

Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways

Major Achievements for the month of September, 2022

1. **Inauguration / Foundation Stone laying of NMP Projects by Hon'ble PM -**

Hon'ble Prime Minister, during his visit to New Mangalore Port (NMP) on 2nd Sept 2022, inaugurated/laid foundation stone for 6 projects worth Rs.1277 crore. The project 'Mechanisation of container handling and other cargo at Berth No.14 on DBFOT basis' was inaugurated. Foundation stone was laid for setting up of 4 storage tank farms for edible oil, LPG, bitumen and construction of fisheries harbour at Kulai during visit.

2. **Review of operational readiness of the Voyage Express -**

Hon'ble Minister (PS&W) visited Ghogha terminal in Gujarat, on 13th Sept. 2022, to review the ongoing commercial trials of Voyage Express, which also generates solar power. This hybrid energy powered ferry is one of its kind being 134 meters long having capacity to carry 50 trucks, 25 light commercial trucks, 70 cars, 50 two wheelers along with 600 passengers. This ferry service between Saurashtra and South Gujarat will cut down travel time by almost 70% i.e. from the existing travel time of 11 hours by road or train to only around 3.5 hours by ferry now.

3. **National Maritime Heritage Complex -**

Hon'ble Minister (PS&W) visited site of proposed National Maritime Heritage Complex, near Lothal, on 13.09.2022 and reviewed the progress with officials of Government of Gujarat and Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. The proposed Complex would be one of the world's largest maritime museums and would showcase India's rich and diverse maritime heritage. Life size architecture of Lothal will be depicted in the museum. To provide First-Hand Experience to visitors, a working model of the Lothal dockyard, functioning of the warehouse etc. will also be showcased along with typical features of the architectural plan. Museum will also portray renowned Harappan Water Harvesting and Management system excavated at the site of Dholavira.

4. **Chintan Baithak -**

Hon'ble Minister (PS&W) reviewed the performance of the ministry in a 'Chintan Baithak' on 29th Sept. 2022 with the senior officials of the Ministry including Chairpersons of all Major Ports and top officials of the other organization under the Ministry. Status of various ongoing initiatives and programs viz., Asset Monetization, National Infrastructure Pipeline, Implementation of innovative projects identified in previous Chintan Baithaks, automation of weighbridges and CAPEX status during the current financial year were reviewed during the meeting.

5. **Projects worth Rs. 231.21 Crore unveiled in Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu -**

Hon'ble Minister (PS&W) unveiled projects, worth Rs.231.21 crore, on 30th Sept. 2022 at Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu. Foundation stone for the Tuticorin SPEEDZ (Coastal Employment Unit) land for development of Port-based Industries, spanning 1300 acres, worth Rs. 100 crore and Inner Harbour development works (Widenisng the Port Entrance and dredging the widened portion) costing Rs. 65.53 Crore were laid. Upgraded Coal Yard

Road and Drainage System, costing Rs.16 Crore, Fixed Fire Fighting System at Oil Jetty costing Rs. 18.79 Crore and Strengthened 22 KV HT Electrical Network costing Rs. 1.15 Crore were inaugurated.

6. Port Performance

- i. The traffic handled at Major Ports during the period “April to September” has increased by **10.8%** in the current financial year (FY2022-23) as compared to the same period last year. It has gone up from 346.724 million Tonnes last year to 384.314 million Tonnes this year.
- ii. Traffic handled by Major Ports during the month of Sept-2022 has increased by **14.9%** as compared to the traffic handled by them during the same month last year. It has gone up from 53.671 million Tonnes last year to 61.666 million Tonnes this year.
- iii. Commodity wise break-up of the cargo handled by Major Ports during the month of Sept-2022 includes 31.07% POL, 21.21% Containers, 16.17% Thermal Coal, 11.89% Misc. Cargo, 8.02% Coking Coal, 4.68% Other Liquids, 4.36% Iron Ore, 1.39% Finished Fertilizers and 1.21% FRM. Positive growth is there in all the commodities except Iron Ore and Fertilizer Raw materials.
- iv. Average Output Per Berthday for the period ‘April to September’ in FY 2022-23 has improved by 4.8% as compared to same period last year (It has increased to 16560 Tonnes this year as compared to 15802 Tonnes during the same period last year).
- v. Adani Port & SEZ signed Concession agreement with Syamaprasad Mookerjee Port (SMP) on 15th Sept 2022 for Mechanization of Berth no. 2 at Haldia Dock Complex (HDC). The concessionaire is investing Rs. 298.26 cr. for the said project.
- vi. M/s. Century Ply Ltd. signed Concession agreement with Kolkata Dock System (KDS) of SMP on 26th Sept 2022 for first PPP Project - "Rejuvenation of KPD-I West on PPP mode" at an estimated cost of Rs. 181.81 crores.
- vii. All Major Ports actively participated and organized awareness activities under Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar campaign involving events like Cleaning Drive at Beaches, along Coastal Roads, Port premises etc. Significant amount of plastic wastes and other litter were collected as a part of campaign.
- viii. Blood Donation Camps were organized by various Ports in association with Blood Banks, Red Cross Society and other associated bodies towards Celebration of “Raktadan Amrit Mahotsav”.

7. Inland Water Transport -

- i. Inauguration of Tourist Jetty at Bogibeel Riverfront (Railways) and Unveiling of Foundation Stone for Construction of Floating Jetties at Bogibeel&Guijan on NW-2 (IWAI) was held in the presence of Hon’ble Minister PS&W on 19th September 2022 at Bogibeel, Dibrugarh, Assam.
- ii. Tourist Vessel MV Rajmahal of M/s. Assam Bengal Navigation Co. Pvt. Ltd. completed its voyages successfully carrying foreign tourists from Kolkata - Patna - Varanasi and return on NW-1.
- iii. 54 Bangladeshi vessels loaded with stone chips / Crushed stone / Boulder/ River Boulder, weighing 13181.65MT, sailed in Sept-2022 from Dhubri (India) to

Chilamari (Bangladesh). Similarly, 12 Bangladeshi vessels loaded with Crushed stone / Lime stone, weighing 1981 MT, sailed from Badarpur (India) (NW-16) to Narayanganj (Bangladesh) in Sept-2022.