

MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2021

Maritime India Summit, 2021

The Hon'ble Prime Minister on March 02, 2021 inaugurated the '**Maritime India Summit 2021**' through video conferencing. The summit was organized by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and conducted on a virtual platform from 2nd to 4th March, 2021. 486 MoUs were signed for Maritime India Summit 2021 by 22 Maritime Ports/Agencies/Authorities for INR 3.39 lakh crore or USD 47.02 Bn across different subsectors. A compendium of 400 Investible Projects for INR 2.24 lakh crore or USD 31.08 Bn for investment was released for the Summit. During the three days of the summit, a number of important announcements were made.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister launched the Maritime India Vision 2030, which contains the targets to be achieved by Maritime Sector over the next decade along with the strategies related to each of the stakeholders of MoPSW. Sagar-Manthan: Mercantile Marine Domain Awareness Centre (MM-DAC) which is an information system to enhance maritime safety, search, rescue capability and environment protection was also launched.

MIS 2021 highlights:

- About 1.90 lakh delegates registered for the summit.
- 16 international ministers from 11 nations joined the summit for different sessions.
- A total of six Union Ministers, Chief Ministers of three states and two State Ministers attended different sessions.
- A total of 55 CEOs attended the CEO's forum, which include 31 international CEOs and 24 Indian CEOs.
- A total of 22 CEOs attended the CEO's roundtable, which include 11 International and 11 Indian CEOs
- A total of 185 speakers attended various thematic sessions during the summit, which included 124 Indian speakers and 61 International speakers
- A total of 110 exhibitors participated in the summit, in 18 pavilions and 107 booths, which led to 7500+ B2B meetings
- A total of 70500+ Visitors were recorded at the end of three days of the summit.

Port Performance

i) During March, 2021 the VOC Port handled 81,013 TEUs of Containers surpassing the previous highest performance of 80,474 TEUs of containers handled during August, 2019 which is the highest ever number of TEUs handled by the Container Terminal in a single month so far at this Port. The Port handled 2,11,944

TEUs of Coastal containers during the current financial year 2020-21 surpassing the previous record of 1,78,030 TEUs of Coastal containers during financial year 2018-19.

ii) Record container traffic of 2.29 Million Tonnes handled at New Mangalore Port in 2020-21 surpassing the earlier record of 2.27 Million tonnes in 2019-20.

iii) Chennai Port recorded 34.63% growth for the month of March 2021 by handling 4.82 MMT cargo compared to 3.58 MMT handled during March 2020. The port has handled 1386926 containers (TEUs) during the year 2020-21 and surpassed the previous year volume of 1383971 TEUs.

iv) The total traffic handled at Jawaharlal Nehru Port during the month of March, 2021 was 7.33 million tons as against 5.93 million tons in March, 2020, which is 23.53% higher than the total traffic over the same month of last year. This month's traffic includes 0.76 million tons of Bulk Cargo as against 0.65 million tons in same month of last year. In terms of TEUs, JNPT handled 527,792 TEUs during the month of March, 2021. The container traffic is increased by 28.69% over the same month of last year.

v) During the Maritime India Submit, JNPT have signed 30 MOUs (Memorandum of Understanding) with potential investors for port projects, technology transfer and development of plots in JNPT SEZ for an amount of around Rs. 27000 crore.

Sagarmala

MoPSW has formulated a detailed holistic convergence project called Sagartat Samridhhi Yojana (SSY) to address challenges in coastal areas of our nation. In order to do so, the Ministry in consultation with different ministries and departments of Government of India, has decided to implement the 18 schemes in a convergence mode for the benefit of the coastal communities. The Ministry also carried out detailed consultations with the maritime State Governments, UT Administrations, State Maritime Boards, Major Ports, District Collectors and Members of Parliament representing the coastal districts/constituencies. After consultation, a total of 1,049 projects with an estimated cost of Rs. 3,62,229 crores have been identified as a part of Sagartat Samridhhi Yojna. These projects are across four major categories i.e., Coastal Infrastructure Development, Coastal Tourism, Coastal Industrial Development and Coastal Community Development.

Inland Water Transport

i) First commercial consignment of 40,000 cartons of fruit drink (512 MT) of PRAN group of Bangladesh commenced from Ghorashal extended Port of Call of Narayangaj, Bangladesh on March 16, 2021 and reached at GR Jetty Kolkata.

- ii) Commercial operation of Broad Gauge Railway Sidingat Pandu commenced by receiving first consignment of 644 MT of steel round bars of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) Vizag in 10 wagons on March 28, 2021.
- iii) An MoU has been signed between IWAI and Northeast Frontier Railways on March 31, 2021 for joint utilization of IWAI and Railway infrastructure at Pandu and other locations.
- iv) Scheduled service from (i) Varanasi and Patna to Kolkata with M.V. Lal Bahadur Shastri, with 58 ton rice husk was completed on March 21, 2021, (ii) Patna to Kolkata with M.V.RN Tagore commenced on March 23, 2021.
- v) Transportation of cargo from Karimganj to Narayanganj in Bangladesh continued with Bangladeshi vessel MV Muslim NouParibhan loaded with 66 MT lime stone. Similarly, the transportation of stone Chips from Dhubri to Chilmari continued with Bangladeshi vessel MB Allahar Rahmat Exp-3 and MB SahaMadina-1, loaded with 364 MT stone chips.
- vi) Operation of Ro-Ro/Ro Pax vessels inaugurated by Hon'ble PM for the following routes:
 - a) MV JFR Jacob - between Guwahati and North Guwahati
 - b) MV Bob Khathing - between Dhubri and Fakirganj (U/S Hatsingimari)
 - c) MV Rani Gaidinliu - between Neamati and Kamalabari (Majuli)
 - d) MV Sachin Dev Barman - Between Neamati and Kamalabari (Majuli)
 - e) MV Adi Shankara - Between WellingtonInsland and Bolghaty
 - f) MV CV Raman - Between WellingtonInsland and Bolghaty

Shipping

All Women Officers' Sailing' aboard SCI Tanker M.T. Swarna Krishna

As a part of its on-going Diamond Jubilee celebrations of SCI, and also to commemorate the International Women's Day on March 08, 2021, SCI achieved a historical feat when Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ports, Shipping & Waterways, virtually flagged off the "All Women Officers' Sailing" on MT Swarna Krishna - SCI's crude oil carrier from JNPT Liquid Berth Jetty on March 06, 2021.

Delivery of Sindhu, 500 pax Passenger vessel to Andaman and Nicobar Administration

Cochin Shipyard Limited delivered the first 500 Pax cum 150 Tons Cargo vessel named "Sindhu" to Andaman and Nicobar Administration on March 27, 2021. This project is a part of a "Make In India" initiative of the Government.