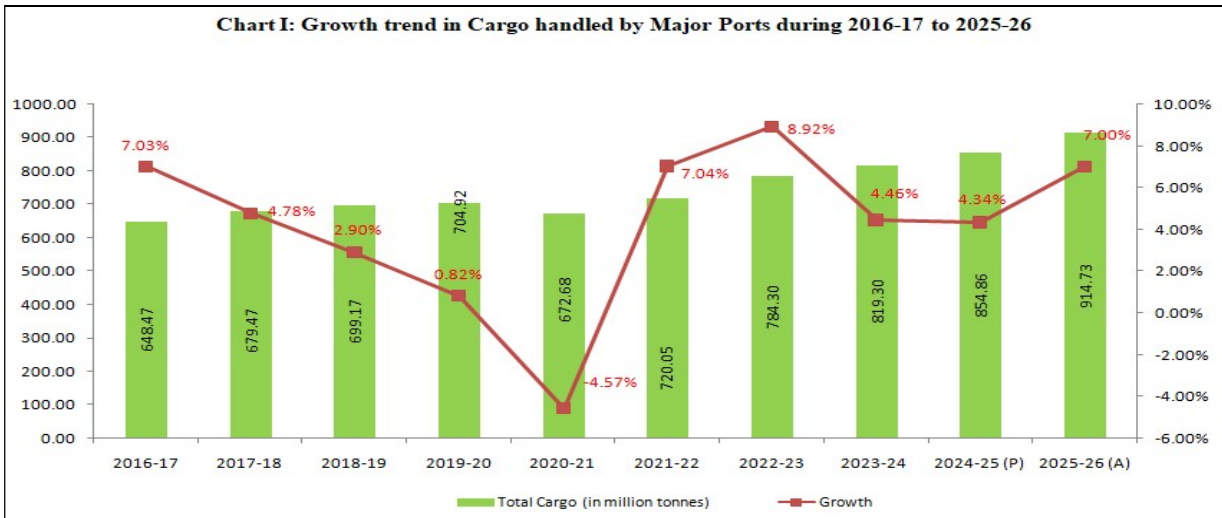


CARGO HANDLING STATUS FOR MAJOR PORTS DURING MARCH 2026

Cargo Traffic of Major Ports in India

Maritime transport activity is driven by the growth in output and trade worldwide. The volume of seaborne cargo handled by ports is comprised of the global (i.e. overseas cargo) and domestic (i.e. coastal cargo) activities. There are 12 Major Ports under Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, which provide monthly information on Port Data Management Portal 2.0 (PDMP2.0) of the Ministry on cargo handled by them.

This publication provides data for March 2026 (Advance Estimates) compared with provisional estimates of March 2025. During April- March 2025-26 cargo handled at Major Ports increased by 7.00% compared to April- March 2024-25. During April- March 2025-26 total cargo handled had increased to 914.73 million tonnes (MMT) from 854.86 MMT handled during April- March 2024-25. The overall trend in the cargo handled at Major Ports during the past ten years is shown in Chart-I.



Source: Major Ports

Cargo handled by Major Ports during April-March 2025-26

Major Ports

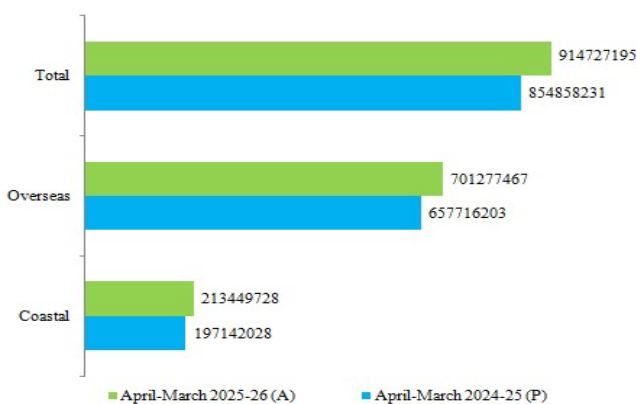
Performance during April-March 2025-26

- Total Cargo handled 914.73 MMT
 - Overseas cargo 701.28 MMT (76.67 %)
 - Coastal cargo 213.45 MMT (23.33 %)

