

# Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

## Monthly Summary for the month of September, 2024

### A. Significant Achievements

#### **1. Tuticorin International Container Terminal (TICT)**

TICT was dedicated by Hon'ble Minister of PSW to the nation at the V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority (VoCPA) on September 16, 2024. He also inaugurated key infra projects as well as laid foundation stones for several initiatives and flagged off the maiden Container Vessel from TICT. The terminal has been developed with an investment of more than Rs. 434 crore, with a capacity to handle 6 lakh TEUs annually. The Hon'ble Prime Minister addressed the inauguration of TICT via video message.

#### **2. Cruise Bharat Mission**

The Hon'ble Minister of PSW launched '**Cruise Bharat Mission**' from the Mumbai Port Authority on September 30, 2024. The Mission aims to boost the tremendous potential of cruise tourism in the country. It is envisaged that the activities under the mission will propel country's cruise tourism industry by doubling cruise passenger traffic within five years: i.e. by 2029.

#### **3. Maritime States Development Council (MSDC) Meeting**

20<sup>th</sup> MSDC meeting was held on September 12 & 13, 2024 in Goa under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister of PSW and with the participation of Maritime States & UTs at the Ministerial/official levels. During the meeting, over 100 issues from various states were deliberated and successfully resolved. Several new and emerging challenges were also addressed, including the establishment of Places of Refuge (PoR) for ships in distress, the development of Radioactive Detection Equipment (RDE) infrastructure at ports to enhance security, and the facilitation of seafarers by recognizing them as key essential workers, ensuring better working conditions and access to shore leave.

Additionally, the meeting discussed the implementation of a State Ranking Framework and a Port Ranking System to foster healthy competition and drive performance improvements across India's maritime sector. The plans for a Mega Shipbuilding Park, spanning across several states, were also discussed during the meeting. During the MSDC the following were launched: -

- Keel laying ceremony for India's largest dredger, a 12,000 Cu. M. Trailer Suction Hopper Dredger (TSHD), at Cochin Shipyard Limited, being built in collaboration with IHC Holland for DCI.
- National Safety in Ports Committee (NSPC) Portal on the National Single Window System platform. This will streamline regulatory processes, improving efficiency and reducing costs for stakeholders.

- **Indian Maritime Centre (IMC)**, a Policy Think Tank designed to bring together maritime stakeholders currently operating in silos. The IMC aims to provide a unified platform for the Indian maritime industry, acting as a think tank for policy formulation and industry recommendations.
- **Indian International Maritime Dispute Resolution Centre (IIMDRC)**. The Centre will be set up at Mumbai. It will offer merit-based and industry-governed solutions to resolve maritime disputes efficiently.

#### 4. 100 Days Achievements of MoPSW

A press conference was held on September 25, 2024 during which the Hon'ble Minister of PSW presented an extensive overview of the significant milestones achieved by the Ministry during the first 100 days. The conference was aimed at showcasing the Ministry's contributions toward transforming India's maritime sector and aligning with the vision of Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.

## **B. Projects, Schemes and Capex**

### 1. Funds Released

During FY 2024-25, approximately Rs. 265 crore has been released (till September 30, 2024) under the Sagarmala scheme for the states of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Gujarat, Goa, Kerala, Odisha, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. The projects under the Sagarmala made significant progress in September, 2024. An amount of Rs. 67.71 crore was released as milestone payments in September for nine projects.

### 2. Capital Expenditure of Major Ports

Capital Expenditure of Major Ports under IEPR upto September, 2024 is **Rs. 1976.91** crore, i.e. 43.00% of the BE (Rs. 4650.07 crore). This is an improvement over same period last year which was **Rs. 1091.39 crore** only.

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

### 1. Major Ports

- The traffic handled at Major Ports during the period September 2024 has increased by **5.03 %** in the current financial year (FY 2024-25) as compared to the same period last year. It has gone up from **393.929 MMT** last year to **413.747 MMT** this year.
- Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) Port was honoured with the prestigious **MAJOR PORT OF THE YEAR - CONTAINERIZED CARGO** at the Maritime and Logistics Awards (MALA), 2024, on September 5, 2024.
- JNPA also won the prestigious 2024 Blue Planet Award for Sustainability Excellence in Tier 1 Facility Operations in Ports on September 12, 2024.

- VoCPA created a new record by handling 23,523 tonnes of cargo in a single day, surpassing the previous single day cargo handling record of 20,642 tonnes handled at bulk cargo berth NCB II on August 29, 2024.
- Vessel MSC ALIZEE III berthed at PICT-2 of Paradip Port Authority (PPA) marked a significant milestone in its operational history by handling Record-breaking vessel length of 208.30 meters & capacity of 2524 TEUs and exported 288 TEUs on this voyage on September 30, 2024.

## **2. Inland Waterways**

- The transportation of cargo on National Waterways has reached 56.57 MMT for the period April to August, 2024, registering 4.54% growth over the same period of previous financial year.
- 3,39,768.74 MT cargo moved on Indo-Bangladesh Protocol route using Inland Water Transit & Trade Routes and National Waterways-1.
- Notification of Award issued for the procurement of 6 of Dredger on September 2, 2024.
- LoA was issued to IIT Madras for conducting feasibility consultancy for development of the World Class Cruise Terminal at Varanasi on September 17, 2024.
- IWAI signed an MoU with IPRCL for the development of rail connectivity to IWT terminals at Varanasi, Sahibganj & Haldia on September 3, 2024.

