

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Monthly Summary for the month of July 2025

A. Other Matters/Significant Developments:

1. **Deendayal Port:** The first indigenously-built 1 MW Green Hydrogen Power Plant at the Deendayal Port, Kandla was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of PSW on July 31, 2025. The commissioning within four months of foundation laying by Hon'ble Prime Minister, reflects a new benchmark for implementation in India's green hydrogen ecosystem.
2. **V.O. Chidambaranar Port:**
 - Hon'ble Prime Minister dedicated the North Cargo Berth-III at VOC port to the nation, enhancing the port's cargo handling capacity by 7 million tonnes.
 - VOC Port set a renewable energy generation record in June by producing 15.3 lakh units, highlighting its sustainability efforts.
3. **Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI):**
 - Work for construction of 7 jetties and Navigational aids on Rivers Jhelum (NW-49), 2 jetties on River Chenab (NW-26) and 1 jetty on River Ravi (NW-84) has been awarded.
 - Work for development of onshore facilities for cruise/urban water transportation at 7 locations on River Jhelum has been awarded to IPRCL.
 - Specialized training session on hydrography was conducted for Agniveers of Indian Army in NW-2 in Assam to enhance their capabilities in inland waterways navigation and survey techniques.
 - An MoU was signed on July 4, 2025 between IWAI and Zoological Survey of India for "Biodiversity assessment study & effect of maintenance dredging and bandalling in Dolphin Sanctuary in Kahalgaon- Sultanganj stretch of NW-1.
4. **BIMSTEC Ports Conclave:** The second edition of BIMSTEC in Visakhapatnam on July 14-15, 2025 was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister of PSW. The two days' event was aimed at strengthening regional maritime connectivity, ports cooperation and sustainable development in the Bay of Bengal region. Representatives from all seven BIMSTEC nations participated.
5. **Maritime Financing Summit** was held on July 24, 2025 in New Delhi, bringing together senior policymakers, industry leaders, global investors and domain experts to deliberate on innovative financing mechanisms, regulatory frameworks for ship leasing and ownership, insurance innovation, and sustainable shipbuilding and recycling.

6. **Financial Digital Maturity Matrix (FDMM)**, a comprehensive framework to evaluate and elevate digital financial capabilities at major ports, enabling investor-ready, high-performance infrastructure, was launched during the event.
7. Projects under the Sagarmala Wing have made significant progress in the month of July. In FY 2025-26, approximately ₹ 240.03 crore has been released till July 2025.
8. An MoU was signed between DGLL and Indian Port Rail & Ropeway Corporation Ltd. (IPRCL) on July 23, 2025 for "Planning, Development, Construction and Commissioning of Lighthouse Museum in National Maritime Heritage Complex Project, Lothal. Gujarat" for ₹ 266 crore.
9. **India Maritime Investment Meet** was successfully organised by the Ministry at India House, London, with the aim of deepening maritime cooperation and attracting global investments into India's growing maritime ecosystem.
