

# Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

## Major achievements for the month of November, 2023

### A. Projects and Schemes

- **Projects Appraised/ Approved**
  - The Mormugao Port Authority's project to install a **3 MW Solar Power Plant** has received in-principle approval with 50% funding under the Sagarmala Scheme. The project is valued at Rs. 20.49 Cr. The initiative aims to boost the port's green initiatives and meet a significant portion of its power needs through solar energy.
  - PPP project of V.O. Chidambarnar Port Authority for “**Development of Outer Harbour Container Terminal** including Dredging and Construction of Breakwater on DBFOT Basis”, worth Rs. 7,056 Crore was appraised and recommended by PPPAC.
  - PPP project proposal of SMPA/Kolkata Port, worth Rs. 865 Crore, for “**Strengthening and Mechanization of Berth 7, 8** re-construction NSD on DBFOT basis, SMPA” was appraised by SFC during the month.
- **Letter of Acceptance (LOA)**
  - On 07.11.2023, M/s West Coast Marine was issued an LOA for the construction of 4 off-shore concrete community jetties under JMVP-II at Narkelbari, Maganpara, Palasi, and Ramnagar in West Bengal.
- **National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)**
  - The recommendation after appraisal of the PIB for all phases of NMHC project has been received. Phase 1A of the project is under execution. Hon’ble Union Minister for PSW has been constantly monitoring the progress. I am conducting weekly meetings to review progress. On 23.11.2023, I visited Lothal to review the project's development at site.
- **Capital Expenditure (CE) – Ports Sector**
  - CE of Major Ports under IEBR upto November 2023 is Rs.1702.9 Crore, i.e. 52.33% of the BE. This is a significant improvement over same period last year as the amount spent last year was Rs. 1067.46 Crore only.

### B. Operations, Cargo and Traffic

- **Ports Performance**

Major Ports have registered significant improvement in key operational performance parameters during the current financial year. Main achievements during the period April to November 2023, vis-à-vis same period last year, are listed below:

Sl. No.	Operational Parameter	Performance during current FY ( April- November 2023)	Performance during Last Year (April-November 2022)	Improvement registered this year
1.	Cargo handled	<b>500.82 Million Tons</b>	475.06 Million Tons	5.42 %
2.	Output per Ship per day on berth	<b>18457 Metric Tons</b>	17127 Metric Tons	7.71 %
3.	Turn Around Time	<b>48.46 Hours</b>	55.61 Hrs	6.10 %
4.	Vessels handled	<b>15285</b>	14171	7.86 %
5.	Idling at Berth (% of total time on berth)	<b>16 %</b>	21 %	23.81 %
6.	Pre Berthing Detention of Vessels	<b>6.15 Hrs</b>	15.05 Hrs	59.14 %

- V.O. Chidambarnar Port created a new record by handling 2,03,500 tonnes of cargo in a single day on 25.11.2023, surpassing the previous single day cargo handling record of 2,03,341 tonnes on 29.10.2023.
  - Visakhapatnam Port created a new record on 01.11.2023 by handling throughput of 75.75 lakh metric tonnes of highest volume of cargo in October, 2023 surpassing the previous record of 71.93 lakh metric tonne in January, 2020.
- **Cargo Movement through Inland Waterways**
    - During the period of April to November, 2023 cargo of 86.47 MMT moved through Waterways as compared to 80.44 MMT during April to November, 2022 i.e. an increase of 7.49%.
    - 3.69 LMT Cargo moved on Indo Bangladesh Protocol route during the month.

### C. HRD and Governance

- **Review Meetings**
  - On 17.11.2023, the Union Minister of MoPSW chaired a midterm review meeting to assess 162 projects with a total investment of Rs. 1 trillion. The purpose of the meeting was to determine a comprehensive approach towards the swift and smooth execution of the 'PM Maritime Amritkaal Vision,' with the ultimate goal of making India the global maritime leader by 2047.
  - On 21.11.2023, the Union Minister of MoPSW, chaired a meeting to review ongoing projects of the Ministry in the Northeast region in Guwahati. The Minister assigned top priority to complete critical projects of the Northeast by January, 2024. Union Minister directed the Inland Waterways Authority of India to undertake dredging at 88 shallow passages on Brahmaputra. Projects worth Rs. 275 crores of Inland Waterways in Assam to be completed by January 2024.

- **Galathea Bay in Great Nicobar Island**
  - On 23.11.2023, the Union Minister of MoPSW visited the proposed International Container Transshipment Port (ICTP) site at Galathea Bay, Great Nicobar Island and reviewed the progress of the project with senior officials. As envisaged in the Maritime India vision 2030 as well as one of the key projects in the Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, the proposed International Container Transshipment Port (ICTP) project has reached significant milestones, as a transformative initiative with a total estimated cost of about Rs. 44,000 Crores. The project is strategically important for the country and crucial for the economic and infrastructural development of the entire region, has obtained key approvals and support from Government bodies.
- **Accessibility Standards in Port Sector**
  - Ministry has notified the “Guidelines for Accessibility Standards in Port Sector” in the Gazette of India on 09.11.2023 with the intent to address the accessibility needs of differently abled persons and other user groups in context of built environment and services associated with transportation of cargo and passengers.

