

MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2020

Sagarmala

(i) *RO-RO Ferry Service between Ghogha-Dahej and Ghogha-Hazira:* The Ministry of Shipping has assigned the responsibility for resumption of RO-RO ferry service between Ghogha-Dahej and starting of RO-RO ferry service between Ghogha-Hazira. to Deendayal Port Trust(DPT). To implement this decision, DPT has taken over the project assets at Ghogha and Dahej Terminals on "as is and where is basis" from the Gujarat Maritime Board and started preparing various project reports for construction of new RO-RO jetty at Hazira.

(ii) *National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC):* A Request for Qualification (RFQ) was invited by the Indian Port Rail Company (IPRCL) for selection of bidder for design, engineering, procurement, construction, operation & maintenance for development of NMHC at Lothal, Gujarat. To engage the citizen's for suggesting the name and logo of NMHC, two competitions were organized on the portal 'mygov.in'.

Ports

(i) *Paradip Port:* Paradip Port has handled 16.09 million tonnes of traffic up to May 2020 in the current FY and retained its 2nd position among the Major Ports. This is 12.94% less than the corresponding period last year. During 2019-20, despite of several constraints and outbreak of COVID-19 NMPT achieved 13.3% higher cargo throughput.

(ii) *Kolkata Port:*(a) In its continuous drive for achieving Ease of Doing Business, for the first time, Kolkata Dock System on 10.05.2020, handled 5 break bulk packages at Mobile Harbour Crane (MHC) Berths (a/c M.V Reinhard Schepers). As part of its EoDB initiative, again on 25.05.2020, four consignments of Buses meant for Nepal Airlines were discharged at Netaji Subhas Dock by MHCs from the Vessel M.V. Reinhard Schepers. KoPT has been receiving an overwhelming response, enabling handling of large Break Bulk packages by MHCs.

(b) On the occasion of International Day of Light on 16.05.2020, the historic Howrah Bridge, one of the important icons of the city of Kolkata, was elegantly lit by Kolkata Port Trust, as a touching gesture of paying tribute to the valiant COVID warriors of the country.

(iii) *Chennai Port:* During the month of April 2020, Chennai Port commenced movement of containers to ICD/Tondiarpet as extended gate facility and M/s. CONCOR handled containers through rail wagons from Chennai Port to ICD /

Tondiarpet to facilitate Direct Port Delivery (DPD) / Direct Port Entry (DPE). This new initiative was started during March 2018 and a record 125 container rakes handled by M/s CONCOR.Chennai Port Railway has set a milestone by handling 99 rakes of Iron and Steel consisting of 2,82,880 Tons in 4420 Wagons during the month of May, 2020 surpassing the previous record of 85 Rakes of Steel consisting of 239808 tons through 3747 Wagons during August 2019.

(iv) *COVID hospital at Mumbai Port Trust:* Mumbai Port has converted its 100-bed hospital into a 120 bed COVID and 25 bed Non- COVID hospital for its nearly one lakh employees, pensioners and their families. Since the beginning of the lockdown, the hospital has treated 333 COVID patients and 37 persons have died.

Shipping

(i) *Shipping Corporation of India :* (a)Shipping Corporation of India (SCI)has registered a profit of Rs.302.35 crore for the FY 2019-20 as against a net loss of Rs.121.99 crore for the previous year and declared an interim dividend of Rs.0.75/- per equity share of face value of Rs.10/- each.

In the current difficult environment in Mumbai due to COVID 19, SCI is the first CPSE in Navratna/Maharatna category to have adopted its accounts for FY 2019-20and declared its financial results for the year ended 31st March 2020, without availing any extensions fromSEBI due to the pandemic

(b) MT Maharshi Parashuram, a SCI-owned LR2 size Crude Oil Tanker, has successfully carried 340,000 barrels of Iraqi Crude for M/s. Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Ltd (ISPRL) and discharged the cargo at Vizag on 06.05.2020. The active measures taken to fill up Strategic Petroleum Reserves at various locations with Crude Oil purchased at very low prices, sourced mostly from the Middle Eastern nations has featured as a commendation in the Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas's interaction on the social media on 04.05.2020.

(ii) *Cochin Shipyard Limited:* 4 RO PAX vessels manufactured by CSL FOR Inland Waterway Authority of India (IWAI) were flagged off on their maiden voyage from Kochi to Kolkata. Its two major Projects viz. International Ship Repair Facility Project (ISRF) and New Dry Dock project (NDD), with total project cost worth at Rs.2769 Cr. under lock down, resumed construction works after obtaining necessary clearances from the District Administrative authorities.

(iii) *Welfare scheme for Seafarers:*A welfare scheme for Seafarers & their families who suffer from novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has been introduced by Seafarers Welfare Fund Society (SWFS). This scheme will be effective from 01.02.2020 till 31.12.2020. This scheme will provide financial assistance of upto Rs.1

lakh to the seafarers & their family members for in-patient treatment for COVID-19 and Rs.2 Lakh to the next kin of seafarers in case of death.

Inland Water Transport

(i) *Awarding of Multimodal terminals at Haldia and Varanasi on PPP* : The proposals of Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) for engagement of a private operator for multimodal terminals at Haldia and Varanasi on Equip Operate and Transfer (EOT) basis under PPP were appraised by Expenditure Finance Committee/ Standing Finance Committee on 27 April 2020 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Shipping) and approved by the Competent Authority. These PPP concession bids were floated on 14th May, 2020.

(ii) *Indo Bangladesh Protocol Route*: FICCI, ASSOCHAM, CII and IIC were approached to use Indo Bangladesh Protocol routes for cargo transportation during Lock Down. 327 inward permission and 69 outward permissions were issued by IWAI for vessels plying under Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade (PIWTT) during May, 2020. The Amphan cyclone on 20th May, 2020 was successfully handled for the inland vessels operating under PIWTT. No casualty and major damage were reported.