

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Monthly Summary for the month of June, 2024

A. Significant Achievements and Milestones

1. Ten Major Port among Top 100 in World in Container Port Performance Index (CPPI)

The CPPI 2023, developed by the World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence evaluates the operational efficiency of Ports in receiving and handling container ships. **As many as 10 Ports of India made it to the Global Top 100 in the latest edition of CPPI 2023 for the first time.** The Major Ports which secured ranks in the top 100 are Visakhapatnam (19), Kamarajar (47), Cochin (63), Chennai (80) and Jawaharlal Nehru (96). Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) has achieved a significant milestone by securing a spot in the top 20 rankings. Visakhapatnam Port outperformed all other Ports in India & climbed to 19th position from 122nd place in 2022.

2. Major Port at Vadhavan near Dahanu in Maharashtra

On June 19, 2024, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister approved setting up a Major Port at Vadhavan near Dahanu in Maharashtra. The Project will be constructed by Vadhavan Port Project Limited (VPPL), an SPV formed by Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) and Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB) with a shareholding of 74% and 26%, respectively. The Vadhavan Port will be developed as an all-weather Greenfield deep draft major Port in Vadhavan, Palghar District, Maharashtra. The total project cost, including the land acquisition component is **Rs. 76,220 crore**. This will include development of Core infrastructure, Terminals and other commercial infrastructure in Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) mode. The cabinet also approved establishing the road connectivity between the Port and National Highways by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and rail linkage to the existing rail network and the upcoming Dedicated Rail Freight Corridor by Ministry of Railways.

The Port will comprise nine container terminals, each 1000 meters long, four multipurpose berths, including the coastal berth, four liquid cargo berths, a Ro-Ro berth, and a Coast Guard berth. The Project involves the reclamation of 1,448 hectares of area in the sea and the construction of 10.14 km of offshore breakwater and container/cargo storage areas. The Project will create a cumulative capacity of 298 Million Metric Tons (MMT) per annum, including around 23.2 million TEUs (Twenty-foot equivalents) of container handling capacity. The capacities created will also aid **EXIM trade flow** through **IMEEC (India Middle East Europe Economic Corridor)** and **INSTC (International North South Transportation Corridor)**. Vadhavan Port, on completion, will be one of the top ten ports of the world. The Project, aligned with the objectives of **PM Gati Shakti program**, will add to further economic activity and also have the potential for direct and indirect employment opportunities for around 12 lakh individuals, thereby contributing to the local economy.

3. New Initiatives: State Maritime & Waterways Transport Committees

- MoPSW has constituted State Maritime & Waterways Transport Committees (SMWTCs) under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary / Additional Chief Secretary of respective States, to coordinate the implementation of the wide array of initiatives and schemes in the maritime / waterways sector.

- SMWTCs have been constituted in 12 States i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Nagaland, Puducherry, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The constitution of SMWTCs in the remaining 18 States/UTs are underway, and in various stages of approvals.

B. Projects and Schemes

1. Projects approved/sanctioned/completed/Funds released:

Projects under Sagarmala made significant progress in the month of June. Cumulatively, Rs. 68.10 crore was released across 15 projects in the States/UTs of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Kerala, Odisha, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu. Additionally, four ongoing projects with a cumulative cost of Rs. 511.31 crore have been completed, including the Fishing Harbour at Juvvaladhinne, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh (Rs. 288 crore).

2. National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC):

The physical and financial progress of the project is 54.40% (51.61% until May 2024) and 37.96% (35.32% until May 2024) respectively. The work is continuously being followed up and monitored by Secretary (MoPSW), through weekly review meetings. The Govt. of Gujarat is developing the requisite external infrastructure of the project.

- Infrastructure for water supply line and water storage tank of 10 lakh litres, new 4 lane road of 1.58 kms from Saragwala village till NMHC project site, power transmission lines laying and installation of GIS substation has been completed, 4 laning of road from SH1 till Saragwala village and road connectivity from Saragwala village to Ahmedabad Dholera SIR Expressway is under progress.
- All the tender packages for development of 6 galleries in the NMHC museum have been awarded.
- Advance copy of Note for Cabinet is under submission to PMO/Cabinet Sect for kind consideration and further directions.

C. Operations, Cargo, and Traffic

1. Operational Achievements of Major Ports:

- The traffic handled at Major Ports during the period “April’2024 to June’2024” has increased by 3.89% in the current financial year (FY 2024-25) as compared to the same period last year. It has gone up from 200.54 Million Tonnes last year to 208.36 Million Tonnes this year.
- On June 25, 2024, VOC Port has created a new record by handling 24,760 Tonnes of cargo in a single day at non-mechanized bulk cargo berth VOC-4, surpassing the previous single day cargo handling record of 23,317 Tonnes handled at non-mechanized bulk cargo berth VOC-3/4 on 27.01.2015.
- On June 28, 2024, Paradip Port was recognised as the **Best Port of the Year (Non-Containerised)** in the India Maritime Awards organised by Daily Shipping Times at Mumbai.
- JNPA received the recognition with the award for ‘**Best Port of the Year (Containerised)**’ and felicitation for completing 35 glorious years at the “8th Annual India Maritime Awards 2024”.
- JNPA issued LOA to M/s. Dr. Namjoshi Hospital Pvt. Ltd. for upgrading their 50- bed hospital to a state-of-the-art 100-bed multi-specialty facility. The project includes

infrastructure development, new medical equipment, and enhanced support services, transforming healthcare on our campus.