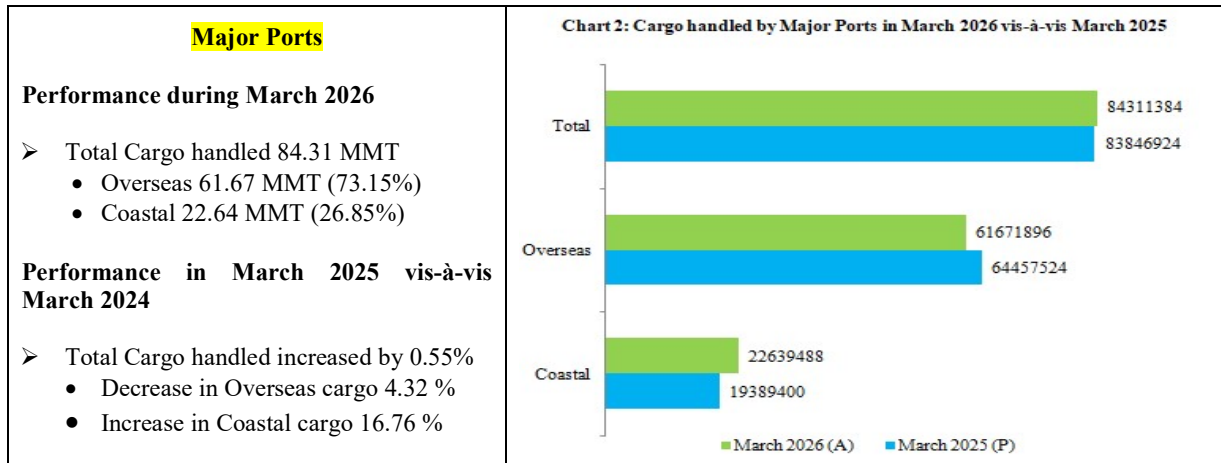
Performance in April- March 2025-26 vis-a-vis April- March 2024-25

- Cargo handled increased by 7.00%
 - Increase in Overseas cargo 6.62 %
 - Increase in Coastal cargo 8.27 %

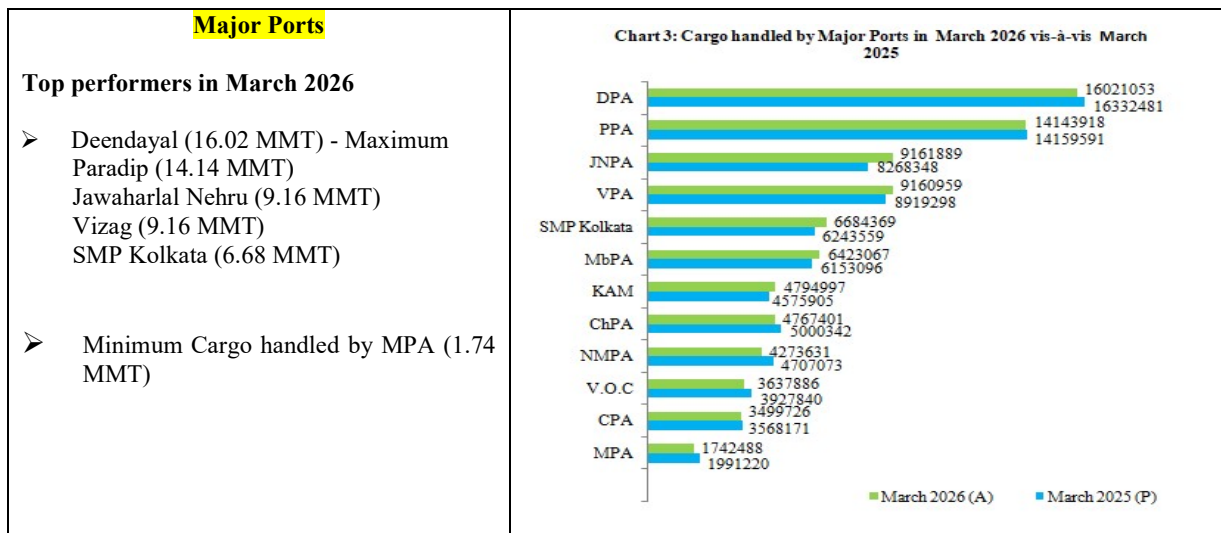
Chart I: Cargo handled by Major Ports during April-March 2025-26 vis-à-vis April-March 2024-25



