

India to fully operationalise Chabahar port soon

NEW DELHI: India hopes to fully operationalise the strategic Chabahar port in the Sistan-Balochistan province of Iran, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said on Tuesday. Gadkari, after Iran's Minister of Foreign Affairs Mohammad Javad Zarif called on him, also said the government has allowed an Iranian bank to open a branch in Mumbai for related transactions. "Chabahar port is very important for us. We are working very hard on it... Some problems were there, but the Iranian government and their minister... are also in the process to resolve all the issues as early as possible. I am confident that we will be in a position to start full function of Chabahar Port at the earliest," Gadkari said.