

# MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

## MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2021

### Ports

1. The total traffic handled at Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNPT) during the month of November, 2021 was 6.44 million tonnes, which is 13.08% higher as against 5.70 million tonnes in November 2020. This month's traffic includes 5.86 million tonnes of container traffic and 0.59 million tons of Bulk Cargo as against 5.10 million tonnes of container traffic and 0.59 million tons of bulk traffic in the corresponding month of last year respectively. In terms of TEUs, container traffic handled at JNPT during April 2021 to November 2021 was 3,652,474 TEUs as against 2,762,173 TEUs, which is 32.23% higher traffic handled during the same period of last year. JNPT handled 473,108 TEUs during the month of November-2021. The container traffic is increased by 14.35% over the same month of last year.
2. The operation of 2nd Railway line from Durgachak to Haldia Dock Complex (HDC) has increased the average speed and HDC handled highest number of interchanges 40 rakes on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 surpassing the previous highest of 38 rakes.
3. The Major Port Authorities Act 2021 has come into force with effect from 03<sup>rd</sup> November, 2021. Five Rules under the Act have also been notified in the Gazette of India on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021.

### Event Gati Shakti

Ministry had organized a one-day Zonal conference and workshop on Prime Minister's Gati Shakti programme, a National Master Plan for Multi-Model Connectivity on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat in collaboration with the DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of Gujarat, Gujarat Maritime Board, BISAG-N & FICCI.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat graced the occasion as the Chief Guest in the august presence of the Guest of Honour, Hon'ble Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and AYUSH. Officers of Various Central Ministries, Government of Gujarat, representatives from the States of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Goa and Dadra Nagar Haveli & Daman Diu, Chairpersons of Mumbai. Port & JNPT, MD's and officials from Govt. of Rajasthan, Gujarat Maritime Board, Maharashtra Maritime Board, Sagarmala, BISAG-N & FICCI, Adani Ports, L&T, Indus Towers and other government organisations and private organisations participated. Hon'ble Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and AYUSH, delivered his key-note address and emphasized that all the stakeholders needed to work together to execute the vision.

## **Inland Water Transport**

1. 4359.518 MT of relief material/food grain (rice) was handled at Dhubri terminal during the month of November, 2021.
2. 852 Nos. Inward & Outward Permissions issued in Protocol on Inland Water Transit & Trade Route. 34 Nos. Bangladeshi vessels loaded with Bhutanese stone chips/Crushed stone of total weight 6017 MT sailed from Dhubri (India) to Chilmari (Bangladesh) during November 2021.
3. The Cargo movement on National Waterways continued to be encouraging this year so far. 54.03 Million Ton has been achieved from April-October 2021 against 37.22 Million Ton last year for the same period recording 45.15% increase.
4. Cruise vessel Ganges Voyager-II M/s Heritage River Journeys Pvt. Ltd. completed one commercial round trip from Kolkata to Ganga Sagar, with 36 Passengers. Trial run operation of four catamaran luxury boats at Bhitarkanika National Park in Odisha has been carried out. Regular movement to commence from March, 2022.

## **Cochin Shipyard Limited**

On 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2021, Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways inaugurated following projects of Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL):

- Launching of 2 ASKO Autobarge SP being built for ASKO Maritime AS, Norway;
- Launching of 3 Floating Border Outpost (FBOP) Vessels being built for Border Security Force (BSF), Ministry of Home Affairs.
- e Model Room, 'Smrithi' which portrays the ship building history of CSL.

## **Trial of Indigenous Aircraft Carrier**

The second sea trial of the Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) was conducted for a duration of 10 continuous days from 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 to 02<sup>nd</sup> November, 2021. While at sea, extensive trials were conducted on the propulsion systems of the vessel for various GT regimes.

## **Strategic Disinvestment of Shipping Corporation of India**

On 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) incorporated a wholly owned subsidiary "Shipping Corporation of India Land and Assets Limited" pursuant to approval of Board of Directors based on the concurrence given by this Ministry and NITI Aayog for hiving off the Non-core Assets of the Company as a part of the Demerger under SCI's strategic Disinvestment process.

## **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Programmes**

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has prepared week wise programme for the celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav from March, 2021 to August, 2022 which include programmes for foundation stone laying and inauguration at Major Ports. 27 organizations under the Ministry have organized various activities like Essay Writing Competition, Singing Competition of Patriotic Songs/Inspirational songs, Quiz on National Freedom Movement and India's rich Culture & Heritage. Programmes on Nutrition, Exercise and Yoga by organizing various competitions have also been done. Programmes for providing Assistance to Old Age Home, Health check up camp, Eye camp and training programmes for employees and family have also been organised. Other than signing of various MoUs, Stakeholder Consultations have also been conducted. As on date, around 121 programmes have been organized by various organizations under this Ministry and around 102 programmes details uploaded on Ministry of Culture website after the celebration.