

# MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

## MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2020

### **Ports**

- (i) *Cochin Port*: The container throughput of 54,503 TEUs in July, 2020 registered a growth of 6.41% over July, 2019.
- (ii) *JNPT*: The container traffic has reduced by 20.17% in July 2020 as compared to July 2019.
- (iii) *Mormugao Port*: In July, 2020 cargo traffic increased by 15 % as compared to July, 2019 despite a lockdown declared from 17.07.2020 to 23.07.2020 in Mormugao Taluka.
- (iv) *Paradip Port*: The Average Vessel turnaround time has improved from 70.10 Hrs in July 2019 to 63.86Hrs in July 2020.

### **Sagarmala**

- (i) *Ro-Ro Ferry service between Ghogha-Dahej and Ghogha-Hajira*: The responsibility for resumption of RO-RO ferry service between Ghogha-Dahej and starting of RO-RO ferry service between Ghogha-Hazira has been assigned to Deendayal Port Trust (DPT). On 02<sup>nd</sup> July, 2020, DPT has issued the letter of award(LoA) to successful bidder, M/s Adani Hazira Port Private Ltd. It is expected that developed RO-RO facility for ferry service between Ghogha-Hazira on temporary basis would be available by end of October, 2020.
- (ii) *National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)*: RFQ bids for selection of EPC contractor for development of NMHC was opened on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Six firms have submitted their bids and evaluation of bids is under process. To obtain environment clearance for the project, presentation was made to Gujarat State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) on 30th July, 2020. To review the progress of works and activities of NMHC, the first meeting of Management and Monitoring Committee (MMC) was held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

### **Shipping**

- (i) *Shipping Corporation of India*:
  - (a) Online crew selection was implemented and the first advertisement was uploaded on SCI website on 18th June 2020. About 1000 seafarers applied against 250 odd vacancies by the stipulated timeline in July and the initiative turned out to be a success.
  - (b) The conduct of crew change has been a major challenge post COVID outbreak due to restrictions, including delay in immigration, health screening protocols, compulsory quarantine, Covid Test and requirement of E-pass for each crew and repatriation of crew with limited public transport facility. Despite these, SCI continued carrying out the controlled crew change and a total of 308 seafarers were signed off/on from various SCI vessels during the month, overcoming various constraints.

(ii) *Directorate General of Shipping:* Directorate General of Shipping after holding extensive consultations with its stakeholders, issued the Merchant Shipping Notice No. 11 of 2020 dated 02.07.2020 on the "Routeing system on South West waters of India", so that safety of life at sea, efficiency of navigation, and protection of marine environment is improved in the region. The said MS Notice will come into effect on 01.8.2020.

(iii) *Cochin Shipyard Limited:* Cochin Shipyard Limited has signed a contract for the construction and supply of two Autonomous Electric Vessels for ASKO MARITIME AS, Norway with an option to build 2 more identical vessels. CSL has won this export order after detailed evaluation of various global shipyards and based on its value proposition to the customer. CSL's proven capability and track record to deliver world quality high-end vessels to prestigious clients in Western Europe also found favour with the client. This project is expected to catapult CSL into the league of premier shipbuilding yards in the world, capable of handling high tech vessel construction.

### **Inland Water Transport**

(i) *Movement of containerised cargo on inland waterway to Bangladesh:* The first ever movement of containerized export cargo of 1250 MT of sponge iron in 45 TEUs from Haldia to Naryangunj in Bangladesh was completed successfully.

(ii) *Trial on Use of Chattogram and Mongla Ports for movement of Indian transit cargo:* Under the Agreement and SOP signed by India and Bangladesh on permitting the use of Chattogram and Mongla Ports for movement of Indian transit cargo, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of State for Shipping (IC) flagged off the first trial movement of containers on 16th July, 2020. The consignment of TMT Steel bars and pulses was received at Agartala by Shri Biplab Kumar Deb, Chief Minister of Tripura on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2020. The new connectivity for North East Region through ports of Bangladesh is expected to reduce time and logistics cost for cargo movement and expand employment opportunities in the two countries.

(iii) *Waiver off Waterway Usage charges on National Waterways:* To promote inland waterways as a supplementary, environment-friendly and cheaper mode of transport, the Ministry of Shipping has waived off the Waterway Usage charges on National Waterways, initially for a period of three years with effect from 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.