

MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING & WATERWAYS
MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2023

World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) Report — 2023 released in April, 2023

- India has reached 22nd rank in International Shipment category as against 44th rank in 2014.
- The average Container Dwell Time has reached a level of 3 days only as compared to 4 days for countries like UAE and South Africa, 7 days for USA and 10 days for Germany.
- Indian Ports "Turn Around Time" has reached 0.9 days which is better than USA (1.5 days), Australia (1.7 days), Belgium (1.3 days), Canada (2.0 days), Germany (1.3 days), UAE (1.1 days), Singapore (1.0 days), Russian Federation (1.8 days), Malaysia (1.0 days), Ireland (1.2 days), Indonesia (1.1 days), New Zealand (1.1 days) and South Africa (2.8 days).

On 23.04.2023, Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways inaugurated **major infrastructure projects worth Rs. 148 crore** in Chennai, Tamil Nadu to augment the capacity of Chennai and Kamarajar ports in the state. Further, Hon'ble Minister inaugurated on 24.04.23 the **Discovery Campus of the National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC)** at IITM, Chennai, Tamil Nadu established at a cost of Rs. 77 crore under the ambit of Sagarmala Programme to act as a technological arm of the Ministry. This Centre aims at enabling Research & development for the marine sector in the country to promote Make in India.

On the occasion of the **60th National Maritime Day**, Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways flagged off the 'Maritime Awareness Walkathon' on 05.04.2023. A Grand Finale function of Diamond Jubilee of National Maritime Day was also organised at Domestic Cruise Terminus, Mumbai on 05.04.2023, with 'Amrit Kaal in shipping' as its theme. The day is celebrated to commemorate embarkation of the first Indian-owned vessel "S S Loyalty" on her maiden voyage from Mumbai to London for trade, on this day in 1919.

Development of Mumbai Marina at Prince's Dock, Mumbai Port Authority

The project has been sanctioned with an estimated cost of Rs.575.19 Crore to be implemented on a PPP basis with a concession period 45 years. One of the primary goals of the Mumbai Marina project is to make the city a world class tourist destination as well as to encourage social and economic growth in the surrounding communities. To that aim, the project will create job opportunities for local citizens and will collaborate closely with community groups and local Governments to ensure that the project's benefits are fairly distributed. With the successful completion of this one-of-a-kind project in India, the potential to develop Marina in other Major Ports like Cochin Port Authority, New Mangalore Port Authority, Mormugao Port Authority and Visakhapatnam Port Authority to boost tourism, economic growth, and social development in the surrounding areas are likely to get a boost.

Development of Oil Jetty No.09, Deendayal Port Authority

The project has been sanctioned with an estimated cost of Rs. 123 Crore to be implemented on a PPP basis with a concession period of 30 years. The project is designed to increase cargo handling capacity of the Port and reduce turn-around time of liquid vessels.

Harit Sagar Green Port Guidelines

Ports of the country will play an important role in contributing towards country's efforts for achieving five nectar elements "Panchamrit" as declared by Hon'ble Prime Minister during COP 26. "Harit Sagar" Green Port Guidelines-2023, have been formulated which, provide a framework for the Major Ports for drawing out a comprehensive action plan for achieving targeted outcomes in terms of quantified reduction in carbon emission over defined timelines, through focused implementation and close monitoring of Green Initiatives and to achieve Sustainable Developmental Goals (SDG).

Sagar Shreshtha Sammaan Awards

To increase the healthy competition amongst the Major Ports and to motivate the Ports to march towards the Goal, "Sagar Shreshtha Sammaan" Awards are being initiated on objective parameters. Major Ports are being awarded for various categories such as improvement in Key Performance Indicators in terms of absolute and incremental as well as overall performance of Ports.

Revised Funding Guidelines under Sagarmala

On 05.04.2023, revised Sagarmala Funding Guidelines were issued. Clarity has been given for integration of project with Gati Shakti initiatives, projects to be taken on convergence mode, 3rd party independent audit etc. In consonance with the guidelines of Ministry of Finance on release of funds under Central Sector Scheme, the funding instalments have been revised.

Sanctions under Sagarmala

Sanction of the project for Dredging the docks in front of North Cargo Berth III to 15.10 meter for the handling of vessels upto 14.20 meter draft at a cost of Rs. 59.19 crore at VOC Port, Tamil Nadu.

Cochin Shipyard Limited

On 24th April, 2023, Cochin Shipyard Limited delivered one Electric Hybrid 100 Pax Water Metro boat to Kochi Metro.

On 25th April, 2023, Hon'ble Prime Minister dedicated the Kochi Water Metro to the nation. This one-of-its-kind project connects 10 islands around Kochi through battery-operated electric hybrid boats built by Cochin Shipyard Limited for seamless connectivity with Kochi city. The Prime Minister underlined that the Kochi Water Metro is a Made in India project and congratulated the Cochin Shipyard.

Inland Water Transport

- M/s RINL brought a total 2501 MT of TMT bars at IWAI BG Siding, Pandu from Vizag, during the month (2 rakes) through multi-modal transport involving coastal shipping and inland waterways.
- Cargo vessel MB Marine 55 loaded with Over Dimensional Cargo DHT Reactor (521 MT) arrived at Silghat, Assam on 29.4.2023 from Kolkata for the first time.

Officer of the Month Scheme

In order to boost the morale of the Officials and to get best performance, Ministry has launched 'Officer of the Month Scheme' for different categories of employees. The scheme is based on the performance of the officers in timely disposal of files and on punctuality.