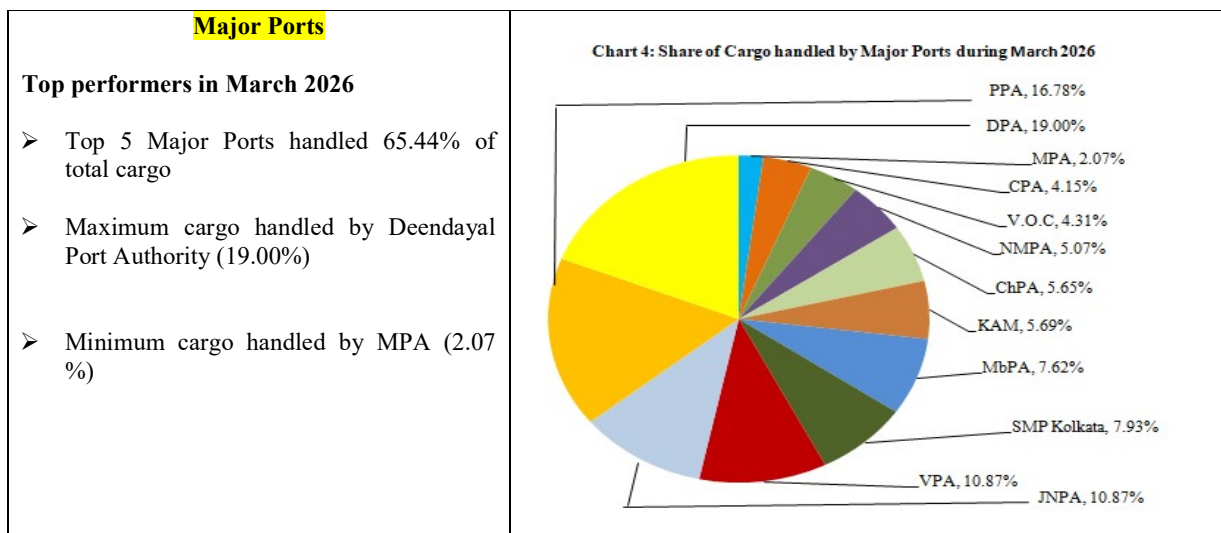
Cargo handled by Major ports in March 2026



Growth of Cargo handled by Major Ports in March 2026



Share of Cargo handled by Major Ports in March 2026



Commodity-wise Cargo handled in March 2026

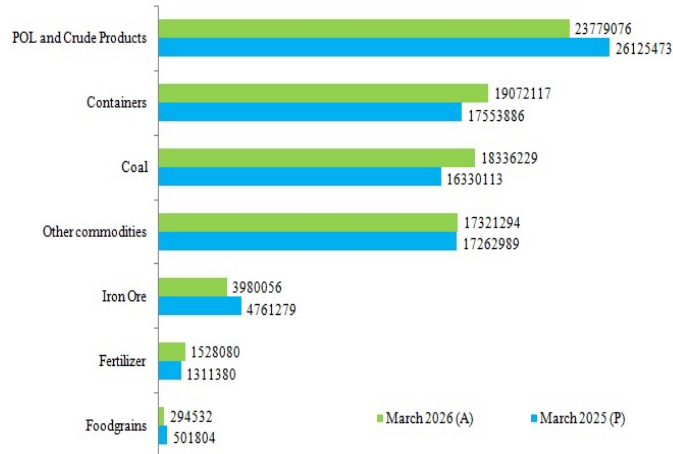
Principal Commodities handled by Major Ports

Broadly commodities are categorized in 7 Principal commodities.

Progress in March 2026

- POL and Crude Products had maximum (28.20%) share
- Containers had 22.62% share with growth of 8.65%
- Fertilizer had maximum growth of 16.52% with share of 1.81%
- Growth was negative for Food grains (41.31%), Iron Ore (16.41%) and POL and Crude Products (8.98%)

Chart 5: Principal Commodity-wise Cargo handled in March 2026 vis-à-vis March 2025



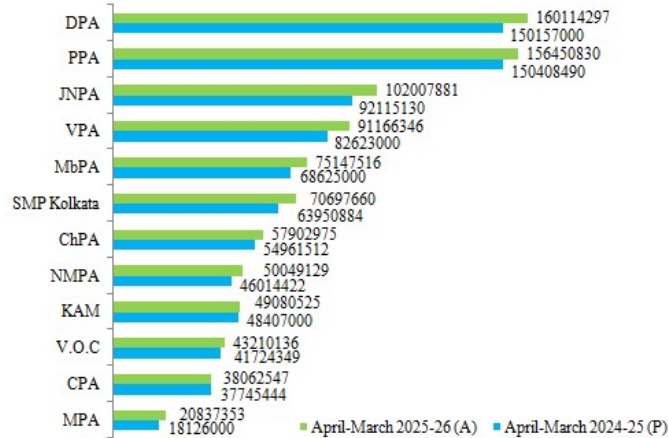
Major Port-wise Cargo handled during April- March 2025-26

