# MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

## MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2021

#### **Ports**

- (i) The total traffic handled at Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNP) during the month of January-2021 was 6.50 million tons as against 5.91 million tons in January-2020, which is 9.87% higher than the total traffic over the same month of last year. This month's traffic includes 0.82 million tons of Bulk Cargo as against 0.59 million tons in same month of last year.
- (ii) 134,713 MT of coastal cargo, Cement was handled at shallow water Berth at JNP during the month January 2021. It is a record handling of Cement in a month, surpassing the earlier highest of 113,560 MT in February-2019. This could be achieved due to efforts of Traffic Department to maximize the output of shallow water berth by giving seamless road approach from North gate complex that has helped for the faster turnaround of the vessel. This is in line with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways objective of increasing coastal movement of the cargo.

#### **Sagarmala**

#### National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)

Government of Gujarat (GoG) has transferred 375 acres of land in village Saragvada on lease for 99 years at token rate to MoPSW. A Tripartite MoU amongst MoPSW, Government of Gujarat (GoG) and Indian Port Rail & Ropeway Corporation Ltd. (IPRCL) for Development, Construction and Operation & Maintenance of National Maritime Heritage Complex, Lothal, Gujarat, India has been signed. For preparation of New Master Plan Consultant have been engaged. Further requisite design/ engineering documents for inviting Bids have been received for EPC tenders. Secondly, management consultancy till successful completion/commissioning of NMHC project and evaluation thereon is under process.

# Western Dock, Paradip Port

The Cabinet has approved the project "Deepeningand Optimizing of Inner Harbour Facilities of Western Dock" at Paradip Port under PPP mode with total estimated cost of Rs.3004.63 crore. The project will cater to the requirement of coal and limestone imports besides exports of granulated slag and finished steel products. On 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, Paradip Port issued global RFQ for development of Western Dock on BOT basis.

### National Infrastructure Pipeline Projects

National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) was launched in 2019 wherein Rs 111 Lakh crore of capital expenditure in infrastructure was envisaged during FY 20-25. Ministry has identified and added 25 new ports sector projects worth Rs.7,738 crore as part of its continued efforts

of effective implementation of NIP. Now under MoPSW, there are 121 Projects out of which 9 Projects have already been completed.

# **Inland Water Transport**

- (i) MoU for handing over three IWAI vessels M.V. Rabindranath Tagore, M.V. Lal Bahadur Shastri and M. V. Homi Bhabha to Inland & Coastal Shipping Limited (ICSL) a wholly owned subsidiary of SCI Ltd. was signed on 22.01.2021 and these three vessels have been handed over to ICSL on same day for schedule services on NW-1, NW-2 and IBP routes.
- (ii) A trial scheduled service from Varanasi to Kolkata was conducted with IWAI vessel M.V. RN Tagore during 28.12.2020 to 22.01.2021 with 5 containers carrying fertilizers from Varanasi and polypropylene granules from Patna.