

MINISTRY OF PORTS SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF
SEPTEMBER, 2021

Financial Assistance under Sagarmala

Government of India had declared Vasai-Kalyan waterways as National Waterways (NW-53) in 2016. The NW-53 covers towns situated very close to Mumbai and these are also densely populated facing severe traffic issues. Passenger Water Transport on NW-53 would provide an alternate mode of transport to reduce the burden on road rail traffic. Under Sagarmala programme, the following projects have been approved to start ferry services on NW-53:

- i) Rs. 10.65 crores for 'Construction of jetty at Dombivali (NW-53).
- ii) Rs. 11.97 crores for 'Construction of jetty at Kalher (NW-53)
- iii) Rs. 15.18 crores for 'Construction of jetty at Kolshet (NW-53)
- iv) Rs.12.23 crores for 'Construction of jetty at Mira-Bhayander (NW-53)

Port sector

i) Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, handled 3,80,574 TEUs (KDS: 2,89,746 & HDC: 90,828) during April-September 2021 vis-à-vis 3,17,382 TEUs (KDS: 2,50,239 & HDC: 67,143) during April-September 2020, registering a high growth of 19.91%.

ii) The total traffic handled at Jawaharlal Nehru Port during the first half of the FY 2021-22 was 36.35 million tons as against 34.41 million tons, which is 5.63% higher over the same period of last year. The container traffic handled at JN Port during the first half of the FY 2021-22 was 2,703,051 TEUs as against 1,925,284 TEUs, which is 40.40% higher than the container traffic over the same period of last year.

iii) The Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, virtually flagged-off the dwarf container train service from Jawaharlal Nehru Port on 20th September, 2021.

iv) Shri Shantanu Thakur, Hon'ble Minister of State for Ports, Shipping & Waterways visited Visakhapatnam Port on 23rd September, 2021. The Hon'ble Minister inaugurated "Grade Separator from H-7 to Convent Junction" and laid Foundation stone for "Development of Cruise Terminal" and participated in SwachhtaPakhwada Programme.

v) Parliamentary Standing Committee on 'Empowerment of Women' headed by Dr.Heena Vijay Kumar Gavit, M.P& Chairperson along with other Parliamentarians visited VPT on 17th September, 2021. The Committee reviewed the CSR activities undertaken in connection with Women Empowerment in VPT.

vi) Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways during his visit to the New Mangalore Port on 24th September, 2021 laid foundation stone for:

- a) Modernization of the main entrance gate of the port.
- b) The new truck parking terminal near KK gate
- c) Lokarpan of Business Development Centre to the Nation.

Inland Water Transport

- i) Award for Construction of IWT Kalughat issued on 10.09.2021 to at a cost of Rs. 78.28 cr.
- ii) 5338.441 MT of relief material / food grain (rice) was handled at Dhubri terminal during the month of September, 2021.
- iii) 23 Nos. Bangladeshi vessels loaded with crushed stone chips of total weight 5627.50 MT sailed from Dhubri (India) to Chilmari (Bangladesh) in September, 2021.
- iv) 10 Nos. Bangladeshi vessels loaded with crushed stone chips of total weight 1510.00 MT sailed from Badarpur (India) to Narayanganj (Bangladeshi) in September, 2021.
- v) M/s RINL brought a consignment of 613.22 MT of TMT and Round Steel bars at IWAI BG Siding, Pandu from Vizag on 27.08.2021.
- vi) The Cargo movement on National Waterways continue to be encouraging this year. So far 39.71 million ton has been achieved from April-August, 2021 against 24.15 million ton last year for the same period recording 64.40% increase.

- vii) One ODC of 471 MT (Ammonia Converter Pressure Cell of Grasim Industries) moved from Kolkata to Mirzapur, UP through NW-1.
- viii) 4,47,732 MT Cargo moved through Protocol on Inland Water Transit & Trade Route during the month of September, 2021.

Agreement between India and Maldives

Agreement for augmenting marine safety, security and environment protection in the region through cooperation in the LRIT system between India and Maldives was signed on 30th September, 2021 at Male by Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Maldives and High Commissioner of India on behalf of the Government of India.