Major Port-wise Cargo handling

Top performers during April- March 2025-26

- Deendayal (160.11 MMT) -Maximum Paradip (156.45MMT)
Jawaharlal Nehru (102.01 MMT)
Vizag (91.17 MMT)
Mumbai (75.15 MMT)
- Minimum Cargo (20.84 MMT) was handled by MPA

Chart 6: Cargo handled by Major Ports during April-March 2025-26 vis-à-vis April-March 2024-25



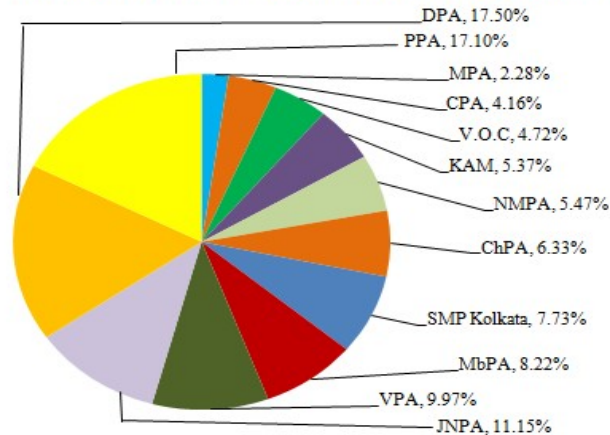
Share of Cargo handled by Major Ports during April- March 2025-26

Major Port-wise cargo handling

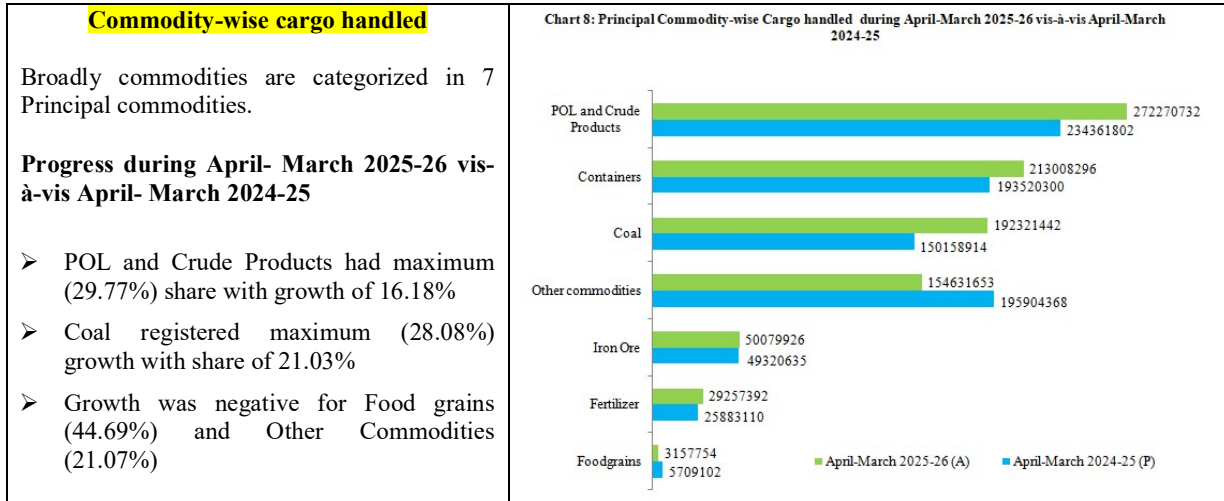
Top performers during April- March 2025-26

- Top 5 Major Ports handled 63.94 % of total cargo
- Maximum cargo handled by Deendayal (17.50%)
- Minimum cargo (2.28%) handled by MPA

