

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

**Rise in Cargo Traffic at Major Ports during April 2021 to March 2022**

The Cargo traffic at the country's Major Ports rose by 6.94 per cent to 719.38 Million Tonnes as against 672.68 Million Tonnes handled during the corresponding period of previous year. The performance of five Major ports marked the highest traffic achieved till date. This includes Deendayal Port, Paradip Port, Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Kamarajar Port and Cochin Port.

Deendayal Port handled the highest volume of traffic i.e. 127.10 Million Tonnes followed by Paradip with 116.13 Million Tonnes. The highest growth of 49.63% is achieved by Kamarajar Port followed by JNP by 17.27%, Mumbai by 11.46%, Chennai by 11.39%, Cochin by 9.68%, Deendayal by 8.11%, New Mangalore by 7.40%, V.O. Chidambaranar by 7.33% and Paradip by 1.38%.

**Norwegian delegation visit to JNPA**

On 28th March 2022, Consul General, Norwegian Consulate, Mumbai and other delegates from Norway visited Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), India's premier container port, to boost the cooperation between India and Norway.

**Seven Years of Sagarmala Programme**

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways organized an event to commemorate successful seven years of Sagarmala programme. The mobile application of Sagarmala was launched by Hon'ble Minister of PS&W in presence of Hon'ble Ministers of State and other senior officials and dignitaries. Achievements during the period of seven years and plans for future were highlighted along with the signing of contract, handing over of sanction letters, exchange of letter of award etc. between several stakeholders.

**National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)**

Letter of Acceptance (LoA) awarded to M/s TATA Projects Ltd on 09.03.2022 for Detailed Design, Construction, Testing and Commissioning of Phase-IA of NMHC at Lothal, Gujarat on Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) Basis.

**Agreement between DCI and CSL**

A Shipbuilding Agreement signed on 17.03.2022 between Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCI) and Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) for construction of 12,000 cubic meters capacity Trailing Suction Hopper Dredger under Atma Nirbhar Bharat Scheme. This is the first time that a 12000 m3 hopper capacity dredger is being built in Indian shipyard. This is the first Make

in India project in dredger construction. The dredger is expected to fulfil the maintenance dredging needs of the 12 Major Ports along west coast and east coast of India.

### **The Marine Aids to Navigation Act, 2021**

Act has come into force with effect from 31st March, 2022. Under the Subordinate Legislation to the Marine Aids to Navigation Act, 2021, total five (05) rules have been drafted and pre-published for inviting objections/suggestions of general public.

### **Inland Water Transport**

MV Lal Bahadur Shastri loaded with 182.38 MT rice grain of FCI arrived at Pandu Port, Guwahati on 6.3.2022 from Patna covering a distance of 2350 KM through NW-1, Indo Bangladesh Protocol route and NW-2. The event was attended by Hon'ble Union Minister of PS&W, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam and Mrs. Queen Oja, Hon'ble Member of Parliament.

The cargo movement on National waterways continue to be encouraging and for the first time crossed 100 Million MT during 2021- 2022. 52 nos. Bangladeshi vessels loaded with stone aggregates / coal with total weight of 6386.02 MT sailed from Dhubri (India) to Chilmari (Bangladesh) during the month of March, 2022.