosystem and contribute to national development as partners in progress.

Ravi Shankar Rajhans, Former Traffic Manager, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port



Mr Ravi Shankar Rajhans, in his welcome address, paid tribute to the Hooghly River and Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMPK), emphasising their central role in Kolkata's existence and growth. The river made the city possible, but its navigability—despite shifting courses over history—is sustained through SMPK's continuous efforts. Every day, the port authority monitors and maintains a 234 km navigation channel, enabling vessels of all types to operate safely. This work is a service not just to the port but to the entire city and maritime industry, requiring visible and collective support from government, industry and the community. He also acknowledged the crucial role of the River Police in maintaining order on the waterway. Together with SMPK, they enabled a historic breakthrough with the introduction of night navigation, including the movement of container vessels. Highlighting broader regional progress, he praised eastern Indian ports, noting SMPK's record cargo handling of over 70 million tonnes in 2025-26 and strong performance by ports like Visakhapatnam, Gangavaram and Gopalpur. The eastern coast collectively achieved over 350 million tonnes of cargo, marking a national milestone. He also recognised the support of Kolkata Police and state governments, expressing hope that West Bengal will continue to strengthen its role in India's economic growth.



Ashutosh Jaiswal, CEO & Director, Century Infra Limited and Century Ports Limited

Mr Ashutosh Jaiswal, in his keynote address, shared a personal account of bidding for the terminal project at Kolkata Port, aimed at inspiring young professionals. At a time when the port was largely overlooked, he identified its untapped potential through in-depth study and presented the idea to his management. He overcame the scepticism that created uncertainty, simplifying complex concepts for board members who were not from the industry. After extensive discussions and scrutiny of financials, the board and management were eventually convinced to go ahead, with strict conditions on bid competitiveness. On the day of bidding, a last-minute suggestion led to a price revision. This decision proved crucial, securing their entry into the port business. Subsequent site visits reinforced management confidence, and the company successfully established itself, achieving significant throughput growth. He concluded with some advice for youngsters: prioritise thorough planning over rushed execution, focus on the quality of work rather than just outcomes, and cultivate patience. These principles, he emphasised, are critical for long-term success in a competitive corporate environment.

Mannu Choudhary, Managing Director, Masum Group (M. K. Agency) & President, Calcutta Customs House Agents' Association



Mr Mannu Choudhary highlighted how digital transformation has fundamentally reshaped cargo handling and logistics, particularly in Customs operations. While growing cargo volumes and infrastructure are important, digitisation has emerged as the true catalyst for efficiency and modernisation. The journey is described in three phases. In the first phase, Customs clearance was entirely manual, relying on physical files that moved across multiple offices. This process was slow, labour-intensive and dependent on coordination rather than systems. The second phase introduced computerisation through Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), which replaced paper filings with digital submissions, enabled online duty payments and improved communication. This marked a shift from handling documents to managing data. Today, the sector is in its third phase—digital integration and faceless Customs. Advanced platforms like eSanchit, SWIFT, and risk management systems have made operations technology-driven and borderless. Customs Brokers can now work remotely, with real-time tracking and processing. This has transformed their role from document facilitators to compliance professionals and trade advisors. Digitisation has enhanced transparency, accountability and trust across stakeholders, while supporting rising cargo volumes and infrastructure growth. Ultimately, he emphasised that digitalisation is not just about replacing paper but about redefining the entire logistics ecosystem, enabling faster, smarter and more efficient global trade.



Arup Guha, Vice President - East India, Samsara Group

Mr Arup Guha reflected on his long association with Kolkata Port, tracing its transformation over decades. Beginning his career in 1990 with little knowledge of port operations, he learned on the job, witnessing firsthand the evolution of terminals and logistics practices. Comparing the past with the present, he highlighted significant improvements in infrastructure. A major change has been the adoption of digital systems. Earlier, processes were manual and time-consuming, but the introduction of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), paperless documentation and real-time communication tools has greatly increased efficiency. Tasks that once required physical presence are now completed digitally, enabling faster decision-making and smoother operations. He also pointed to the expansion of logistics infrastructure, especially the growth of Container Freight Stations (CFSs). This has contributed to improved cargo movement and higher volumes at the port, facilitating better cargo availability and faster handling. While praising public-private partnerships (PPP) for driving modernisation, he noted concerns about operational control, suggesting that private operators managing terminals should have full authority. Overall, he underscored the port's remarkable progress in efficiency, infrastructure and logistics capabilities.