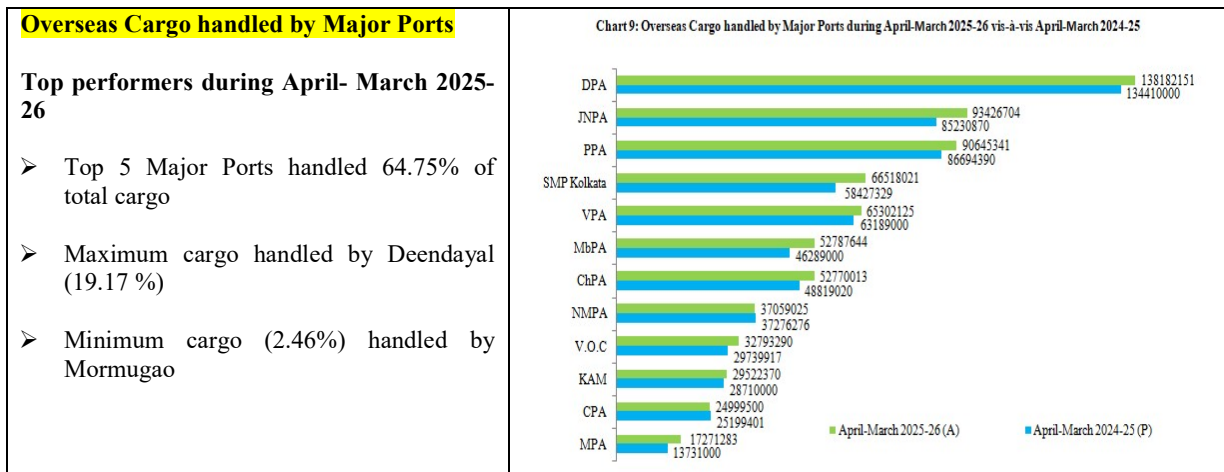
Chart 7: Share of Cargo handled by Major Ports during April-March 2025-26



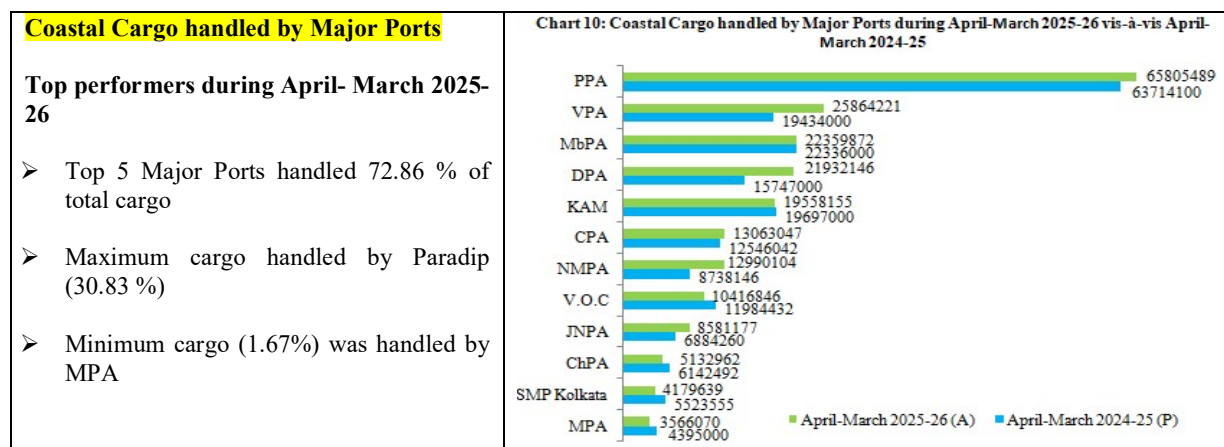
Commodity-wise Cargo handled and its Growth during April- March 2025-26



