

MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF

FEBRUARY, 2021

Maritime India Summit-2021

Maritime India Summit-2021 was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister through Video Conferencing on 2nd March, 2021. The Hon'ble Prime Minister besides releasing the "Maritime India Vision-2030", also launched the Mercantile Maritime Domain Awareness Centre (MM-DAC), which is an information system for enhancing maritime safety, search and rescue capabilities, security and maritime environment protection. During the Summit, Ministers from more than 8 Nations, 50 Global CEOs and 160 speakers which included 115 International Speakers from 24 nations, participated in the Summit.

Ports

(i) The Hon'ble Prime Minister dedicated the 8-laning of Korampallam Bridge and Rail over Bridge to the Nation and laid the foundation stone for 5 MW Ground-Based Solar Power Plant at VOC Port, Tuticorin, through video conferencing from Coimbatore.

(ii) The total traffic handled at Jawaharlal Nehru Port during the month of February-2021 was 6.25 million tons as against 5.74 million tons in February-2020, which is 8.84% higher than the total traffic over the same month of last year. In terms of TEUs, JNPT handled 461,861 TEUs during the month of February-2021. The container traffic is increased by 10.88% over the same month of last year.

(iii) JN Port handled 500 Rakes during February-2021 and the Rail-Coefficient in FY 2020-21 (Apr. to Feb.) is 20.15%. The overall rail handling performance improvement at JN Port can be attributed to the efficiency and co-ordination of all stakeholders such as all Container Train Operators (both CONCOR and Private CTO's), Railways and all Port Terminals.

Major Port Authority (MPA) Bill

(iv) The MPA Bill was passed by the Rajya Sabha on 10.02.2021 with amendments and the legislation was finally passed by the Lok Sabha on 12.02.2021. After Presidential assent, it was notified in The Gazette of India Extraordinary Part II - Section 1 on 18.02.2021.

Inland Water Transport

(i) Hon'ble Prime Minister digitally launched Mahabahu Brahmaputra in Assam on 18.02.2021 and inaugurated the following initiatives of IWAI: -

- Flagging off of 4 Ro-Pax vessels to be operated by Govt. of Assam.
- MV JFR Jacob – for service between Guwahati and North Guwahati.
- MV Bob Khathing – for service between Dhubri and Hatsingimari.
- MV Rani Gaidinllu and MV Sachin Dev Burman – for service between Neamati and Kamalabari (Majuli).
- Laying of Foundation stone for construction of 4 tourist jetties at Jogighopa, Pandu, Biswanathghat and Neamati.
- Foundation Stone for construction of IWT terminal at Jogighopa.
- Dedication of IWAI digital portals Card and PANI to the Nation

(ii) 2 Ro-Ro Vessels M. V. Adi Shankara and M.V. C V Raman were dedicated to the nation by Hon'ble Prime Minister at Kochi on 14.02.2021.