Avishkar Srivastava, Chief Innovation Officer, The PDP Group



Mr Avishkar Srivastava, in his theme presentation, highlighted the growing cargo volumes and logistics infrastructure in eastern India, emphasising that the growth is not merely a perception but a clear reality. This is evidenced by Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMPK), which surpassed its previous year's cargo volume of 64 million metric tonnes even before the end of FY 2025-26. The steady rise in cargo underscores the increasing importance of the region in India's trade network. To support this growth, significant improvements in infrastructure are underway, particularly through public-private partnership (PPP) initiatives. Projects like Century Port Terminals and upcoming developments by JSW Infrastructure are expected to enhance operational efficiency and reduce turnaround times. He stressed the importance of strengthening logistics "arteries," such as Container Freight Stations (CFSs) and Inland Container Depots (ICDs), which ensure the smooth movement of cargo from ports to hinterland regions. Facilities like ICD Durgapur, for example, help connect industries across eastern India, reducing logistics costs and improving efficiency. Further, modern warehousing, Customs reforms and schemes like deferred duty payments are transforming logistics into a more strategic sector. However, global uncertainties, geopolitical tensions and rising costs present challenges. He urged stakeholders to collaborate, adopt innovations and focus on efficiency to sustain growth.



Parthasarathy Gopalan, Managing Director, PIL (India) Private Limited

Mr Parthasarathy Gopalan, who moderated the panel discussion, began by appreciating the earlier speakers, highlighting Mr Rajhans' passion for the East Coast and Kolkata, Avishkar's clear and engaging flow of ideas and Mr Jaiswal's emphasis on dedicating 90% effort to planning and 10% to execution. He reflected that even with over 20 years of industry experience, such insights remain valuable learning points. Transitioning to the panel discussion, he expressed pride in his long association with Kolkata and noted the refreshing presence of a young and energetic panel. He emphasised that this youthful perspective is important, as it brings new ideas and innovation to the industry. While introducing the central theme of the session—growing cargo volumes and logistics infrastructure in the eastern region—he described it as a critical subject tied closely to India's trade ambitions and supply chain competitiveness. He highlighted that the eastern region is emerging as a key strategic hub due to strong infrastructure development, supportive policies and expanding trade opportunities. But realising this potential into long-term competitive advantage will require close collaboration among all stakeholders, including ports, policymakers, logistics providers and shippers. Overall, he set the stage for a forward-looking, idea-driven discussion.

Sayantan Kumar Ghosh, Director, Eastern Clearing & Forwarding Agency Pvt. Ltd. and Hon. Secretary, Calcutta Customs House Agents' Association



Mr Sayantan Kumar Ghosh highlighted India's significant progress in Customs modernisation over the past 15-20 years, moving from paper-heavy processes to largely digital systems. However, improving ease of doing business involves not only supporting existing enterprises but also addressing challenges faced by new businesses, such as legal barriers, contractual complexities, and varying state policies. A key focus of his opinion was the importance of Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) certification. He explained AEO through a simple analogy: just as priority delivery offers faster service in e-commerce, AEO certification ensures quicker and more efficient cargo clearance. As global trade increasingly prioritises compliance, AEO certification is becoming essential for logistics players. Government initiatives, including deferred duty payment schemes and financial incentives, aim to encourage smaller and emerging businesses to adopt AEO certification. These measures are designed to improve cash flow and integrate more businesses into compliant trade frameworks. Looking ahead, AEO certification is expected to become a standard requirement across supply chains. Importers and exporters are likely to prefer AEO-certified partners. Therefore, he urged businesses to adopt the certification proactively to remain competitive, ensure compliance, and secure long-term growth opportunities.



Rudrani Dutta, Chief Administrative Officer, B. G. Somadder & Sons Pvt. Ltd.