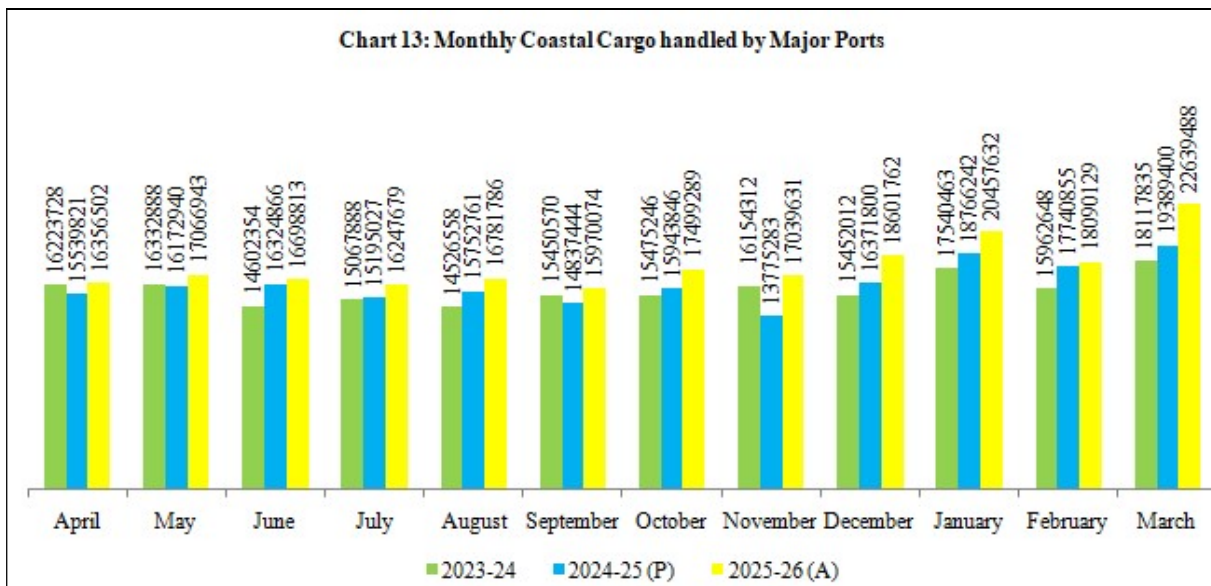
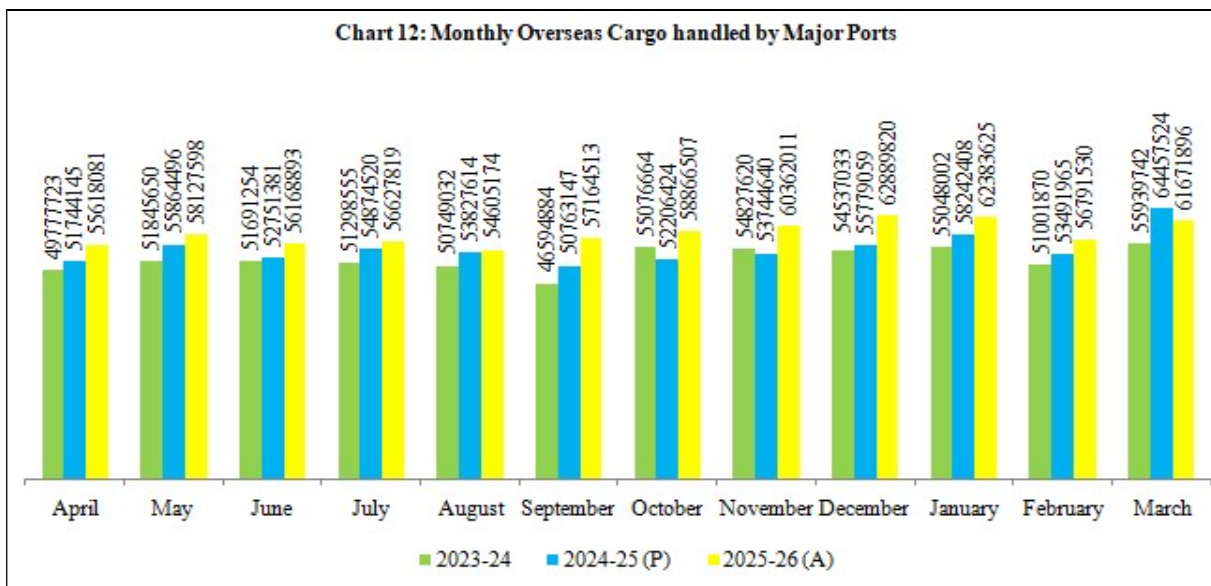
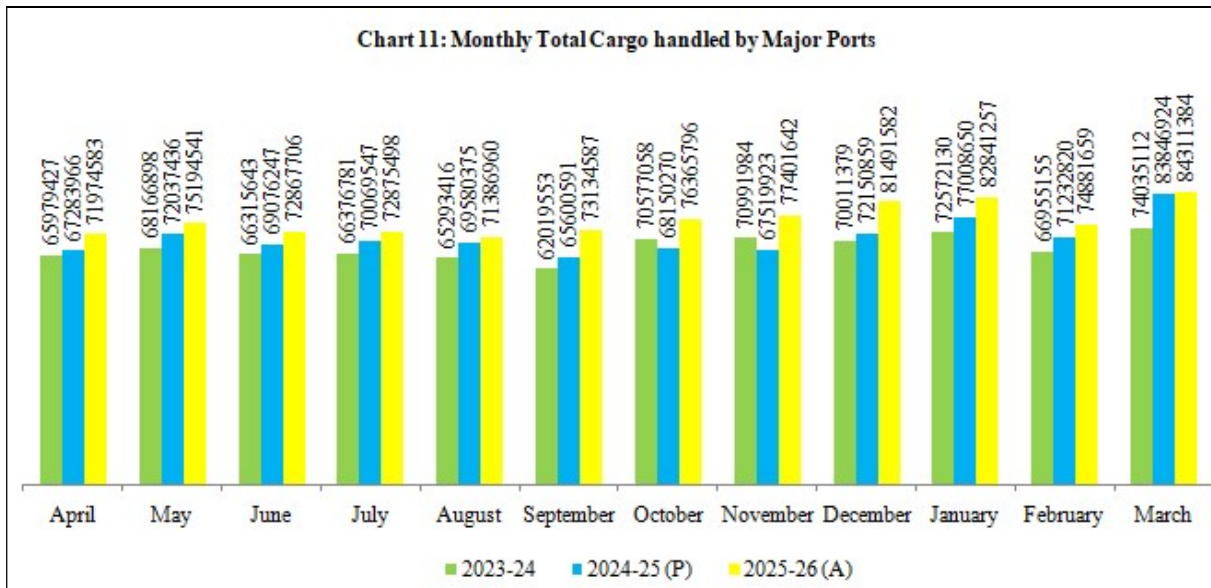
Major Port-wise Overseas Cargo handling during April- March 2025-26



