

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

**A. Capex and Projects:**

- **Launching of Online Dredging Monitoring System**

In order to streamline the monitoring of dredging activities at Major Ports/ IWAI, Online Dredging Monitoring System (Sagar Samriddhi) has been launched by Hon'ble Minister for PS&W on 09.06.2023. This system is designed to enhance productivity of the dredger and to take corrective measures for achieving daily targets so as to enable completion of dredging projects in time.

- **Cochin Shipyard Ltd. (CSL) projects**

On 09.06.2023 the Indian Navy awarded MR/ Mid Life Upgrade of an Indian Naval Ship to Cochin Shipyard Ltd. (CSL). The estimated contract value is around Rs. 300 crores (approx.) and the estimated project duration is around 24 months.

On 15.06. 2023 Udupi Cochin Shipyard Limited (UCSL), a wholly owned subsidiary of CSL, bagged an international order **from M/s. Wilson Shipowning AS, Norway for Design and Construction of 6 Nos. of new generation general cargo vessels** (diesel electric 3800 DWT) with an option for 8 more vessels.

**B. Operations and cargo**

- **Cargo Handling**

The traffic handled at Major Ports during the period April, 2023 to June, 2023 has increased by 1.74% in the current financial year (FY 2023-24) as compared to the same period last year. It has gone up from 196.90 million Tonnes last year to 200.32 million Tonnes this year.

- **Cruise Tourism**

The Hon'ble Minister of PS&W flagged off the maiden International Cruise voyage from Chennai of MV Empress, India's first international cruise vessel on 05.06.2023. This marks the beginning of the international cruise tourism at the cruise terminal at Chennai, built at a cost of Rs. 17.21 crores.

**C. New Policies and guidelines**

- **Sagar Samajik Sahayog**

The Hon'ble Minister of PS&W launched 'Sagar Samajik Sahayog' - the new guidelines of **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways on 27.06.2023. The new guidelines empower ports to undertake CSR activities directly. The event was also attended by Hon'ble Ministers of State and other senior officials.

**D. Meetings and events**

- **Stakeholders Meet for Maritime Sector Growth**

On June 4, 2023, SMPK organized a stakeholders' meet graced by Hon'ble Union Minister of MoPSW, the Hon'ble Minister of State MoPSW, stakeholders and other

business partners, in presence of senior officers of SMPK. The event aimed to promote collaboration and exchange ideas for the growth of the maritime sector.

- **World Environment Day Celebration**

On 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2023, the Major Port Authorities celebrated the World Environment Day, a global event dedicated to raising awareness and taking action for the protection of our planet's ecosystem with planting of trees and other awareness generation events.

- **Visit of the Hon'ble Minister for Industry, Commerce and Supplies, Nepal**

The Hon'ble Minister for Industry, Commerce and Supplies of Nepal, along with a delegation, visited various locations of Haldia Dock Complex of SMPK on 14.06.2023 where an overview of HDC including various infrastructure and projects taken up by the Port were discussed.

- **20th IALA conference**

The 20th IALA conference held at Rio De Janeiro from 29.05.2023 to 03.06.2023 was attended by the Indian delegation headed by the Secretary (PS&W). The institutional stall of India set up by the Ministry displayed the achievements of India in the fields of Marine Aids to Navigation, Development of Lighthouses as Tourism destinations etc. The stall saw more than 300 visitors from 60 countries and facilitated exchange of ideas. The conference was very informative and gave fresh perspectives on matters pertaining to Aids to Navigation, Vessel Traffic Services and emerging technologies in communication and cyber security. The conference enabled effective interactions with many countries and industrial experts. The arrangements made by the Brazil have also been closely studied which would be helpful in organizing the 21<sup>st</sup> IALA conference 2027 in Mumbai, India.

- **Riverside Community jetties**

Community meetings for jetties at local level were conducted in Uttar Pradesh (09.06.23 to 24.06.23), Bihar (09.06.23 to 23.06.23) and West Bengal (07.06.23 to 08.06.23) to enhance the usage of the waterways by local communities.

- **IWT operators meeting at IWAI Dhubri Terminal**

A meeting was held on 12.6.2023 with **Indo-Bangladesh-Bhutan IWT Operators** at IWAI Dhubri Terminal by Hon'ble Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways in the presence of the Chairman, IWAI & other officials.

## **E. Governance and HRD**

- **File and Receipt Monitoring**

Due to close monitoring of file movements and disposal of receipts the average file disposal time for Under Secretary & above level Officers has reduced to 5 hours 44 minutes for the month of June, 2023. At the end of June, 2023, the file pendency is 667 and receipt pendency is 646.

- **Usage of of iGOT 'Karmayogi' platform in MoPS&W**

As on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2023, only 911 users were registered. Due to the efforts taken by the Ministry the figure reached **5489 registered users** as on 30.06.2023. At the end of June, 2023, there were 7132 course enrolments and 4486 courses were completed.