

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Monthly Summary for the month of March 2025

Overall performance in 2024-25

1. Some highlights of the Ministry's performance in 2024-25 are as follow:

Sr. No	Item	2024-25	Growth % over 2023-24
1.	Cargo performance		
	i. Major Ports (MMT)	855	4.3%
	ii. Inland Waterways (MT)	143	7.5%
2.	Overall Capex (Rs. Crore)	10459	38%
3.	Overall Expenditure (Rs. Crore)	3408.41	22.17%
4.	Major Ports Revenue (Rs. Crore)	24202	7.7%
5.	Major Ports Operating Ratio	42.29	-2.71%
6.	Major Ports Surplus (Rs. Crore)	8202	16.34%
7.	SBFAP Assistance Sanction (Rs. Crore)	937.3	156%

2. The following Bills were passed in the Lok Sabha during March 2025:

- (i) **The Bills of Lading Bill, 2025:** This legislation provides a legal framework for the issuance of bills of lading, which are crucial documents in the shipping industry.
- (ii) **The Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill, 2024:** It seeks to replace colonial-era laws, aiming to modernize India's maritime legal framework, simplify regulations, and enhance the country's global shipping competitiveness.
- (iii) **The Coastal Shipping Bill:** It will pave the way for a dedicated legal framework for coastal trade.

3. The Indian Ports Bill, 2025 was introduced in the Lok Sabha to consolidate laws relating to ports, promote integrated port development, and establish State Maritime Boards for effective management of ports other than major ports.

4. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) signed MoUs with following in March, 2025:

- (i) **UT of J&K**, to develop river cruise tourism on the region's three national waterways: River Chenab (NW-26), River Jhelum (NW-49), and River Ravi (NW-84) at a cost of Rs. 100 crore.
- (ii) **Delhi Government**, to develop cruise tourism on a 4-km stretch of the River Yamuna between Sonia Vihar and Jagatpur. The project, will boost sustainable tourism and recreation along the Yamuna riverfront in Delhi.
- (iii) **National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML)**, to develop a 150-acre Multi-Modal Logistics Park in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

- (iv) **Government of Bihar**, for 21 nos. community jetties to be installed under Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) in the state.
5. **Letter of Intent between India and Singapore:** A Letter of Intent strengthening maritime cooperation on digitalization, decarbonization, and sustainable shipping was signed between Indian and Singaporean maritime authorities in the presence of Hon'ble Minister of PSW and Senior Minister of State, Singapore during the Singapore Maritime Week.
6. **MoPSW Chintan Shivir 2025** was held in Srinagar on March 6-7, 2025, where Hon'ble Minister of PSW reviewed ongoing projects worth Rs. 2 Trillion. Achieving the targets outlined in Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision (MAKV) 2047 was emphasised.

Project Sanctions:

7. The CCEA approved a 29.219-kilometer, 6-lane expressway project linking JN Port (Pagote) to Chowk, with a capital investment of Rs. 4,500 crore.
8. Deendayal Port Authority successfully tested **1 MW Electrolyser Stacks**, paving the way for their installation at Kandla. Marking a significant step in the Port's journey to becoming a Green Hydrogen Hub of India.
9. During March, 2025, MoPSW approved the following PPP project proposals:
- (i) Development of South Container Berth (SCB) on BOT basis at Paradip Port **(Rs. 477 crore)**.
 - (ii) Development of existing 104 bedded Centenary Hospital of Kolkata Port into 450 bedded super specialty hospital on PPP mode **(Rs. 421.28 crore)**.
 - (iii) Integrated development of Outer Container Terminal and berth No.1 through 5 NSD at KDS, Kolkata Port **(Rs. 832.25 crore)**.
 - (iv) Development of the Existing Hospital at V.O. Chidambaranar Port Tuticorin to a 100 Bedded Super Speciality Hospital **(Rs. 40.7 crore)**.
 - (v) Development of container and coal berths on DBFOT basis through PPP mode at Balagarh, West Bengal by Kolkata Port **(Rs. 407.20 crore)**.

Projects on Budget Announcements

10. EFC appraisal was completed for Ship Building Financial Assistance Policy & Maritime Development Fund schemes and the DCNs are under preparation.