Major Port-wise Coastal Cargo handled during April- March 2025-26



Monthly Cargo handled by Major Ports



Note: Monthly data in Chart 11,12 and 13 for the year 2023-24 has been taken from Basic Port Statistics Of India 2023-24 and divided proportionately as per monthly data in Port Data Management Portal for the same period.

TABLE-1 : Major Port -wise Monthly Cargo handled

										(in Tonnes)
S. No.	Name of Ports		March 2025 (P)	March 2026 (A)		Percentage Change in March 2025 over March 2024	April-March 2024-25 (P)	April-March 2025-26 (A)		Percentage Change in April-March 2025-26 over April-March 2024-25
			Cargo handled	Cargo handled	Percent share		Cargo handled	Cargo handled	Percent share	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
1	SMP Kolkata	Overseas	5466856	6321853	10.25	15.64	58427329	66518021	9.49	13.85
		Coastal	776703	362516	1.60	-53.33	5523555	4179639	1.96	-24.33
		Total	6243559	6684369	7.93	7.06	63950884	70697660	7.73	10.55
	KDS	Overseas	1233860	1783408	2.89	44.54	15299414	18436983	2.63	20.51
		Coastal	396839	38839	0.17	-90.21	1341549	405591	0.19	-69.77
		Total	1630699	1822247	2.16	11.75	16640963	18842574	2.06	13.23
	HDC	Overseas	4232996	4538445	7.36	7.22	43127915	48081038	6.86	11.48
		Coastal	379864	323677	1.43	-14.79	4182006	3774048	1.77	-9.76
		Total	4612860	4862122	5.77	5.40	47309921	51855086	5.67	9.61
2	Paradip	Overseas	7639602	7677680	12.45	0.50	86694390	90645341	12.93	4.56
		Coastal	6519989	6466238	28.56	-0.82	63714100	65805489	30.83	3.28
		Total	14159591	14143918	16.78	-0.11	150408490	156450830	17.10	4.02
3	Visakhapatnam	Overseas	6555952	5128126	8.32	-21.78	63189000	65302125	9.31	3.34
		Coastal	2363346	4032833	17.81	70.64	19434000	25864221	12.12	33.09
		Total	8919298	9160959	10.87	2.71	82623000	91166346	9.97	10.34
4	Kamarajar	Overseas	2894056	2780406	4.51	-3.93	28710000	29522370	4.21	2.83
		Coastal	1681849	2014591	8.90	19.78	19697000	19558155	9.16	-0.70
		Total	4575905	4794997	5.69	4.79	48407000	49080525	5.37	1.39
5	Chennai	Overseas	4564795	4292749	6.96	-5.96	48819020	52770013	7.52	8.09
		Coastal	435547	474652	2.10	8.98	6142492	5132962	2.40	-16.44
		Total	5000342	4767401	5.65	-4.66	54961512	57902975	6.33	5.35
6	V.O.C.	Overseas	2888965	2658803	4.31	-7.97	29739917	32793290	4.68	10.27
		Coastal	1038875	979083	4.32	-5.76	11984432	10416846	4.88	-13.08
		Total	3927840	3637886	4.31	-7.38	41724349	43210136	4.72	3.56
7	Cochin	Overseas	2331817	2257239	3.66	-3.20	25199401	24999500	3.56	-0.79
		Coastal	1236354	1242487	5.49	0.50	12546042	13063047	6.12	4.12
		Total	3568171	3499726	4.15	-1.92	37745444	38062547	4.16	0.84
8	New Mangalore	Overseas	3810086	2982451	4.84	-21.72	37276276	37059025	5.28	-0.58
		Coastal	896987	1291180	5.70	43.95	8738146	12990104	6.09	48.66
		Total	4707073	4273631	5.07	-9.21	46014422	50049129	5.47	8.77
9	Mormugao	Overseas	1554537	1152124	1.87	-25.89	13731000	17271283	2.46	25.78
		Coastal	436683	590364	2.61	35.19	4395000	3566070	1.67	-18.86
		Total	1991220	1742488	2.07	-12.49	18126000	20837353	2.28	14.96
10	Mumbai	Overseas	4232785	4157942	6.74	-1.77	46289000	52787644	7.53	14.04
		Coastal	1920311	2265125	10.01	17.96	22336000	22359872	10.48	0.11
		Total	6153096	6423067	7.62	4.39	68625000	75147516	8.22	9.50
11	JNPA	Overseas	7573727	8400577	13.62	10.92	85230870	93426704	13.32	9.62
		Coastal	694621	761312	3.36	9.60	6884260	8581177	4.02	24.65
		Total	8268348	9161889	10.87	10.81	92115130	102007881	11.15	10.74
12	Deendayal	Overseas	14944346	13861946	22.48	-7.24	134410000	138182151	19.70	2.81
		Coastal	1388135	2159107	9.54	55.54	15747000	21932146	10.28	39.28
		Total	16332481	16021053	19.00	-1.91	150157000	160114297	17.50	6.63
Total	Overseas	64457524	61671896	73.15	-4.32	657716203	701277467	76.67	6.62	
	Coastal	19389400	22639488	26.85	16.76	197142028	213449728	23.33	8.27	
	Total	83846924	84311384	100.00	0.55	854858231	914727195	100.00	7.00	

