

MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2020

Ports

(i) *SAROD-Ports*: Amendments in the Model Concession Agreement (MCA) for Major Ports, approved by the Union Cabinet, envisaged constitution of a Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputes (SAROD), as a dispute resolution mechanism for PPP Projects in the Major Ports. SAROD-Ports has been launched on 10 September 2020 by Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, MOS(IC) Shipping. Its objective is affordable and timely resolution of disputes in fair manner and enrichment of Dispute Resolution Mechanism with the panel of technical experts as arbitrators. SAROD-Ports consists members from Indian Ports Association (IPA) and Indian Private Ports and Terminals Association (IPTTA). This institution will promote ease of doing business in the maritime sector because of the fast, timely, cost effective and robust dispute resolution mechanism.

(ii) *Guidelines on disposal of dredged material at major ports*: The Ministry of Shipping has issued directives to all Major Ports to ensure re-use of dredged material by undertaking a study on Reuse of Dredged material so as to utilize the dredge material from dredging projects. Major Ports have also been directed to take appropriate action for recycling and commercial use of the dredged material obtained during dredging process subject to Port/Contractor engaged for the purpose obtaining necessary approvals from the appropriate authorities.

(iii) *Cochin Port*: An MoU between Cochin Port and MPEDA has been signed on September 28, 2020 for taking up the Modernisation of Kochi Fisheries harbour project at a cost of Rs. 140 cr.

(iv) *Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT)*: JNPT, India's premier container port successfully executed the handling of MV PIONEER DREAM carrying project cargo for Mumbai Trans Harbour link (MTHL) Project. The Mumbai Trans Harbour Link project will provide direct access to Navi Mumbai international airport, connecting JNPT and will also provide a convenient gateway to the Pune expressway. This is a major achievement for JNPT as the connectivity of Mumbai to Navi Mumbai through Trans Harbour Link is crucial for the socio-economic development of Mumbai and its suburban areas.

(v) *Haldia Dock Complex*: At Berth no. 13 of Haldia Dock Complex, 16190 tonnes of Steel Coil were loaded on 30.9.2020 in M.V. DD Voyager, which is a record shipment of Steel Coils in a single day, surpassing the previous highest of 14488 tonnes of steel cargo loaded on 28.2.2020 in M.V. Darya Jamuna.

Sagarmala

Projects under Sagarmala

(i) Rewas is one of the 48 Minor Ports of Maharashtra located at Revas creek, near Karanja creek at mouth of the Patalganga River about 10 kms southward of JNPT and 16 kms south east of Mumbai Port. This Ministry has sanctioned a proposal of Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB) for construction of Ro-Ro Services at Rewas, Raigad at a total estimated cost of Rs. 25.07 crore for assistance under Sagarmala Scheme. The project contained construction of approval jetty (2207m*11m), piled platform (15.6m*13.8m) and dredging.

(ii) Ministry of Shipping has conveyed in-principle approval to MMB for the construction of road to Ro-Ro Jetty at Narangi District Palgarh, Maharashtra. The project will facilitate movement of vehicle using Ro-Ro jetty on opposite bank at Kharwadeshri in Virar. The ferry will curtail travel time of 2.5 hours by road.

National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)

After a presentation on the NMHC project, the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Government of Gujarat, has recommended it for Environment Clearance (EC) to the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Gujarat which has conveyed EC for the project on September 09, 2020.

A DPR on the project has been received from INI Design and peer review consultant has submitted his initial report. The Government of Gujarat has conveyed its approval for the tripartite MOU amongst Ministry of Shipping, Government of Gujarat and IPRCL for development of the NMHC, Lothal.

Shipping

(i) *Shipping Corporation of India*: A direct cargo ferry service between India-Maldives was flagged off on 21.09.2020 by Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) for Shipping and Ms. Aishath Nahula, Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation of the Maldives, fulfilling the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister. The service connects Tuticorin and Cochin with Kulthudhuffushi and Male Ports in the Maldives. The cargo service adds a new chapter in the connectivity initiatives taken by both the countries in the Indian Ocean Region.

(ii) *Cochin Shipyard Limited*: Cochin Shipyard Ltd delivered two Ro-Ro vessels for operation in NW-3 to the Inland Waterways Authority of India, which is a part of the order for a series of total 10 vessels for NW-1, 2 and 3. The 56 meter long Ro-Ro Vessels are built with in-house design for day and night operation all-round the year, to carry 15 TEU container trailers and 30 passengers. These high-quality vessels with modern

communication equipment, have an ergonomically designed navigational wheel house, comfortable air-conditioned accommodation for 8 crew and an open deck for easy loading and discharging of trucks and vehicles. The ship is built to the highest standards of the Indian Register of Shipping and Kerala Inland Vessels Rules and complying with the Prevention and Control of Pollution and Protection of Inland Water.

Inland Water Transport

(i) *Opening up on new IWT connectivity for Tripura through Bangladesh:* Under the 2nd Addendum to Protocol on Inland Water Transit & Trade signed by India and Bangladesh on 20 May 2020 a new Indo Bangladesh Protocol route between Sonamura (India) Daudkandi (Bangladesh) has opened up for Tripura. Agartala received its first ever inland shipping cargo of 200 bags of cement from Bangladesh on the IBP route on 05.09.2020. The vessel was received by Shri Biplab Kumar Deb, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura accompanied by Indian High Commissioner of Bangladesh Smt. Riva Ganguly at IWAI Sonamura terminal. Thus, the trial run of the newly added IBP Route No. 9 & 10 was successfully completed. The newly opened 93 kilometres long route on the river Gumti marks another major step in enhancing connectivity between North Eastern States of India with other parts of India and Bangladesh through waterways via IBP routes.

(ii) *First ever movement of textiles in containers on IWT to Bangladesh:* Two TEUs with fabrics of M/s. Arvind Mill was shipped from GR Jetty-2, Kolkata to Muktapur River Terminal at Bangladesh and 6 TEUs with High Density Poly Ethylene (HDPE) of M/s. Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd. was shipped from Haldia to Pangaon in Bangladesh, for the first time on IWT.

(iii) *MOU between IWAI and Government of Assam for RO-PAX vessels:* IWAI is handling over 4 Ro-Pax vessels viz. MV Sachin Dev Barman, MV Rani Gaidinliu, MV JFR Jacob and MV Bob Khathing to the Government of Assam as per a MOU approved by the Ministry of Shipping.