

MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2019

Shipping

To harness the potential opportunity of passenger and cargo transportation between the India and Maldives through the sea route, an MoU was signed on June 08, 2019 for the establishment of passenger and cargo services by sea during the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to Maldives. The proposed ferry service is expected to contribute in a big way to promote people to people contact and to boost bilateral trade. The Union Cabinet has accorded ex-post facto approval for the MoU between India and Maldives.

Inland Water Transport

(a) To promote optimal utilization of vessels of the IWAI for movement of cargo on National Waterways, six cargo vessels of IWAI have been given to the private shippers on hire on bare boat charter basis for a period of three years through an open tender. Four vessels of IWAI are already running on bare boat charter basis by the private shippers.

(b) Inland Water Transport mode has been included in Electronic Data Interface (EDI) system of customs for the first time to transport Exim cargo by Inland Waterways/Inland ships.

(c) The first consignment of export of fly ash from Bandel Thermal Power Station (BTSP), Tribeni, West Bengal to Narayanganj, Bangladesh by Indian Barge MV Sambhavi on National Waterway-1 and the Indo-Bangladesh protocol route commenced on June 07, 2019.

Sagarmala Programme

A MoA for setting up of Centre for Inland and Coastal Maritime Technology (CICMT) has been signed between Ministry of Shipping and IIT Kharagpur in presence of Minister of State for Shipping (IC) and Chemicals & Fertilizers.

Ports

(a) The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) won the 'Best Port of the Year-Containerized' award at the 4th India Maritime Award' 2019. It also received a special felicitation for its thirty years of service to the maritime sector.

(b) The V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust, Tuticorin and Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) have signed a MoU for facilitating Direct Port Entry (DPE) of e-sealed factory stuffed export container to the port under 'Ease of Doing Business'. Under the MoU, CWC would make use of the 18,357 sqm area earmarked in the Truck Parking Terminal located opposite to Fisheries College, Tuticorin for operating and managing the DPE facility for 30 years on Annual Lease Rental basis. The DPE facility would enable direct movement of containers from factories without intermediate handling requirement at any Container Freight Station thus facilitating the shippers to gate-in their factory-stuffed goods directly to the Container Terminal on 24x7 basis.