2. Capital Expenditure:

Capital Expenditure of Major Ports under IEBR upto June, 2024 is Rs. 513.46 crore, i.e. 11.04 % of the BE (Rs. 4650.07 crore). This is an improvement over same period last year which was Rs. 425.04 crore only.

3. Inland Waterways

- 3.7 lakh MT cargo moved during the month of June, 2024 on the Protocol of Inland Water Transit & Trade Routes.
- On June 25, 2024, Contract for procurement of Pusher Tugs (3 nos.) and Dumb Barges (6 nos.) was signed.
- 2 Cruise vessels made 03 trips in NW-1 with 98 Pax.
- Three ODC consignment of NRL expansion project namely Tidal Wave-IV, Marine-66 & Torsha transported through NW-2 and NW-31.

4. Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) and subsidiaries

- On June 27, 2024, Udupi CSL bagged an order for Design and construction of 4 nos. of 6300 TDW Dry Cargo Vessels for Wilson ASA, Norway for an amount of approximately Rs. 500 crore.

D. HRD and Governance

1. Strategic Engagement of India with IMO

On June 7, 2024, Directorate General of Shipping, successfully concluded a full-day workshop on "Strategic Engagement of India with IMO". The workshop aimed to delve into various aspects of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), including its structure, composition, functioning, instruments, meetings, conventions, and interventions. Highlights of the workshop included discussions on IMO committees such as the Standard of Training Certification and Watch keeping (STCW), Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), and many others. This workshop marks a pivotal step in our ongoing efforts to strengthen India's strategic engagement with the International Maritime Organization. By fostering dialogue, sharing insights, and forging partnerships, MoPSW is laying the groundwork for a more sustainable and resilient maritime future.'

2. Inland Water Transport Projects

- ❖ Hon'ble Minister of MoPS&W chaired following review meetings:
 - On progress of ongoing projects in NER on June 18, 2024 at Guwahati.
 - Regarding various initiatives being taken up by the IWAI to promote Inland Water Transport (IWT) on June 25, 2024 at IWAI, Noida.
 - Visited Skill Development Centre, Guwahati and reviewed it's functioning on June 29, 2024.
- ❖ On June 27, 2024, Stakeholder Meeting for the development of Industrial Cluster cum Logistics Park (ICLP)/ Multi Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) was held at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

E. Events and Campaigns

1. 10th International Day of Yoga

On June 21, 2024, a Yoga Session was held at the Central Lawn of Transport Bhawan, New Delhi, on the occasion of **#International Day of Yoga**. The session was graced by the officials of the Ministry. Also, Union Minister of MoPSW joined the 10th International Day of Yoga celebration with hundreds of health enthusiasts in Tinsukia, Assam and guided participants to adopt Yoga as a daily habit to better our lives.

2. Paradip Port Authority is developing an alternative road connectivity from NH & SH to Port township. As part of this, last leg 4 lane connectivity to PPA Administrative Building was inaugurated on June 11, 2024.

3. A World Bank Team consisting of Dr. Ennarasu Karunesan, Sr. International Maritime Expert and Ms. Surbhi Goyal, Sr. Energy Specialist visited Paradip Port Authority on June 19, 2024 and studied facilities for Green Hydrogen Projects, proposed green hydrogen berth, shore to ship power and share of renewable energy and green energy.

4. National Maritime Day Celebrations (Central) Committee [NMDC]

On June 25, 2024, under the aegis of the Directorate General of Shipping, celebrated the '14th Day of the Seafarer', at Swatantra Veer Sawarkar Sabhagraha in Mumbai.

5. International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) Council Meeting

A high-level delegation from the Ministry and a representative from Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships attended the meeting of IALA Council held at Istanbul, Turkiye from June 24 to 28, 2024.

6. Investors Meet on Maritime Development Fund: On June 6, 2024, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) convened a stakeholder meeting in Mumbai to discuss initiatives aimed at bolstering India's shipping industry. The meeting witnessed participation from a diverse range of domestic and international investors and lenders, including prominent institutions such as NIIF, IFSC, SBI, Standard Chartered, Deutsche Bank, and HDFC. Participation was also witnessed from institutions based out of IFSC-GIFT. The Ministry presented the structure for the proposed Maritime Development Fund (MDF) and framework for functioning of proposed Ship Owning and Leasing Entity (SOLE). Feedback from participants was sought to gauge interest to invest in MDF and lend to SOLE.
