

# **MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING & WATERWAYS**

## **MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2023**

### **Port Sector**

The traffic handled at Major Ports during the period April, 2023 to May, 2023 has increased by 2.39% in the current financial year (FY 2023-24) over the same period last year- it has gone up from 130.97 million Tonnes to 134.11 million Tonnes.

Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata has taken a giant leap recently by anchoring and carrying out cargo operation simultaneously on 2 Cape Size Vessels at Sagar on 13.05.2023 in a maiden achievement in its history in spite of being a riverine port with comparatively low draft.

### **Launch of 'Harit Sagar'- the Green Port Guidelines 2023**

To meet the larger vision of achieving Zero Carbon Emission Goal, Hon'ble Minister for PS&W and AYUSH launched 'Harit Sagar' the Green Port Guidelines on 10.05.2023 in the august presence of Hon'ble Minister of State for PS&W and Tourism and other senior officials of the Ministry. Four major ports, namely, Deendayal Port, Visakhapatnam Port, New Mangalore Port and VOC Port are already generating renewable energy more than their demand.

### **Sagar Shreshtha Samman awards conferred**

The major ports were conferred awards for their all time best performance on select operational and financial parameters during 2022-23. Ports that have registered highest incremental improvements were also honoured and were ranked on the basis of their overall performance during 2022-23. The idea of these awards is to generate fair and healthy competition amongst the Major ports and to motivate them to perform better & better in the coming year. The award for the best port was given to Paradip Port on overall annual performance based upon cargo handling, average turnaround time, ship birthday output, and idle time at berth, operating ratio, pre berthing detention.

## **Fixation of Tariff**

With the abolition of TAMP, the responsibility of tariff fixation for the existing Concessionaire lies with the Major Ports Authorities. Ministry under Section 53 of the Major Ports Authorities Act, 2021 directed Major Ports Authorities to consider fixing of tariff in respect of existing PPP concessionaires governed by the erstwhile Tariff Guidelines of 2005, 2008, 2013 and 2019 as mentioned in the respective concession Agreements, with the approval of the Boards concerned.

## **Shipping Sector**

On 04.05.2023, the Udupi Cochin Shipyard Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cochin Shipyard Ltd. (CSL) flagged off five Deep-Sea Tuna Long Liner cum Gill Netter Fishing vessels built under the “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)” for the beneficiaries from the state of Kerala. Multiple Refit Contract for refits of Water Jet Fast Attack Crafts was signed by Naval Ship Repair Yard, Karwar of Indian Navy with the CSL on 19.05.2023. On 20.05.2023, CSL launched one Electric Hybrid 100 Pax Water Metro boat being built for Kochi Metro.

On 05.05.2023, Hon’ble Minister of State for PS&W flagged off M.V. MSS Galena (carrying 270 TEUs of containers) from VOC Port as the Direct Shipping Service from Tuticorin to Maldives. The vessel will be operated by Shipping Corporation of India (SCI). This service inducted under Hon’ble Prime Minister’s ‘Neighbourhood-First Policy’ and the vision of Security and Growth for all in the Region to give impetus to bilateral trade between India & Maldives.

## **Sittwe Port, Myanmar**

On 09.05.2023, Hon’ble Minister for PS&W and AYUSH and Dy. Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport & Communications of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar jointly inaugurated the Sittwe Port in Rakhine State of Myanmar and received the first Indian Cargo ship MV ITT LION which was flagged of by Hon’ble Minister of State for PS&W on 04.05.2023 from SPM Kolkata. The Port has been built under a grant assistance from the Government of India as part of Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP) which will open up new opportunities for trade and transit from and to Myanmar and also result in 50% reduction in cost and time of transportation of goods between Kolkata, Agartala and Aizawl.

### **Riverine Based Religious Tourism Circuit**

On 19.05.2023, a MoU was signed in Guwahati, Assam for the development of 'Riverine Based Religious Tourism Circuit' among IWAI, SDCL, ATDC Assam and DIWT, Government of Assam. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam and Hon'ble Minister of PS&W and Ayush, witnessed this historic signing ceremony which is poised to unlock a new chapter in the riverine tourism sector in Assam. The MoU will facilitate modern ferry service on a 'Hop On Hop Off' among seven (07) historic religious sites around Guwahati namely Kamakhya, Pandunath, Ashwalknata, DouL Govinda, Umananda, Chakreshwar and Auniati Satra.

### **Chintan Shivar in Munnar, Kerala**

The Ministry embarked upon its much-anticipated 2 days (21/22 May, 2023) Chintan Shivar at Munnar in Kerala. The Shivar was Chaired and inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister of PS&W and AYUSH in the august presence of the Hon'ble Ministers of State and Senior officials of the Ministry/Organisations. During the Chintan Shivar, the achievements and targets set during the last two Chintan Shivars and other action points were discussed. Hon'ble Minister, at the end of Shivar, made Five major announcements focusing green shipping and digitisation of the ports which are – the Ministry to provide 30% financial support for the promotion of Green Shipping; Under the Green Tug Transition Programme of JN Port, VOC Port, Paradip Port and Deendayal Port, Kandla will procure two tugs each; Deendayal Port and VOC Port to be developed as Green Hydrogen Hubs, Single Window Portal to facilitate and monitor river and sea cruises; JN Port and VOC Ports to become Smart Ports by next year.

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