

# Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways

## Major achievements for the month of August, 2023

### A. Projects and Schemes

#### • **Public-Private Partnership**

A concession agreement was signed between Deendayal Port Authority and DP World in the presence of Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister, PSW&A and other dignitaries. This state-of-the-art container terminal at Tuna-Tekra will cater to future trade demand from Northern, Western and Central India, connecting the regions to global markets. The project involves the construction of a mega-container terminal at Tuna-Tekra near the existing Deendayal Port, at a cost of **Rs 4,243.64 crores** through a Public Private Partnership (PPP). Once completed the terminal will have an annual capacity of **2.19 million TEUs**, and will include a 1,100m berth capable of handling next-generation vessels carrying more than 18,000 TEUs.

#### • **IWAI MoU with Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL)**

An MoU between Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) and IWAI was signed in the presence of Hon'ble Minister of PSW&A, for Transportation of 10,000 MTs per month of petroleum and petrochemical product cargo of Numaligarh Refinery using Inland Water transport on 24.8.2023 at Guwahati.

#### • **Launch of NLP Marine Port Health Organisation (PHO) Module**

The Port Health Organisation (PHO) module under SAGAR SETU - National Logistics Portal (Marine) was launched by Hon'ble Union Minister, PSW &A on 3.8.23. PHO will now be used to grant permission to ships to enter or leave the ports through this module online which will bring in transparency, efficiency and Ease of Doing Business (EODB).

#### • **Udupi Cochin Shipyard Limited (UCSL)**

A wholly owned subsidiary of Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) delivered New-Generation-Purse-Seiner vessel to GKS Marine Exports. The vessel has an innovative design engineered and developed with Modern Mechanized Hydraulic Purse Seining equipment. It has facilities such as Power Block, Fish Handling crane, Advanced Fish Finder, Air-conditioned 10-men accommodation, etc.

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

- **Port Sector**

The traffic handled at Major Ports during the period “April, 2023 to August, 2023” has increased by 2.74% in the current financial year (FY 2023-24) as compared to the same period last year. It has gone up from 322.98 million Tonnes last year to 331.83 million Tonnes this year.

- **Cargo movement through Inland Waterways**

Up to August, 2023 cargo of 54.11 MMT moved through Waterways as compared to 51.24 MMT during April to August, 2022 i.e. an increase of 5.61%.

- **Jawahar Lal Nehru Port**

JNPA achieved a milestone by receiving the coastal steel cargo ship, M.V VTRE, carrying 22,000 MT of Cold Rolled steel coils of TATA Steel from Paradip in Orissa destined for industries in Maharashtra and Gujarat on 17.08.2023. This new initiative is a significant milestone in promoting coastal shipping.

- **Chennai Port**

On 03.08.2023 Chennai Port achieved a Milestone, by handling the Longest Container vessel ‘MV Navious Constellation’, with LOA of 350 M surpassing its previous record of 333 M.

## **C. Events**

- **19th Maritime State Development Council (MSDC)**

The MSDC meeting was held on 18th and 19th August 2023 at Kevadia, Gujarat under the Chairmanship of Sh. Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon’ble Union Minister, PSW &A. The meeting was attended by Shri Shripad Naik and Shri Shantanu Thakur, Hon’ble Ministers of State for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways. State Government Ministers from Gujarat, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu and various Senior officials from State Governments/Ministries/Ports also participated. Several issues such as Sagarmala Programme, Urban Water Transportation, Inland Waterways, National Maritime Heritage Complex and Port Connectivity, etc. were discussed to bring transformative changes in the maritime sector. Hon’ble Minister announced comprehensive plan to achieve 10,000 MTPA port capacity by 2047, setting up of Bureau of Port Security, Major

Ports to establish hydrogen hubs and all maritime States to participate in Global Maritime India Summit 2023.

- **Global Maritime India Summit (GMIS), 2023**

- **Road Shows**

Road shows for promotion of GMIS, 2023 were organised by NMPA at New Mangalore, VPA at Visakhapatnam, SMPA at Kolkatta, CPA at Chennai, MoPA at Goa and IWAI at Guwahati. Further, virtual road shows were organised by IPRCL, SCI, CSL and DGS to promote the event.

- **Foreign Ambassador's Meet**

A gathering of international dignitaries marked the Ambassador's Meet at the residence of Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister for PSW & A on August 11, 2023. The meeting, with participation from more than **40 countries**, underscored the global interest in the upcoming GMIS 2023 to be held in October 2023.

- **Virtual Indian Ambassador's Meet**

Hon'ble Minister, PSW& A chaired a virtual meet on 21.8.23 of the Indian Ambassadors from the East and the West Zones to enhance the international participation in the event.

- **Chandrayaan-3 Lunar Mission**

As India's Chandrayaan- 3 mission achieved a crucial milestone - a successful lunar landing, National Level Interaction was organized under the aegis of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) with all Major Ports, the National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts, (NTCPWC), IIT Chennai, IMU, Centre for Inland & Coastal Maritime Technology, (CICMT) IIT Kharagpur, IIT Mumbai, etc. to increase awareness, understand the significance and delve into the intricacies of Chandrayaan-3 mission. The workshop aimed to shed light on the profound importance of India's lunar mission in advancing scientific knowledge and technical innovation in the realm of space exploration. The workshop was attended by scientists, researcher, academicians, students, and government officials.

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