

# Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

## Monthly Summary for the month of April, 2024

### A. Significant Achievements and Milestones

#### 1. Cruise Tourism on River Narmada (NW-73).

On April 19, 2024, IWAI entered into a tripartite agreement/MoU with Govt. of Gujarat and Govt. of Madhya Pradesh for development of Cruise Tourism on River Narmada (NW-73).

#### 2. Record Cargo Throughput of the Major Ports

The Major Ports achieved a significant milestone by taking a record cargo throughput of 819 MMT during 2023-24.

Among all Ports, the following eight Ports achieved record cargo: - Mumbai Port Authority; Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority; New Mangalore Port Authority; Cochin Port Authority; Visakhapatnam Port Authority; V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority; Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority; Paradip Port Authority.

#### 3. Establishment of Lighthouse Tower at Rani Lakshmibai Shila (In-Mid sea) off East Coast of Andaman Island.

DGLL has commissioned the construction of Rani Lakshmibai Shila Lighthouse situated at the East Coast of Andaman Island. An amount of Rs. 32.82 Crore was sanctioned for the construction of Lighthouse tower and Approach Structures (Phase - I).

#### 4. Additional Liquid Cargo Berth

On April 10, 2024, JNPA signed a concession agreement with JSW infrastructure limited for an additional Liquid Cargo Berth on PPP basis. The estimated cost for this project is Rs. 92.52 Crore.

#### 5. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) Achieves Record Throughput of 6.43 Million TEUs

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), Mumbai, achieved recorded its highest-ever throughput of 6.43 Million TEUs in the fiscal year 2023-24.

#### 6. An all-time record cargo handling in 2023-24 at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata since 1870

In its 154-year history, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata including Kolkata Dock System (KDS) and Haldia Dock Complex (HDC), achieved a milestone in the fiscal year 2023-24 by handling 66.4 MMT of Cargo.

## **B. Projects and Schemes**

### **1. Projects awarded:**

The work for fairway maintenance and dredging activities of Kahalgaon-Farakka (146 km) worth Rs 98.05 Crore, Farakka – Katwa (199 km) worth Rs 58.02 Crore Crand Katwa- Tribeni (152 km) worth Rs. 57.82 Crore stretches of NW-1 has been awarded.

### **2. Projects Completed**

The project for “Development of Fishing Harbour in Juvvaladinne in SPSR Nellore District in the State of Andhra Pradesh.” worth Rs 288 Crore has been completed. This project has created berthing facilities for ~50 tuna long liners, 200 Mechanized Fishing Vessels and 1000 Motorized craft and it shall benefit ~25,000 fishermen families.

### **3. National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)**

The physical and financial progress of the project is 49.81% and 33.72% respectively as per revised cost. The work is being monitored by Secretary PSW, through weekly review meetings. The Govt. of Gujarat is developing the requisite external infrastructure of the project.

- Infrastructure for water supply and new 4 lane road of 1.58 kms from Saragwala village till NMHC project site has been completed
- 4 laning of road from SH1 till Saragwala village is under progress and power supply works such as underground lines laying and erection of transmission towers has been completed.
- 9 tender packages for development of first 6 galleries including the Indian Navy & Coast Guard gallery has been awarded.

## **C. Operations, Cargo, and Traffic**

### **1. Port Performance during 2023-24**

The significant improvements in the performance of major ports in the financial year 2023 – 24 are highlighted below.

- The total cargo throughput handled by the Major Ports increased to 819 MT in FY 2023-24, registering an increase of 4.45% over the FY 2022-23.
- Total vessels calling at Major Ports increased by 6.32% with 23240 vessels handled by Major Ports from 21859 Nos. handled in FY 2022-23.
- Major Ports' percentage of Idling on Berth improved by 11 %, reducing from 19% in FY 2022-23 to 17% in FY 2023-24.
- The output per ship per day on berth at Major Ports improved by 7.5 %, increasing to 18925 tonnes in FY 2023-24 from 17605 tonnes in FY 2022-23.
- In the FY 2023-24, the Major Ports registered an improvement of 9.15 % in Average Turn Around Time (TRT), reducing to 48.06 hours from 52.90 hours in FY 2022-23.
- Pre-Berthing Detention Time of vessels at Major Ports improved by 31 % to 5.91 hours in FY 2023-24 from 8.53 hours in FY 2022-23.

The traffic handled at Major Ports during the period April,2024 has increased by 1.26% in the current financial year (FY 2024-25) as compared to the same period last year. It has gone up from 66.42 MT last year to 67.26 MT this year.

- Kolkata Dock System of SMPK has been declared as “**Top Performing terminal of Eastern Region**” in the Logistic Data Bank Analytics Report for the Quarter ending March'24.
- Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority handled 594,793 TEUs of containers in March, 2024 which is higher by 8.08% as compared to traffic in March, 2023. This is the highest ever handling of containers in any month since inception.

