

MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2020

Ports

Port Performance

(i) The total traffic handled at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust(JNPT) during the month of December-2020 was 6.37 million tons as against 5.79 million tons in December-2019, citing an increase of 10.04% of total traffic over the same month of last year. This month's traffic includes 0.71 million tons of Bulk Cargo as against 0.63 million tons in same month of last year. In terms of TEUs, JNPT handled 459,920 TEUs during the month of December-2020, thereby recording an increase in container traffic by 9.90% over the same month of last year. JNPT, India's premier container port added yet another feather to its cap, as the Port was awarded as the 'Best Global Port in India', for the third time in a row at the prestigious sixth Atal Shastra Markenomy Award 2020.

(ii) Integrated Port Operating System(IPOS) has gone Live at New Mangalore Port Trust (NMPT) on 17-12-2020. This new IPOS solution offers state of the art operation module which is highly interactive to the port users thereby encourage Ease of Doing Business.

(iii) Kamarajar Port handled the highest Container volume of 28,040 TEUs in December 2020 comprising of 10,842 TEUs of Transshipment.

Sagarmala

National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)

Government of Gujarat has transferred 375 acres of land in village Saragvada on lease for 99 years at token rate to this Ministry. A Tripartite MoU between MoPSW, Government of Gujarat, and Indian Port Rail & Ropeway Corporation Limited (IPRCL) for Development, construction and operation & maintenance of National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal, Gujarat, India has been signed. For preparation of New Master Plan, Consultant has been engaged. Further requisite design/engineering documents for inviting bids have also been received for EFC tenders. Secondly, management consultancy till successful completion/ commissioning of NMHC project and evaluation thereon is under process. 1st tranche of funds has been released to National Maritime Complex Society for release to IPRCL.

Western Dock, Paradip Port

The Cabinet has approved the project Deepening and Optimizing of Inner Harbour Facilities of Western Dock at Paradip Port under PPP mode with total estimated cost of Rs. 3004.63 crore. The scope includes Western Dock berths, Capital dredging in the channel and in front of the berths and all other ancillary equipment and facilities. The proposed project envisages construction of Western Dock Basin to handle cape size vessels with an ultimate capacity of 25 MTPA in two phases of 12.50 MTPA each. The project will cater to the requirement of coal and limestone imports besides exports of granulated slag and finished steel products.

Shipping

Shipping Corporation of India

USD 33 million of working capital portfolio of Bank of Maharashtra has been repaid through SBI and a reduction of 10 bps (from 180 bps to 170 bps). Further, rate reduction by 10 bps has been achieved on a USD 7 million portfolio of Bank of India, during roll over. Thus, total annualized savings of USD 40,000 (about Rs 30 lakhs) has been achieved on the finance cost.

Inland Water Transport

- (i) Test run of schedule service between Varanasi and Haldia was commenced on 28.12.2020 by Inland & Coastal Shipping Ltd. (a wholly owned subsidiary of Shipping Corporation of India) using IWAI vessel MV Rabindra Nath Tagore.
- (ii) 2.56 lakh MT Cargo moved during the month of December, 2020 in Protocol on Inland Water Transit & Trade (PIWT&T) route.
- (iii) 543 nos. inward & outward permissions issued in Protocol on Inland Water Transit & Trade Route during the month of December-2020.
- (iv) An India-Russia B2B webinar on “Projects and Technologies in Inland Waterways for Russian companies” that was conducted on 4th December, 2020 with an objective to invite Russian participation in Inland Waterways Projects.
- (v) A virtual conference on Co-operation between India and US on “Projects and Technologies in Inland Waterways was held on 14th December, 2020 wherein US side offered for training to 10-15 officials of IWAI in the USA.