

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Monthly Summary for the month of March 2026

1. Major Ports under MoPSW have collectively handled 915.17 million tonnes (MT) of cargo during FY 2025–26, surpassing the annual target of 904 MT. This marks a year-on-year growth of 7.06%, reaffirming the sector’s strong recovery, enhanced efficiency, and sustained growth trajectory. Deendayal Port Authority emerged as the top performer at 160.11 MT, followed by Paradip Port Authority at 156.45 MT and Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) at 102.01 MT.
2. During 2025-26, overall Capex including IEBR and PPP was to the tune of ₹14,953 crore as against ₹9,708 crore during 2024-25.
3. During 2025-26, 94 ships were added to Indian Flag with addition of 25.67 lakhs Deadweight Tonnage (DWT) as compared to 45 ships with 7.72 lakh DWT during 2024-25.
4. **Measures taken to mitigate the impact of the Middle East/West Asia Crisis**
 - ✓ MoPSW Issued an SOP for all ports to mitigate the impact of the ongoing geopolitical disturbance in the Middle East/West Asia on cargo and vessel operations. The SOP mandates regular stakeholder meetings, appointment of a 24×7 nodal officer as the single point of contact, and time-bound resolution of issues within 24 hours (or 72 hours where inter-agency coordination is required).
 - ✓ Directives issued to all Ports to accord priority berthing to LPG vessels.
 - ✓ Directives issued to all Ports to accept digital and soft copy documentation for all cargo consignments routed through designated transit hubs so as to ensure smooth, efficient, and uninterrupted cargo movement during this period.
 - ✓ 6 Indian-flagged LPG tankers, bound for India, were evacuated from the West of the Strait of Hormuz.
 - ✓ Directorate General of Shipping has been regularly monitoring the situation and a total of 1,500 calls and 9,599 emails attended by Support Team of DGS.
5. Hon’ble Prime Minister inaugurated the Single-Lane Road Bridge on 14.03.2026 at Swarupnagar across River Ichamati (National Waterway -44) in West Bengal.
6. Hon'ble Minister of PSW laid the foundation stone for India's first four riverine lighthouses on 05.03.2026 at Pandu, Bogibeel, Silghat and Biswanath Ghat on the Brahmaputra River (National Waterway-2) in the State of Assam.
7. **PPP Projects:** Following PPP projects were approved during March, 2026:
 - ✓ Development of Cement Storage Bulk Terminal including Bagging plant within Kidderpore Dock - II (KPD-II) at KDS, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Kolkata at an Estimated Cost of ₹487.36 Crore (Approved on 03.03.2026).
 - ✓ Redevelopment of Berth No. 9 for Handling Liquid Bulk Cargo at New Mangalore Port through PPP Mode at an Estimated Cost of ₹ 438.29 Crore (Approved on 25.03.2026).
8. **Sagarmala:** For the projects under Sagarmala scheme, ₹100.64 crore were released during the month of March 2026.
9. **Cochin Shipyard Limited**
 - ✓ **Delivery of 70T Bollard Pull Tug:** Udupi Cochin Shipyard Limited (Udupi-CSL) a wholly owned subsidiary of CSL successfully delivered 70T Bollard Pull Tug – “OCEAN ROYAL” to Ocean Sparkle Limited on March 24, 2026. The tugs are built to the Approved Standard Tug

Design and Specifications (ASTDS) promulgated by Government of India, for promoting Atma Nirbhar Bharath initiatives.

- ✓ **Joint Venture with HBL Engineering Limited:** On 25.03.2026, CSL and HBL Engineering Limited signed a Joint Venture Agreement for the development and commercialization of electric mobility and energy storage technologies for the maritime sector. The collaboration will focus on the development of advanced marine batteries, Battery Management Systems (BMS), electric motors, power electronics, and charging infrastructure.
