

MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING & WATERWAYS
MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2020

Ports

(i) The ceremonial closure ceremony of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port's sesquicentennial celebration was held on 17.10.2020 at Belur Math, the headquarters of the Ramakrishna Math and Mission, in a low-key manner, with the inauguration of the Rooftop Solar Power Project for the Main Temple complex of Belur Math, dedicated by SMP, Kolkata as part of its CSR activity. Senior monks of the Ramakrishna Math Mission including its President Swami Smaranananda and General Secretary Swami Suvirananda graced the occasion and addressed the audience on the digital platform.

(ii) Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, for the first time on 12.10.2020, HDC Railway Division of SMP, Kolkata handled 1 lakh Tonne (31 Rakes + 1 LP) of cargo in a single day.

(iii) Shri. Mansukh L Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways inaugurated 'Direct Port Entry Facility' at VOCPT. It would help in reducing logistics cost, increasing the velocity of the cargo and increasing Ease of Doing Business for the exporters, as the facility will bring efficiency and reduce dwell time, lower tariff cost and improve the competitiveness of shipper in the international trade.

Sagarmala

Projects under Sagarmala

(i) Ministry has sanctioned financial assistance of Rs. 20 crore and released Rs. 10 crore towards first instalment to Chidambaranar Port Trust for the projects "Construction/widening of Korampallam Surplus Course bridge & ROB including widening of the road from western boundary".

(ii) Ministry has sanctioned financial assistance of Rs. 27 crore and released Rs. 6.14 crore towards balance payment of second instalment to Chennai Port Trust for Development of Paved Storage for handling export cargo.

National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)

A presentation for Environment Clearance (EC) of project was made to State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Government of Gujarat and SEAC has recommended the project to State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Gujarat for granting environment clearance. SEIAA, Gujarat has conveyed EC to project on 09.09.2020. DPR has been received from INI Design and peer review consultant has submitted his initial report. Government of Gujarat has conveyed its' approval for the tripartite MOU amongst Ministry of Shipping, Government of Gujarat and IPRCL for development of the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC), Lothal, Gujarat.

Shipping

(i) SCI's Diamond Jubilee year celebration was launched on the occasion of its foundation day on 02.10.2020. Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways graced the event through Video Conferencing. Several vessels of SCI also joined the function online, which was a new initiative to bridge the shore and the fleet. The entire program was done in-house.

Inland Water Transport

(i) Hon'ble Prime Minister flagged off on 31.10.2020 the country's first seaplane service between the Statue of Unity near Kevadiya in Gujarat's Narmada district and Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad in which work like development of jetty, Hydrological Survey, technical hand holding for installation of Buoys etc. has been done by IWAI.

(ii) MoU between IWAI and the Government of Assam for "Operation and Management of 4 Ro-Pax Vessels namely M. V. Sachin Dev Barman, M. V. Rani Gaidinliu, M. V. JFR Jacob and M. V. Bob Khathing has been signed on 22.10.2020. All four vessels have been handed over to Government of Assam in terms of MoU approved by Ministry of Shipping.

(iii) MoU between IWAI and KSINC (Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation) for "operation and Management of two IWAI Ro-Ro Vessels namely M. V. Adi Shankara and M. V. C. V. Raman has been signed on 24.10.2020.