P-Provisional
Source: - Major Ports

A- Advanced Estimates

Table-2: Commodity-Wise Cargo handled by Major Ports

								(in Tonnes)	
Principal Commodities	March 2025 (P)	March 2026 (A)		Percentage Change in March 2026 over March 2025	April-March 2024-25 (P)	April-March 2025-26 (A)		Percentage Change in April-March 2025-26 over April-March 2024-25	
	Cargo handled	Cargo handled	% share		Cargo handled	Cargo handled	% share		
POL and Crude Products	26125473	23779076	28.20	-8.98	234361802	272270732	29.77	16.18	
Coal	16330113	18336229	21.75	12.28	150158914	192321442	21.03	28.08	
Iron Ore	4761279	3980056	4.72	-16.41	49320635	50079926	5.47	1.54	
Fertilizer	1311380	1528080	1.81	16.52	25883110	29257392	3.20	13.04	
Foodgrains	501804	294532	0.35	-41.31	5709102	3157754	0.35	-44.69	
Other Commodities	17262989	17321294	20.54	0.34	195904368	154631653	16.90	-21.07	
Container Tonnes	17553886	19072117	22.62	8.65	193520300	213008296	23.29	10.07	
Container TEUs	1217313	1342038	1.59	10.25	13533963	14915896	1.63	10.21	
Total	83846924	84311384	100.00	0.55	854858231	914727195	100.00	7.00	

P-Provisional A- Advanced Estimates *TEUs in Numbers
 Source: - Major Ports

ABBREVIATIONS USED

ChPA	Chennai Port Authority	SMP HDC	Shyama Prasad Mukerjee Port
CPA	Cochin Port Authority		Haldia Dock Complex
DPA	Deendayal Port Authority	SMP KDS	Shyama Prasad Mukerjee Port
JNPA	Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Authority		Kolkata Dock System
KAM	Kamrajar Port Authority	SMP Kolkata	Shyama Prasad Mukerjee Port
VPA	Visakapatnam Port Authority		Kolkata
MbPA	Mumbai Port Authority	TEU	Twenty Foot Equivalent Unit
MMT	Million Metric tones	V.O.C	V.O. Chidambaranar Port
MPA	Mormugao Port Authority		Authority
NMPA	New Manglore Port Authority		
PPA	Paradip Port Authority		
