



**MINISTRY OF SHIPPING**  
**MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE COUNCIL OF**  
**MINISTER'S**

**1. Ports**

***Chabahar Port, Iran***

To implement the Chabahar Port Agreement, the first meeting of the 'Follow up committee' was held between the Governments of India, Iran and Afghanistan at Chabahar on 24.12.2018. A Draft Protocol for Transit Agreement was discussed during the meeting. India Ports Global Chabahar Free Zone (IPGCFZ) an SPV of Indian Port Global Limited (IPGL) in Iran has taken over two berths (container and multipurpose cargo) at Chabahar on 24.12.2018 in the presence of representatives from Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways, PMO, Iran and Afghanistan. This historic step fulfils India's long cherished strategy of its engagement at Chabahar Port of Iran.

The first container vessel (Cyprus flagged MV MACHERAS) originating from Brazil carrying 50,000 tonnes of corn was berthed at Chabahar for unloading on 30.12.2018.

***Port Projects***

The following projects were completed during December, 2018: -

- (i) Providing rail connectivity for berths no. 13, 14, 15 & 16 from take-off point to the western end of berth (Phase 1- ground improvement) at Deendayal (Kandla) Port at an estimated cost of Rs. 78.00 crore.
- (ii) Lease of Waterfront for floating restaurant at Mumbai Port Trust (MbPT) at an estimated cost of Rs. 20.00 crore.
- (iii) Dismantling of damaged fender system/retrofitting of Jetty structure & installation of new fenders at Lead-in-Jetty of Haldia Dock Complex, Kolkata Port Trust at an estimated cost of Rs. 13.00 crore.
- (iv) Construction of Internal Roads and Gate Complex and Construction of Container Pre-Stacking Yard and other ancillary works at Kamarajar Port Ltd. at an estimated cost of Rs. 14.70 crore and Rs 25.79 crore, respectively.

***Study Tour of JNPT for foreign Govt. Officials***

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), India's premier container port, organized a port study-tour on 28.12.2018 for the largest global congregation ever to visit any port in India. The congregation included 38 government officials from 36 countries, who are part of the Global Strategic Growth Leadership & Sustainable Development programme initiated by Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) with the support of the MEA. The delegates represented Trinidad& Tobago, Cuba, Iraq, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Colombia, South Africa, Egypt, Guinea, Peru, Kenya and Vietnam.

JNPT handled 4,45,521 TEUs during Dec 2018, which is the highest ever TEUs handled in a month by the port.

## **2. Inland Water Transport**

### ***Containerized cargo transportation on NW-1 (river Ganga)***

After receipt of the first containerized cargo on NW-1 by the Prime Minister in November 2018, this mode of transportation is being continued by the IWAI. The 16 containers (8 container each) of cargo belonging to PepsiCo and EmamiAgrotech were transported from Kolkata to Gaighat (Patna) during 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 on IWAI vessel M V R. N. Tagore.

### ***New Ro-Ro vessel of IWAI***

IWAI `s new Ro-Ro vessel, MV Shankar Dev with carrying capacity of 12 trucks and 250 passengers was flagged off from Kolkata on 08.12.2018. The vessel entered Bangladesh on 25.12.2018 and reached NW-2 (river Brahmaputra) at Dhubri on 02.01.2019.

### ***Development of NW 2 with World Bank assistance***

The Ministry of Shipping has submitted a proposal to the DEA for augmentation of navigation capacity of NW-2 (river Brahmaputra) with technical and financial assistance of the World Bank, on the lines of the Jal Marg Vikas project. In this regard, a Scoping Mission of the World Bank visited NW-2 & NW-16 from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

## **3. Cochin Shipyard Limited-Buyback of shares**

The Board of Directors of Cochin Shipyard Limited at its meeting held on October 16, 2018 had announced the Buyback of upto 43,95,610 fully paid-up equity shares representing approximately 3.23% of the total number of equity shares through the "Tender Offer" route at a price of Rs. 455 per Equity Share for an aggregate amount not exceeding Rs 200,00,02,550. These shares were bought back by CSL and the payment was made to the shareholders on December 18, 2018. The President of India acting through the Ministry of Shipping, Government of India participated in the buyback offer and tendered 30,17,558 equity shares. An amount of Rs. 1,37,29,88,890 was paid to the Government of India towards the consideration for the said shares. Post buyback, the shareholding of the Government of India has increased to 75.21% from 75%.

## **4. Commencement of SCI's Chennai & Kolkata - Port Blair Service**

The Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) has strengthened its coastal services portfolio by inducting aMPP vessel viz. M.V. MCP Linz (380 TEUs) for deployment on Chennai-Port Blair Sector. The vessel commenced her maiden voyage on 06.12.2018 providing the much needed connectivity from Mainland to the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. SCI has also commenced its Kolkata-Port Blair Service by inducting MPP vessel M.V. MCP Salzburg (380 TEUs). The vessel commenced her maiden voyage on 22.12.2018.