

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Monthly Summary for the month of May, 2024

A. Significant Achievements and Milestones

1. Long-term Main Contract for development of Shahid Beheshti Port Terminal, Chabahar:

On **May 13, 2024**, the long-term Main Contract for the development of Shahid Beheshti Port Terminal, Chabahar which has been pending for quite a few years was signed between India Port Global Limited (IPGL) and Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO) of Iran in the presence of Union Minister of MoPSW and Ayush. The Ministerial visit and signing of the Long-term Contract will further strengthen ties between the two nations and highlights the importance of Chabahar as a gateway for trade with Afghanistan and broader Central Asian countries. The development of the Chabahar Port Project is an **India-Iran flagship project** & the signing of the contract is a really important step in opening up the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) to Central Asia.

2. World Bank's CPPI 2023 Report:

Ten Indian Ports are now in the top 100 Container Ports of the World as per the recently published "**Container Port Performance Index 2023**" Report published by World Bank out of which five are Major Ports (as against three last year). Visakhapatnam Port has bagged the **19th position** and has entered the list of **Top-20** Container Ports.

3. Hybrid Service Operation Vessel (Hybrid SOV):

On May 13, 2024, CSL bagged an order from a European Client, for the design and construction of a Hybrid Service Operation Vessel (Hybrid SOV) with an option for two more such vessels. The vessel is equipped with hybrid battery systems to improve the energy efficiency and reduce the carbon footprints. The vessel is designed and built for the service, maintenance and operational needs of the offshore wind farm industry in the European market where sustainable energy solutions are in high demand. The project is expected to be completed by the end 2026.

4. Government e-market place (GeM):

During FY 2023-24, the total procurement by Organizations of this Ministry through GeM portal has been approx. Rs. 2754.13 Crore as against the targeted amount of Rs.1624.14 Crore i.e. 170% higher than the target. When it is compared with procurements of Rs. 577 Crore during 2022-23 the growth works out to 377%.

B. Projects and Schemes

1. Projects awarded:

- Two floating jetty projects “Creation of Berthing facilities for the tourist vessels at Agni Theertham and Villoondi Theertham, Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu” worth Rs. 7.58 Crore and Rs. 3.69 Crore have been awarded by Tamil Nadu Maritime Board. The project aims to environment friendly modular floating jetties for tourism purpose.
- IWAI has awarded the works for development of onshore facilities at 08 community jetties in Bihar.

2. Funds Released:

Rs. 48.47 Crore have been released to Visakhapatnam Port Road Company Limited, Chennai Port Authority, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority and Deendayal Port Authority for different projects like Grade Separator, Buffer Parking Yard, Paved Storage Yards, Rehabilitation of Old Berth, Ro-Ro / Ro-Pax Facility and Dredging.

3. National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC):

The physical and financial progress of the project is 51.61% (49.01% until April 2024) and 35.32% (33.72% until April 2024) respectively. The work is continuously being followed up and monitored by me 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 have been awarded. Advance copy of Note for Cabinet is under submission to PMO/Cabinet Sectt for kind consideration and further directions.
- Presentation on NMHC was also made before PMO during the month.
- Stakeholder consultation meeting held on 4.6.2024 for cooperation and expediting issues relating to other Ministries/Departments and Govt. of Gujarat.

C. Operations, Cargo, and Traffic

1. Operational Achievements of Major Ports:

Major Ports have registered significant improvement during the current Financial Year in Key Operational Performance parameters. Main achievements

during the period April-May 2024, vis-à-vis same period last year, are listed below:

S. No.	Operational Parameter	Performance during the current FY (April-May 2024)	Performance during Last Year (April-May 2023)
1.	Cargo handled	139 MT	135 MT
2.	Idling on Berth (% of total time on berth)	15.8%	17.4%

- Visakhapatnam Port (VPA) has efficiently handled MSC MONICA CHRISTINA, the largest ever container vessel to call at Indian Port on the East Coast (with total capacity of 15264 TEU's LOA 365.99 meters & beam of 51 meters).
- VPA handled 85,81,927 Metric Tonnes of cargo across 221 vessels, surpassing the previous record of 76,22,732 Metric Tonnes from 201 vessels in March 2024.
- VPA registered its highest single day cargo handling 5,02,025 Metric tonnes in just 24 hrs. on May 23, 2024, duly surpassing the previous record of 4,03,978 Metric tonnes achieved on Jan 19, 2024.
- Jawaharlal Nehru Port handled 7.45 Million Tonnes of total cargo and 570,012 TEUs of containers in May-2024 which is higher by 1.77% and 7.95% respectively as compared to traffic in May-2023.
- APL BOSTON, the deepest ever container vessel with the highest capacity called Chennai Port on May 10, 2024.

