MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
Monthly Achievements for the month of June, 2022

MoU between Directorate General of Shipping and Indian Navy

The Directorate General of Shipping under Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways has issued DGS Order No 17 dated 20th June 2022 detailing 16 transition schemes for Indian Navy Personnel to Merchant Navy. These transition schemes have been drawn after a detailed discussion with Indian Navy. These Schemes enable smooth transition of the retiring Indian Navy Personnel into Merchant Navy by acquiring necessary certification to work on Merchant Ships in accordance with the Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping Convention of International Maritime Organisation. To implement these schemes, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by Indian Navy and Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways, Govt. of India.

Port Performance

On 25.06.2022, V. O. Chidambaranar Port created a new record by handling 1,92,699 Tonnes of Cargo in a single day, surpassing the earlier single day cargo handling record of 1,90,166 Tonnes.

A programme "GATI SHAKTI" National Master Plan for Multi Modal Connectivity was organized on 06.06.2022 by Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port. Officials of Customs, Railways, Delegates of Bhutan & Nepal and other Stake Holders attended the event.

Grant of moratorium to Cochin Port Authority on repayment of GoI loans for a period of three years

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved a moratorium of three years (2020-21, 2021-22 & 2022-23) on 14.06.2022 for the Cochin Port Authority (CoPA), towards repayment of the balance outstanding Government of India (GoI) loans amounting to Rs. 446.83 crore, to tide over the financial crisis due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Inland Water Transport

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between IWAI &Ultratech Cement on 06.06.2022 for Movement of Cargo (Gypsum) from Paradip Fertilizer unit of IFFCO, on National Waterway–5, National Waterway-64 to Cement Plants situated along the banks of National Waterway–1, in Bihar and West Bengal.

Draft Guidelines for Operationalization of Ro-Ro and Ro-Pax ferry service along the coast of India

The Ministry has issued draft of "Guidelines for Operationalization of Ro-Ro and Ro-Pax ferry service along the coast of India" to seek feedback and suggestions on the draft guidelines for operationalization of Ro-Ro and Ro-Pax ferry service along the coast of India from all stakeholders. The guidelines encompass the two aspects of ferry operation namely; concessions for terminal operation and license for operation of Ro-Pax vessels.These

guidelines will homogenize and streamline the development and operations of ferry services, along with, promoting ease of doing business by eliminating unnecessary delays, disagreements and introducing digital interventions at customer interface. They will also help State/UT Governments and Port Authorities in implementation of such projects by standardization of procedures. Further, it will help in instilling confidence among the private players thereby increasing their participation and promoting healthy competition in such projects.

Cochin Shipyard Limited

On 24th June, 2022, delivered two Autonomous Electric Barges, viz., "Marit" & "Theres", for Norway based ASKO Maritime AS. The 67 Mtr. Long vessels are delivered as Full-Electric Transport Ferries powered by 1846 KWh capacity battery.

Celebration of International Day of Yoga (IDY)

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and its allied Offices celebrated International Day of Yoga on 21st June, 2022. Main Secretariat organized Yoga Programmes for Officers/Officials. Cochin Port Authority organized Yoga session on vessel Kavarathi which was docked at Cochin Port's Ernakulam Wharf. Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) organized IDY-2022 at International Container Terminal in the presence of Port Officials of DPA, CISF, State Police, General Public and School Children. Other Major Ports have also organized yoga session with Port Officials and general public.