## **3. Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) and subsidiaries**

- CSL launched 2 HS Eco Freighter 7000 DWT vessels on September 7, 2024, being built for HS Service GMBH & CO.KG, Germany.
- CSL Launched 2 Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Watercrafts (ASW SWC) on September 9, 2024, being built for the Indian Navy
- Hooghly CSL commenced steel cutting of first of four ASTDS compliant 40T Bollard Pull ASD Tugs on September 10, 2024, being built for a domestic client.
- Udupi CSL delivered 2nd 70T BP ASTDS Tug “Mogra Star” to Polestar Maritime Limited on September 11, 2024,
- Udupi CSL bagged an order for design and construction of 4 nos. of 6300 TDW dry cargo vessels for Wilson ASA, Norway on September 17, 2024, for an amount of approximately Rs. 500 crore and commenced Steel Cutting of 2 nos. of 70T Bollard Pull Tug being built for Ocean Sparkle Limited.

## **4. Shipping Corporation of India (SCI)**

- **Incorporation of SCI Bharat IFSC Ltd. at Gift City** - Wholly owned subsidiary of Shipping Corporation of India Limited, has been incorporated effective from August 12, 2024 with the name ‘SCI Bharat IFSC Limited’ bearing CIN of U64990GJ2024GOI154335.

- Container vessel “SCI Delhi” delivered to SCI at London Gateway Port on September 5, 2024 and inducted in India - Europe service.
- **International Passenger Ferry Service (India and Sri-Lanka)** - M/s. INDSRI Ferry Services commenced operations of passenger ferry service between Nagapattinam, India and Kankesanthurai, Sri Lanka on August 16, 2024 and since then has completed 19 trips. Presently, this ferry service is being operated four times a week.

## **D. HRD and Governance**

1. CSL received the '**Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar**' for the year 2023-24 on September 14, 2024, during 'All India Official Language Conference' held at New Delhi for the best Hindi Implementation among 'C' region states.
2. Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) donated Rs. 1.00 crore to the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister's Relief fund towards the **flood relief initiative** on September 13, 2024. VPA employees contributed one day's salary.
3. JNPA provided assistance under **Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan** CSR initiative on September 25, 2024 to distribute nutritional food kits to 200 patients suffering from Tuberculosis at District Tuberculosis Centre, Alibag.

## **E. Inspections, Events and Campaigns**

1. **High Level Meetings of Hon'ble Minister of PSW with Foreign Delegations**
  - **Israel Minister** - A meeting was held between the Hon'ble Minister of PS&W and Minister of Transport, National Infrastructure and Road Safety of Israel on maritime issues on September 4, 2024.
  - **Singapore Minister** - A courtesy call meeting was held between Hon'ble Minister of PSW and Minister of Transport, Government of Singapore on September 10, 2024.
  - **Denmark Minister (Extension of the MoU)** - A meeting was held between Hon'ble Minister of PSW and the Minister of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs of the Kingdom of Denmark on September 17, 2024 to sign and extend the modified MoU on maritime issues for a further period of three years. During the MoU signing meeting, both the Ministers discussed the issues mentioned in the MoU.
2. **Curtain raiser event of the Sagarmathan: The Great Oceans Dialogue**  
The prelude to an event that promises to shape the future of global maritime discourse, M/o PSW, working closely with MEA and in partnership with the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), successfully launched 'Sagarmathan: The Great Oceans Dialogue' on September 3, 2024. The Hon'ble Minister of PSW unveiled the promotional movie,

logo and website of the dialogue. For the launch event, we were joined by India's G20 Sherpa; Special Secretary, MEA, Member at PM-EAC and eighteen Heads of Mission. The inaugural event, which is scheduled to be held in Mumbai on November 18 & 19, 2024 is expected to attract representatives from 60+ countries, including former heads of state, ministers, and senior officials. This seminal dialogue will delve into four key thematic pillars:

- New frontiers of connectivity, infrastructure and development;
- Partnerships for progress and blue growth;
- Green and blue perspectives on sustainability, technology and innovation, and
- Coasts & communities, and the social impact of maritime governance.

### **3. World Maritime Day:**

World Maritime Day 2024 was celebrated on September 24, 2024 with great fervor. Officials of SCI and DGS joined the celebrations at SCI's MTI, Powai in presence of DG Shipping and also 100 bamboo saplings were planted under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign.

### **4. New Brand Ambassador of MoPSW**

On September 17, 2024, the Hon'ble Minister of PSW announced that the Double Olympic Medal Winner in Shooting in Summer Olympics held in 2024 at Paris, Ms. Manu Bhaker, has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador for the Ministry. The shooting ace is the daughter of a Marine Engineer.

### **5. Swachhata Hi Sewa, 2024 Campaign**

Ministry along with its field organizations undertook Swachhata Hi Sewa, 2024 Campaign with the theme 'Swabhav Swachhata– Sanskaar Swachhata' from September 17, 2024 to October 2, 2024. Total 433 events were organized in which about 32000 officials, stakeholders and citizens participated. As part of 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam', 28820 trees were planted by various organizations during this Campaign.

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