

Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways
Major achievements for the month of February, 2023

Port Performance

- The traffic handled at Major Ports during the period April, 2022 to February, 2023 has increased by 9.56% in the current financial year (FY 2022-23) as compared to the same period last year. It has gone up from 650 million Tonnes last year to 712 million Tonnes this year.
- JNPA handled 7.17 Million Tonnes of total cargo & 5,15,786 TEUs of containers in February, 2023 which is higher by 18.03% & 9.88% respectively as compared to traffic in February, 2022.
- Kamarajar Port Limited (KPL) and Caterpillar India Pvt Ltd signed an Agreement, valid for 10 years, on 07.02.2023 to boost export of equipment to global markets through KPL.
- Kamarajar Port Limited (KPL) and PCA Automobiles India Pvt. Ltd. signed an Agreement on 17.02.2023, valid for 10 years, for export of Automobiles to countries in ASEAN & Africa through KPL.
- The 5th cruise vessel of the season, “MS NAUTICA” carrying 550 passengers and 400 crew members called at the New Mangalore Port on 7th February, 2023.
- Hon’ble Governor of Karnataka inaugurated the Project of “Upgradation of existing weigh bridges to automated, unmanned weigh bridges” at New Mangalore Port on 02.02.2023.

During February 23 the following projects were sanctioned to be executed on PPP:

- Upgradation of JNPA Hospital to 100-bedded multi-specialty hospital – Rs. 48 Cr
- Development of Berth No.13 for Handling Multipurpose Clean Cargo with capacity of 4.2 MTPA at Deendayal Port – Rs. 167 Cr
- Mechanization of North Cargo Berth-III (NCB-III) for Handling Dry Bulk cargo at V.O. Chidambaranar Port – Rs. 265 Cr
- Operation & Maintenance of Berth Nos. 10 & 11 at Mormugao Port, Goa – Rs. 139 Cr

During February 23 the following projects were sanctioned under the Sagarmala Scheme:

- In Andhra Pradesh, 1 coastal berth project - Rs. 73.07 Cr and 3 fishing harbour projects -Rs. 1,137 Cr
- In Karnataka, 5 floating jetty projects - Rs. 15.99 Cr and 1 inland waterway project - Rs. 9.54 Cr
- In Tamil Nadu, 2 floating jetty projects - Rs. 14.66 Cr
- The World’s Longest River Cruise MV “Ganga Vilas” successfully completed the voyage of 3200 KM from Varanasi to Dibrugarh via Dhaka on 28th February 2023 at Bogibeel, Dibrugarh. The vessel was flagged off by Hon’ble Prime Minister virtually on 13th January 2023 from Varanasi and was received at Bogibeel in the

august presence of Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping, Waterways and the Minister of Shipping of Bangladesh.

- The Cargo movement on National Waterways for April, 2022 to January, 2023 was 102.69 million Ton (an increase of 19.81% as compared to April, 2021 to January, 2022 of 85.71 million).
- 2 Cruise vessels completed 4 round trips on NW-1 from Kolkata to Murshidabad in West Bengal.

Keel Laying at Udupi Cochin Shipyard Limited

The 'Keel Laying' of first of the two nos. of 62 Tonne Bollard Pull Tugs, being built for Ocean Sparkle Limited, the leading tug operator in India, in collaboration with Robert Allan Limited, Canada, was carried out at Udupi Cochin Shipyard Limited (UCSL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Cochin Shipyard Limited.

The average file disposal time of the officers of DS/Director and above decreased from more than 34 hours to about 24 hours in February. There has been a reduction of nearly 97% in pending receipts and nearly 92% in pending files during the month. An integrated web portal by the name of 'Sagarmanthan' has been developed to facilitate closer monitoring of ongoing infrastructure development works.