2. Capital Expenditure:

Capital Expenditure of Major Ports under IEBR upto May, 2024 is Rs. 281.54 Crore, which is an improvement over the expenditure during the same period last year which was Rs. 253.16 Crore only.

3. Inland Waterways:

- 4.02 lakh MT cargo moved through Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) Route and National Waterway-1.
- Fifth and final Trial Run completed in IBP route no. 5/6 (Maia-Aricha).
- First unloading of cargo at MMT Haldia on May 2, 2024: 1000m dredger pipelines & accessories from Bangladesh were unloaded at Haldia MMT built under Jal Marg Vikas Project by IWAI.
- Numaligarh Refinery Limited's Over Dimensional Cargo (ODC) began its voyage to NRL jetty along Dhansiri River - NW 31 - at Numaligarh in Assam on May 13, 2024.

- India's first Hydrogen Fuel Cell Powered vessel sailed from Kochi on May 18, 2024 to Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata for deployment in NW1.
- IWAI launched its user-friendly e-payment gateway on May 28, 2024.

4. Sahid Behesti Port, Chabahar (SBPC):

The Container handling at Chabahar Port has registered significant improvement in cargo throughput during the 2023-24 handling 60059 TEUs compared with 9126 TEUs in 2022-23, the rise works out to 558%.

5. Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) and subsidiaries:

- On May 9, 2024, Udupi CSL delivered 70T Bollard Pull Tug - 'Konna Star' built for Polestar Maritime Limited.
- On May 13, 2024, Keel laying of one Hybrid Electric Catamaran Passenger vessel for Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) was held at Hooghly CSL.
- On May 30, 2024, Udupi CSL bagged an order for construction of three 70T Bollard Pull Tug for Ocean Sparkle Limited.

D. HRD and Governance

1. On May 17, 2024, MoPSW organized a one-day workshop at New Delhi to coordinate the functioning of the ViBhaS and NAVIC Cells created by the Ministry to achieve the targets of Maritime India Vision-2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision-2047.

2. Integrated Government Online Training (iGOT):

In this regard, Ministry have registered significant improvement during the Financial Year 2023-24. The status when compared with FY 2022-23 is as below:

S. No.	Operational Parameter	Performance during the FY (2023-24)	Performance during the last FY (2022-23)
1.	Registered Users on iGOT	9536	5489
2.	Course Enrolments on iGOT	23790	7131
3.	Courses completed on iGOT	16379	4486

E. Events and Campaigns

1. Leading Indian Shipyards to Global Best Practices:

On May 9, 2024, two days HSE Conclave hosted by CSL with the theme "Leading Indian Shipyards to Global Best Practices". The summit brought

together India's top shipyards to enhance their Health, Safety and Environment practices and excellence in shipbuilding and ship repair.

2. International Day for Women in Maritime:

On May 18, 2024, MoPSW celebrated the International Day for Women in Maritime in New Delhi, honouring the vital contributions of women seafarers. This year's theme, "**Safe Horizons: Women in Shaping the Future of Maritime Safety,**" underscores the importance of safety and security of women in the maritime sector. During the celebration, 27 women seafarers from various marine institutes pursuing different degrees in maritime field and some professionals from the field were recognized for their dedication and significant contributions to the maritime industry.

3. State-of Art-Cyber Security lab funded by Visakhapatnam Port Authority under CSR was inaugurated to combat growing cybercrimes in the city.
4. On May 8, 2024, JNPA inaugurated a 150 Km zero-emission transport corridor. This corridor is dedicated to EV trucks for Bharat Mumbai Container Terminals Private Limited (BMCT) PSA Mumbai.
5. On May 29, 2024, at the 35th anniversary celebration, JNPA signed MOUs worth Rs. 20,000 Crore each with PSA India and CMA CGM GROUP (Official) for Greenfield Port Development in Vadhavan. These agreements pioneer a sustainable and innovative future in maritime infrastructure.
