

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Monthly Summary for the month of September 2025

A. Other Matters/Significant Developments:

1. **Samudra se Samridhi:** On 20.09.2025 at Bhavnagar, Gujarat, multiple development projects related to the maritime sector, worth over ₹34,200 crore, were inaugurated and had their foundation stones laid by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

Inauguration:

- Mumbai International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock was inaugurated.

Foundation Stone:

- New container terminal and associated facilities at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata
- New container berth, cargo handling facilities, and associated developments at Paradip Port
- Tuna-Tekra Multi-Cargo Terminal, firefighting facilities and modern road connectivity at Kamarajar Port, Ennore
- Coastal protection works including sea-walls and revetments at Chennai Port
- Sea-wall construction at Car Nicobar Island
- Multi-purpose cargo berth and Green Bio-Methanol Plant at Deendayal Port, Kandla
- Ship repair facilities at Patna and Varanasi
- Development of Freight Village at Varanasi

MoU Signed:

- With Government of Bihar for development of Urban Transport Water Metro Patna

2. **Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI):**

- The number of operational National Waterways has increased to 32. The cruise data is now being captured on NW-40 (Ghaghra) and NW- 110 (Yamuna).
- Cargo transportation on National Waterways reached to 59.41 million tonnes during period of April to August 2025, compared to 56.57 million tonnes during the same period last year, marking a growth 5.02%.
- 4.0 Lakh ton cargo moved on Indo Bangladesh Protocol route during September, 2025.

3. **Sagarmala:** For the projects under Sagarmala scheme (FY 2025-26), approximately ₹ 282 crore has been released till September 2025 in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Gujarat, Goa, Kerala, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

- 4. Visit of South African delegation to India:** The Ministry engaged with a delegation from South Africa on 04.09.2025, showcasing India's Small Harbour Ecosystem and Strategic Vision. The discussions highlighted India's flagship Sagarmala Programme, integration of small harbours into national strategy and opportunities for collaboration through case studies and community-focused development paving the way for deeper India–South Africa maritime partnerships and sustainable harbour growth.
- 5. Deendayal Port Authority:** Production of India's first all-electric 60T Bollard Pull Tug for Kandla Port has commenced, with deployment targeted by Q4 2026.
- 6. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority:** Induction of a new fleet of state-of-the-art Electric Vehicle (EV) trucks at the Nhava Sheva Distribution Terminal, marking a significant step towards decarbonisation, operational efficiency, and sustainable cargo movement.
- 7. Kamarajar Port Limited:** Foundation stone laying for the Development of New Firefighting Facilities and Modern Road Connectivity mark a significant enhancement of port infrastructure aimed at improving safety standards, logistics efficiency and overall operational resilience.
- 8. V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority (VOCPA):** On 05.09.2025, Union Minister of MoPSW inaugurated India's first port-based Green Hydrogen Pilot Project at VOC Port, marking a major step in India's clean energy transition. Built at a cost of ₹3.87 crore, 10 Nm³/hr pilot facility will generate green hydrogen to power streetlights and an electric vehicle charging station in the port colony.
- 9. Paradip Port Authority (PPA) - MoUs signed on 19.09.2025:**
 - PPA, Odisha Maritime Board & Sagarmala Finance Corporation for the 150 MTPA Bahuda Satellite Port in Odisha with an investment of ₹21,500 crore.
 - PPA and Odisha Maritime Board (OMB) to set up a world-class Shipbuilding Cluster on the Mahanadi riverbank in Kendrapara, opposite the IFFCO Plant, PPA with an investment of ₹24,700 crore & Capacity of 1.0–1.2 Million GT per year.
- 10. National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC):** Hon'ble Prime Minister along with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat and Union Minister of MoPSW reviewed the progress at NMHC during their visit to Lothal on 20.09.2025. Certain directions were given during the visit which would be taken care of and vigorously pursued with.
