

**MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS**  
**MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2022**

**Port Performance**

In terms of container traffic 497,914 TEUs were handled at Jawaharlal Nehru Port during the April-2022 which is 6.39% higher than 468,015 TEUs handled in April-2021. In the Logistic Performance Index report JNPA was rated as best performance port. Highest tonnage of 3,75,344 tonnes of cargo was handled at Visakhapatnam Port in single day on 26.04.2022 since its inception. It surpassed previous best handling of 3,70,029 tonnes on 27.12.2021. Paradip Port Handled 12.19 MMT of cargo during the month of April, 2022 registering a growth of 8.82% over April, 2021. This is the second highest cargo handling after March, 2022.

During the month, Deendayal Port exported 1.17 MMT of wheat, a surge due to impact of Ukraine-Russia conflict. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in association with Deendayal Port, launched a telecommunication pilot project of 5th Generation (5G) Small Cell and Aerial Fiber deployment using Deendayal Port Street Furniture.

**Sagarmala - Cochin Port Authority**

The foundation stone for a Ro-Ro jetty at the Kochi port was laid on 30.04.2022 by Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, in the presence of Shri Shantanu Thakur, Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways. The new Ro-Ro facility will be developed between Q1 berth and South Coal Berth to promote affordable coastal movement of cargo using Ro-Ro vessels, helping decongest roads and promoting an eco-friendly and cost-effective mode of transportation. The ₹ 11.06-crore project funded by the under Sagarmala and is scheduled to be completed in nine months.

**Cochin Shipyard Limited**

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways inaugurated the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Cochin Shipyard Limited under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' on 30.04.2022. The Gala Event was attended by various esteemed dignitaries, alongwith physical participation by more than 8750 Officers/employees (including retired) of Cochin Shipyard Limited. The Start-up engagement framework of Cochin Shipyard Limited by activating a Rs. 50 Crores corpus fund was also launched by the Hon'ble Minister. The planned building of Hydrogen Fuelled Electric Vessel by CSL was also announced to keep pace with the Global Maritime Green Transitions. The move is part of India's transformative efforts on the innovative and new technology on green energy, sustainable cost-effective alternate fuels. This project is expected to augment the efforts of the nation in achieving the Prime Minister's ambitious target of becoming carbon neutral by 2070 and also in complying with the standards set by

International Maritime Organization (IMO) that envisages a reduction in carbon intensity of international shipping by at least 40% by 2030 and progressively to 70% by 2050.

### **Shipping Corporation of India (SCI)**

Subsequent to signing of the O&M contract between SCI and UTLA on 02.02.2022, 12 UTLA vessels (out of fleet of 26 vessels plus 2 under construction vessels) have been handed over to SCI.

### **Inland Water Transport**

The Waterways Conclave was held at Dibrugarh on 11<sup>th</sup>& 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. The event was attended by Hon'ble Union Minister of PS&W Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and other Dignitaries.

Hon'ble Union Minister of PS&W Shri Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off the voyage of bulk cargo (Gypsum) by M.V. Dristi from IFFCO Riverine Jetty to Paradip Port for further movement of Gypsum to various destinations of India by coastal route.

The Cargo movement on National Waterways is encouraging during the year 2021-22 and 108.79 Million Ton achieved for FY-2021-22 against 83.61 Million ton for last year recording 30.12 % increase.