

MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2020

Ports

- i. *Relief for Cruise Industry:-* Cruise shipping business has been adversely affected due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Ministry of Shipping has rationalized tariff rates for the cruise vessels calling at major ports with a view to provide support to Cruise industry.
- ii. *Chennai Port* has set a landmark in Crude oil handling. On 09.08.2020, it handled 1,15,500 Tonnes of Crude Oil on Vessel M.T. CRIMSON surpassing the previous record of 1,14,000 Tonnes discharged from the vessel M.T. MOUNT FUJI on 21.06.2020.
- iii. *Mormugao Port* has increased its cargo traffic by 10% in August 2020, as compared to August 2019.
- iv. *New Mangalore Port Trust (NMPT):-* A premier FMCG co. manufacturing baby food products in Delhi has designated NMPT as the port of shipment for exporting its products to Bangladesh. The movement has commenced and would be held on a regular basis.
- v. *Paradip Port:-* The Average Vessel Turnaroundtime and Average pre-berthing delay have improved to 65.70 hrs and 4.45 hrs in August 2020 as compared to 71.51 hrs and 16.38 hrs, respectively, in August 2019.

Sagarmala

- i. *Skill development in the maritime sector:-* A MoU on Skill development in the maritime sector was signed digitally between Ministry of Shipping and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on 20.8.2020, in the presence of Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Minister of State for Shipping(I/C) and Minister of State (I/C) for Power and New & Renewable Energy. As per the MoU, the MSDE will cooperate in development of course curriculum, National Occupational Standards, content, etc. for Cruise Tourism, Logistics, Fisheries, Ship building, Ship repair and ship breaking, Dredging, Offshore supply chain etc. It will also leverage the existing infrastructure such as ITIs, NSTIs and PMKK and PMKVY centers to train manpower required as per the skill gaps of the coastal districts. MSDE will also help in mobilizing private sector/CSR funding for skill development in the port and maritime sector and facilitate port and maritime sector in TVET agreements signed for skill development with international partners.
- ii. *Ro-Ro Ferry service between Ghogha-Dahej and Ghogha-Hajira:-* The resumption of Ro-Ro ferry service between Ghogha-Dahej and commencement of Ro-Ro ferry service between Ghogha-Hajira has been assigned by the Ministry of Shipping to Deendayal Port Trust (DPT). To provide a developed Ro-Ro facility on lease basis at Hajira within a

period of threemonths, so as to start the ferry service between Ghogha-Hazira, DPT has issued a letter of award(LoA) to M/s Adani Hazira Port Private Ltd, the successful bidder.

iii. *National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC):-* After a presentation to the State Expert Appraisal Committee(SEAC), Government of Gujarat, the project has been recommended to Gujarat State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) for granting environment clearance. The Government of Gujarat has conveyed the approval of its Hon'ble Chief Minister for the tripartite MOU amongst Ministry of Shipping, Government of Gujarat and IPRCL for development of the NMHC.

iv. *Projects under Sagarmala:-* Ministry of Shipping has sanctioned financial assistance of Rs. 3.84 crore and released Rs. 1.92 crore towards first instalment to Mumbai Port Trust for development of Tourism Infrastructure at Kanhoji Angre Light House.

Shipping

i. *Shipping Corporation of India:-* The unaudited Financial Results for Standalone and Consolidated accounts of SCI for Q1 of FY 2020- 21 were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on 7th August, 2020. SCI has reported a standalone net profit of Rs.317 crore for Q1 of FY 2020-21, the highest reported net profit in 54 quarters.

ii. *Directorate General of Shipping:-* On 7th August, 2020, the Union Minister of State (I/C) for Shipping launched the Online Exit Examination for the seafarers via a virtual ceremony. Seafarers, who are getting training in different Maritime Training Institutes under the Directorate General of Shipping, can now appear in the exam from the comfort of their homes in this unprecedented time of COVID-19 pandemic.

iii. *Cochin Shipyard Limited:-* The 'Flag-Off' ceremony of First in the series of three Marine Ambulance Boats, 'Pratheeksha', built by Cochin Shipyard Ltd. for the Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Kerala, was held on 27.08.2020.

Inland Water Transport

Opening up of new inland water connectivity for Tripura:- Under the 2nd Addendum to Protocol on Inland Water Transport and Trade (PIWT&T) signed by India and Bangladesh on 20.5.2020, new inland water connectivity has been provided to Tripura. A webinar on "Sonamura – Gateway to Tripura through waterways" was held on 04.08.2020 by the IWAI to promote Daudkandi – Sonamura trade route among industry and stakeholders.