

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Monthly Summary for the month of September 2026

1. **Ease of Doing Business:** MoEFCC has amended the EIA Notification, 2006 extending the validity of Environment Clearance for Ports, harbours, breakwaters and dredging projects to 20 years with provision for further extension upto 5 years. This reform is expected to reduce procedural delays and provide greater certainty for long term port investments. It was part of the request made by MoPSW to the i-GoM on reforms.
2. **Mega Port:** Deendayal (kandla), Jawaharlal Nehru (Nhava Sheva), Paradip and Mundra Port have been notified on 25th September, 2026 as mega ports under the Indian Port Act.
3. **Port Performance:** The traffic handled at Major Ports during the period upto September, 2026 has increased by 8.01 % in the current financial year (FY 2026-27) as compared to the same period last year. It has gone up from 437.70 million Tonnes last year to 472.75 million Tonnes this year.
4. **Deendayal Port Authority (DPA):** The foundation stone for India's first port-based e-Methanol production facility at Kandla was laid on 26.09.2026 by Hon'ble Minister (MoPSW) along with Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam and Hon'ble Chief Minister, Gujarat. This involves an investment of about ₹2,300 crore and marks a significant step towards green shipping and alternative marine fuels.
5. **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA):** JNPA recorded its highest-ever monthly container throughput of 8,34,697 TEUs in September 2026, registering 28.63% growth over September 2025.
6. **Paradip Port Authority (PPA):** PPA successfully berthed MV Mineral Kwangyang, its first Capesize vessel with a 16.5-metre draft, carrying about 1.53 lakh MT of coking coal, on 06.09.2026.
7. **PPP:**
 - On 16.09.2026, CCEA has approved the PPPAC project proposal regarding Development of Outer Harbour at V.O. Chidambaranar Port under the Hybrid Annuity Model and Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) Model, at an estimated cost of ₹17,167.37 crore.
 - On 08.09.2026, Ministry has approved PPP project proposal regarding Development of Agri Processing Facility at Syama Prasad Mukherjee Port on DBFOT basis, at an estimated cost of ₹24.96 crore.
8. **Inland Waterways:** Cargo traffic on National Waterways during April–August 2026 stood at 96.57 million tonnes, as against 59.41 million tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year, registering a growth of 62.55%.
9. **SHIP REPAIR: Joint Venture with Drydocks World Dubai – FZCO (DDW)** CSL signed a Joint Venture Agreement with Drydocks World – Dubai FZCO (DDW) for undertaking the business operations of International Ship Repair Facility (ISRF) at Willingdon Island, Kochi, Kerala marking the establishment of a first-of-its-kind public-private partnership in India's ship repair sector.