## 2. Capital Expenditure

Capital Expenditure of Major Ports under IEBR upto March, 2024 is Rs. 3111 Crore, i.e. 95.63% of the BE (Rs. 3253.21 Crore). This is a significant improvement over same period last year as the amount spent last year was Rs. 2520 Crore only which was 66% of the BE.

## 3. Inland Waterways

- Annual cargo movement reached a record 132.65 MT across 24 operational National Waterways (NWS) from April 2023 to March 2024.

- A Scheduled Service of MV R.N. Tagore started with 33.00 MT (food items) sailed from Kolkata to Patna and Varanasi and returned from Varanasi to Kolkata loaded with 120 MT IFFCO fertilizers.

#### 4. Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) and subsidiaries

- On April 04, 2024, CSL signed the Master Ship Repair Agreement (MSRA) with United States Navy. This will facilitate repair of US Naval vessels under Military Sealift Command in CSL. CSL has been qualified for entering into the Master Shipyard Repair Agreement (MSRA) after a detailed evaluation process and capability assessment by the US Navy - Military Sealift Command.
- On April 11, 2024, CSL subsidiary secured an order for 1 number of 70T Bollard Pull Tug for Polestar Maritime Limited.
- On April 27, 2024, CSL subsidiary, laid keel for 1 no. of New Generation Diesel Electric 3800 DWT General Cargo vessel being built for Wilson Ship owning AS, Norway.

### D. HRD and Governance

#### 1. Constitution of ViBhaS and NAVIC Functional Cells at MOPSW:

- Identifying the need for a theme based focused approach towards effective monitoring and implementation of ministry's broad objectives as enlisted in the Maritime India Vision 2030 (MIV 2030) and Maritime AmritKaal Vision 2047 (MAKV 2047) to work towards a **Viksit Bharat**, the MOPSW constituted a total of **20+ Viksit Bharat Sankalp (ViBhaS) cells and Neel Arth Vision Implementation Cell (NAVIC)**.
- These cells cover key areas such as Traffic- Cargo, Projects Schemes & PPP, Shipbuilding-Repair-Recycling, Maritime Finance, Technology, Legal, HR, etc. and **have a two-tiered framework** with ViBhaS members primarily being senior officers from Ministry for review, monitoring & coordination whereas NAVIC members being from various organizations under MoPSW (Major Ports, DGS, IWAI, etc.) focused on implementation.

### E. Events and Campaigns

#### 1. 61st National Maritime Day

On April 05, 2024, MoPSW celebrated National Maritime Day at Commonwealth Sports Stadium, Akshardham, New Delhi. The day

is celebrated to commemorate embarkation of the first Indian-owned vessel “S S Loyalty” on her maiden voyage from Mumbai to London, on this day in 1919. SS Loyalty, a symbol of maritime prowess, not only navigated through the high seas but also exemplified the spirit of unity and fortitude that defines the maritime community.

2. On April 12, 2024, Bhutanese Commissioner of Customs-Liaison and Transit Office, Kolkata, visited Haldia Dock Complex of SMP, Kolkata to see upcoming developments in Haldia. The joint meeting between the officials will help in better and seamless movement of cargo to Bhutan by Waterway.

3. **Conference organized on ‘Challenges and Prospective Solutions in Inland Waterways and Shipbuilding’ at Kochi**

On April 23 and 24, 2024, MoPSW along with Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) and Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) organized a two-day conference in Kochi, Kerala on ‘Challenges and Prospective Solutions in Inland Waterways and Shipbuilding’. The two-day conference at Kochi successfully facilitated enriching discussions encompassing India’s key priorities including Green Transition of Inland Waterways, establishment of a dedicated Sectoral Maritime Development Fund, promoting domestic shipbuilding, etc.

4. On April 28, 2024, the largest privately owned residential mega yacht, “THE WORLD” arrived at Vizag International Cruise Terminal of Visakhapatnam Port Authority as part of The World’s 2024 journey to Five continents including Antarctica, Africa, Australia, Asia and America. VPA hosted its first ever Cruise Vessel at International Terminal and welcomed 80 passengers and 281 crew members.

5. **IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) of India:** The Maritime Administration (DGS) successfully completed the 1st IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) of India between February 24, 2024 to March 04, 2024 demonstrating its full compliance of the relevant IMO Conventions, Codes and Guidelines as applicable.

**6. India Maldives Shipping Service** commenced with the flagging off of MV MSS Galena from VOC Port, Tuticorin by Hon'ble Minister of State (PSW) on May 05, 2023. Since then, the vessel has completed 39 voyages and carried 2653 TEUs of Break-Bulk cargo from India to Male and 2625 TEUs from Male to India. The cargo consisted mainly of construction material, organic manure, food items, garments, plywood, cement, vehicles, freighted empties etc.

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