

MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING & WATERWAYS

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2021

Port sector

1. Hadia Dock Complex handled 17.160 MT of cargo during April-August 2021 vis-à-vis 15.621 MT during April-August 2020, recording a growth of 9.85%. Kolkata Dock System handled 5.728 MT of cargo in April-August 2021 vis-à-vis 5.281 MT during April-August 2020 recording a growth of 8.46%.
2. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata handled 3,19,618 TEUs during April-August 2021 vis-à-vis 2,54,348 TEUs during April-August 2020, registering a high growth of 25.66%.
3. The total traffic handled at Jawaharlal Nehru Port during the month of August-2021 was 6.02 million tonnes as against 4.74 million tonnes in August-2020, which is 27.03% higher over the same month of last year. This month's traffic includes 5.45 million tonnes of container traffic and 0.57 million tons of Bulk Cargo as against 4.21 million tonnes of container traffic and 0.53 million tons of bulk traffic in the corresponding month of last year respectively. The growth in container traffic in August-2021 was 29.40% and bulk cargo was 8.15% as against corresponding month of last year.

Sagarmala - Development of Floating jetties

Floating jetties is the alternate solution to India's over-crowded fishing harbours. Such jetties do not require any form of permanent construction offshore and can be conveniently shifted without any significant impact to the environment. It is most suitable in fishing harbours with large tidal waves and adjusts with the changing water level. MoPSW has collaborated with National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways & Coasts (NTCPWC), IIT Madras for preparation of DPR's for floating jetties at 225+ identified locations and so far, DPRs for 56 locations have been prepared while 42 DPRs related to fishing harbour and fish landing centres have been shared with Department of Fisheries.

Inland Water Transport

1. The Cargo movement on National Waterways continue to be encouraging this year so far. 32.34 MMT has been achieved from April - July 2021 against 19.52 MMT last year for the same period recording 65.68% increase.
2. 13 Nos Bangladeshi vessels loaded with 3403.32 MT crushed stone chips sailed from Dhubri to Chilmari, Bangladesh. Cargo movement from Badarpur terminal, Assam has started and 2 nos. Bangladeshi Vessels loaded with 298 MT of lime stone sailed from Badarpur to Narayanganj, Bangladesh during the month of August 2021.
3. In presence of Hon'ble Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, IWAI signed MoUs on 26.08.2021 with:
 - i) Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) for development of Dhansiri River (NW-31) for movement of Over Dimensional Cargo (ODC) and Project Cargo of Numaligarh Refinery using Inland Water Transport.

ii) Hooghly Cochin Shipyard Limited (HSCL), a subsidiary of Cochin Shipyard Limited for construction of Ship Repair Facility Project at Pandu, Guwahati, Assam.

4. A Stakeholder Conclave was organised on “Waterways as Engine of Growth” at Guwahati on 27th August, 2021. Hon’ble Minister of State for Ports Shipping & Waterways and stakeholders participated in the Conclave.

Reducing Compliance Burden (RCB)

The Sub-Nodal Agencies under this Ministry i.e., Directorate General of Shipping and Indian Port Association identified 124 compliance for reduction of same in Phase-I and Phase-II. The progress of RCB was reviewed at regularly and the target of reducing the all 124 identified items was achieved before 15th August, 2021.

Launching of sea trials of indigenous Aircraft Carrier(IAC) ‘Vikrant’

Sea trials of indigenous aircraft carrier ‘Vikrant’, India’s most complex warship to have been indigenously built by Cochin Shipyard for the Indian Navy was launched during the August 2021. Vikrant’s propulsion plants was put to rigorous testing at the sea in addition to the trials of various navigation, communication and hull equipment. The commencement of sea trials of the IAC after trials of various equipment at the harbour, especially during these difficult times of the COVID-19 pandemic is a landmark achievement for the country.

The IAC is the largest war ship built in the country having a displacement of about 40,000 tonnes. The ship is a mammoth steel structure of 21,500 tonnes of special grade steel developed indigenously and used in Indian Naval Ships for the first time. The enormity of the ship can be gauged from the approx. 2000 kms of cabling, 120 kms of piping and the 2300 compartments available onboard.