

CARGO TRAFFIC HANDLED AT MAJOR PORTS DURING AND UP TO JULY, 2020

Total Cargo traffic at India's Major Ports

Maritime transport activity is driven by developments in world economy, viz, growth in world output and trade. Thus, volume of seaborne cargo traffic handled by ports is mainly shaped by the levels and changes in both the global and domestic activity. Cargo traffic at India's 12 major ports during **April-July, 2020-21, decreased by 18.2% to 193.33 million tonnes** from 236.46 million tonnes cargo handled during April-July, 2019-20.

The Overseas cargo handled at Major Ports decreased by **16.2%** from 177.47 million tonnes during April-July, 2019-20 to 148.75 Million tonnes handled during April-July, 2020-21. The Coastal Cargo handled at Major port decreased by **24.4%** from 58.99 million tonnes during April-July, 2019-20 to 44.58 million tonnes handled during April-July, 2020-21.

Port-wise Cargo traffic handled during July, 2020

- Cargo handled at India's major ports during July, 2020 is 51.45 million tonnes showing decrease of 13.5% as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. The coastal cargo handled at Major Ports during July, 2020 decreased by 12.6% from 12.03 million tonnes in July, 2019 to 13.77 million tonnes during July, 2020. The overseas cargo handled at Major Ports decreased by 13.7% to 39.43 million tonnes in July, 2020 as compared to 45.70 million tonnes during July, 2019.
- During **July, 2020**; Mormugao Port recorded the highest growth of traffic handled i.e. 14.9% followed by Chidambaranar Port (4.7%). **The major ports which recorded negative growth in July, 2020** are NMPT (30.5%), Cochin Port (30.0%), Kolkata Dock System (26.5%), Haldia Dock Complex (23.1%), Kamarajar Port (22.0%), JNPT (16.5%), Visakhapatnam Port (13.1%), Chennai Port (11.8%), Paradip Port (9.9%), Mumbai Port (9.2%) and Deendayal Port (8.2%).
- Amongst the 12 major ports, Deendayal Port handled the maximum cargo traffic of 9.06 million tonnes with a share of 17.6% in the total cargo handled at Major Ports followed by Paradip Port (17.3%), Vishakhapatnam Port (10.8%), JNPT (9.4%), Mumbai Port (8.5%), Chennai Port (7.4%), Haldia Dock Complex (6.3%), Chidambaranar Port (5.8%), New Mangalore Port (4.4%), Cochin Port (4.1%), Kamarajar Port (3.6%), Mormugao Port (2.5%) and Kolkata Dock System (2.2%).
- At a broad commodity level, **Project Cargo achieved highest growth of 295.8%** in July, 2020 followed by Iron and Steel (53.8%), Iron-ore (38.7%), Fertilizer (35.5%), LPG/LNG (33.0%), FRM Liquid (31.2%), FRM Dry (16.4%), Sugar (8.2%) and Edible Oil (5.6%).

Foodgrains excluding Pulses recorded highest negative growth of 71.2% in July, 2020 followed by Coking Coal (55.5%), Cement (44.3%), POL Crude (27.6%), Other Ores (27.5%), Other Commodities (27.0%), POL Products (22.5%), Other Coal (21.2%), Containers (13.0%) and Thermal Coal (2.0%).

- At a broad commodity level, Containers handled the maximum cargo traffic of **11.46 Million tonnes** in July, 2020 with a share of 22.3% followed by POL-Crude (19.2%), Iron ore (12.3%), Thermal Coal (10.1%), POL Products (8.2%), Other commodities (8.1%), Coking coal (3.4%), Other coal (2.8%), LPG/LNG and Iron & Steel (2.5%) each, Edible Oil (2.3%), Fertilizer (1.9%), FRM Dry and FRM-Liquid (1.3%) each, Other Ores (0.8%), Sugar (0.6%), Cement (0.3%) and Project Cargo (0.2%).

Cargo traffic handled during April-July, 2020-21

- During April-July, 2020-21, Mormugao Port recorded highest growth in traffic handled at 20.5%. Major ports that recorded negative growth in traffic during April-July, 2020-21 were: Kolkata Dock System (39.1%), Kamarajar Port (35.7%), Cochin Port (32.8%), Chennai Port (32.5%), JNPT (27.7%), Haldia Dock Complex (22.6%), Mumbai Port (19.8%), Deendayal Port (16.8%), Vishakhapatnam Port (11.3%), VOC Port (9.7%), Paradip Port (9.1%) and NMPT (5.8%) over April-July, 2019-20 (**Table A**).
- Amongst the Major Ports, Paradip Port handled the maximum Cargo of 34.64 million tonnes with a share of 17.9% followed by Deendayal Port (17.6%), Vishakhapatnam Port (10.9%), JNPT (8.8%), Mumbai Port (8.2%), Haldia Dock Complex (6.3%), New Mangalore Port (6.0%), Chennai Port (5.7%), Chidambaranar Port (5.5%), Cochin Port (4.0%), Kamarajar Port (3.6%), Mormugao Port (3.5%), and Kolkata Dock System (2.0%) during April-July, 2020-21 (**Graph- I below**).