Ms Rudrani Dutta pointed to the shift in client expectations within the logistics industry. Instead of prioritising scalability, clients now recognise that disruptions—such as pandemics, geopolitical tensions, port congestion and regulatory changes—are inevitable. As a result, their focus has moved from simply tracking shipments to understanding how logistics providers will respond when problems arise. Today, clients are effectively paying not just for transportation services but for predictability in an uncertain environment. They seek reassurance, proactive communication and reliable contingency planning. In response, logistics companies are adopting a more anticipatory approach, identifying potential issues before clients raise concerns and offering solutions in advance. She emphasised the importance of leveraging experience, using multimodal transport options and gaining a deep understanding of each client's business. This includes analysing inventory cycles, sourcing strategies and supply routes. Such insights enable faster and more effective responses to disruptions. Ultimately, the future of logistics lies in transforming uncertainty into confidence. Success will depend on the ability to provide clarity, resilience and trust, helping clients navigate an increasingly unpredictable global supply chain landscape.

Ramesh Babu, Founder & MD, Seashell Logistics Pvt. Ltd.



Mr Ramesh Babu, drawing from experience as a logistics service provider operating across freight forwarding, Customs, vessel operations and project logistics, acknowledged and appreciated the significant infrastructure growth taking place in India's eastern region. Improvements in connectivity, visibility and overall cargo handling capabilities are seen as major positives, contributing to more efficient movement of goods. He commended the logistics fraternity for this progress, noting that eastern ports have evolved considerably in recent years. Enhanced infrastructure has led to better turnaround times compared to the past, which benefits exporters, importers and the broader trade ecosystem. While recognising that further development is still needed, the current trajectory is viewed as encouraging and supportive of future growth. At the same time, he highlighted the ongoing challenges, particularly the imbalance between imports and exports and the issues with equipment availability. Inefficient turnaround and shortages of equipment remain concerns. Better utilisation of eastern infrastructure by the trade community can help address these imbalances. Overall, the viewpoint is optimistic: although there are challenges, continuous improvements and growing adoption of these facilities are expected to further strengthen the region's logistics capabilities over time.



Pradeep Berde, Asst. General Manager – Procurement & Project Logistics, Larsen & Toubro Limited, Div: L&T Energy – Hydrocarbon

Mr Pradeep Berde outlined the execution of a complex heavy cargo logistics project for Numaligarh Refinery in Assam and highlighted the importance of logistics providers acting as true partners. The project involved transporting over-dimensional and heavy equipment ranging from 50 to 1,200 tonnes within a strict two-year timeline. Initial surveys revealed major infrastructure and route challenges, including non-motorable roads, limited river drafts and seasonal weather constraints. Multimodal transport solutions—combining sea, river and road—were explored and implemented. A major difficulty was navigating waterways like the Brahmaputra and Dhansari rivers, where seasonal water levels restricted movement. Cargo often had to be stored at ports such as Haldia until suitable conditions allowed onward movement via smaller barges. For some equipment, coastal shipping followed by inland transfer was required, adding complexity and cost. Road transport posed additional challenges due to the cargo height, requiring route modifications, removal of obstacles and coordination with multiple authorities. There were bridge construction, regulatory restrictions and unforeseen barriers like low railway crossings. Innovative solutions—such as temporarily digging roads, constructing underpasses, dismantling obstructions, and even working with military authorities to protect underground cables—were necessary to keep the project moving. Despite all the challenges, the project was completed successfully, demonstrating resilience, adaptability, and the benefits of improving infrastructure under national initiatives. He concluded by emphasising that logistics service providers should not merely act as vendors but as committed "logistics service partners" who collaborate closely and take ownership, ensuring reliable execution in highly challenging projects.



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(On basis of Growth) -
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- **Mr. Ravi Shankar Rajhans, Former Traffic Manager, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata**

JURY MEMBERS

- **Capt. Abhijit Kumar Das, Assistant Vice President, United Liner Shipping Services LLP**
- **Mr. Aniruddhaa Sarkar, CEO, Triumph Shipping & Logistics Services Private Limited**
- **Mr. Jitesh Roy, Managing Director, JRD Logistics India Pvt. Ltd.**
- **Mr. Vinay Kumar, Director - India, Eauzo Kart Private Limited**





Members of the Awards Jury present were felicitated *(from left):* Mr Ravi Shankar Rajhans, Capt Abhijit Kumar Das, Mr Aniruddhaa Sarkar and Mr Jitesh Roy

Mr Vinay Kumar, who couldn't be part of the event, was also felicitated subsequently

THE FRATERNITY WAS PRESENT IN STRENGTH

















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