#### **D. Significant Achievements and milestones**

- **First International Cruise Liner in India**
  - On 03.11.2023, the Union Minister of MoPSW flagged off the maiden international cruise liner in India, Costa Serena from Mumbai. The launch of Costa Cruises' domestic sailings in India thus is a momentous occasion that signifies the dawn of a new era in cruising and tourism. The initiative has been driven by the "Dekho Apna Desh" campaign of the Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- **Indian seafarers on board vessel 'ADVANTAGE SWEET' safely brought back from Iran.**
  - All 23 Indian seafarers who were on board the vessel ADVANTAGE SWEET (Marshall Island Flag) which was seized in the Gulf of Oman, have been safely repatriated to India from Iran. This was made possible through the continuous efforts of the Ministry of External Affairs, the Embassy of India in Iran and the MoPSW along with the support of the Iranian Government. Union Minister, MoPSW said, that the Ministry is dedicated towards safeguarding the welfare and rights of our Indian national seafarers, especially when their lives and liberty are at stake, in the upcoming future also, whenever required. This rescue operation has exemplified the dedication and commitment of Government agencies as well.
- **IWAI and Amazon sign MoU**
  - On 22.11. 2023, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and Amazon Seller Services Private Limited (Amazon) for promoting cargo movement and transportation of customer shipments & products via Inland Waterways using river Ganga (National Waterway 1). The collaboration between IWAI and Amazon marks a significant stride in advancing the transportation of e-commerce cargo along our Inland Waterways.

This partnership seeks to harness the efficiency and sustainability of water transport to optimize logistics, diminish environmental footprints, and promote economic development.

- **International Level-1 A to N Manager' Training**
  - The Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships (DGLL), in association with the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) successfully conducted the international 'Level-1 AtoN Manager' training at the Marine Navigation Training Institute (MNTI), Kolkata from October 30, 2023, to November 24, 2023. The training was attended by a total of 16 participants, including 7 from India and 9 foreign participants from Bangladesh, Yemen, Malaysia, Egypt, and Somalia.
  
- **Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)**
  - Awarded seed funding of Rs. 30 Lakhs each to 3 start-ups viz., Fuselage Innovations Pvt. Ltd., Xalten Systems Pvt. Ltd., and Ensoverse Pvt. Ltd., through IIMK (LIVE) backed USHUS Marine Start-up Support Program.
  - Launched three nos. of Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts (ASWSWC) being built for Indian Navy.
  - Udupi CSL, a subsidiary of CSL delivered one no. of 62 Tonne Bollard Pull Tug, being built for Ocean Sparkle Limited, the leading tug operator in India.
  
- **Shipping Corporation of India (SCI)**
  - On 07.11.2023, SCI issued letters to two bidders viz., M/s Crystal Shipping (HSC AASHI 1) and M/s IndSri Ferry Services Pvt Ltd (HSC SEA LINK) for deployment and operation of ferry service between Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu, India and Kankesanthurai, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.
  
- **Special Campaign 3.0**
  - The MoPSW has been conducting the Special Campaign 3.0 within the main secretariat and in its autonomous, attached/subordinate outstation offices. The main focus areas of the Campaign include effective disposal of public grievances, references from Members of Parliament, Parliament Assurances, cleanliness drive in the workplace and around the premise, disposal of scrap and weeding out of files. The cleanliness campaign is in full swing and has been conducted at 94 sites. An additional area of 1,421 Square Feet space has been freed till now. The MoPSW has earned a revenue of Rs. 5.70 Cr by scrap disposal.
  
- **Greentech Environment Award 2023**
  - New Mangalore Port has bagged Greentech Environment Award 2023 from Greentech Foundation for outstanding achievements in environmental excellence.

## **E. Events and Campaigns**

- **Boita Bandana Utsav & Port Day 2023**

- On 27.11.2023, Hon'ble President of India visited Paradip Port and participated in the Boita Bandana Utsav & Port Day 2023 celebrations along with Ministers of State (PSW) and Odisha Governor. She flagged off the "Boita" of the Sadhavas. The President inaugurated a multi-modal logistics park and laid foundation stones for a new reservoir, a 250 MLD water treatment plant, and a VTMS-equipped signal station for improved maritime safety.

- **India's Talent Pool to optimise Blue Economy**

- On 06.11.2023, the Hon'ble Union Minister of MoPSW, visited the International Maritime Institute (IMI) and interacted with the student cadets, as well as reviewed the infrastructure and other facilities at the institute based in NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh.

- **Jan Bhagidari**

- On 15.11. 2023, The Hon'ble Union Minister of MoPSW, hosted an interactive session "JAN BHAGIDARI" with the women street vendors of Assam in Guwahati. More than 75 women vendors, from tea stall owners to Ladoo & Pitha makers to Pan shop owners, had a fruitful interaction with the Hon'ble Minister and shared their experience and benefits derived out of the loan availed under the PM SVA Nidhi scheme.

- **Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas**

- On 15.11.2023, The Hon'ble Union Minister of MoPSW, joined the 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' celebrations with a visit to a tribal village of Barbakra at Urang Basti near Rani, Guwahati, Assam. He paid floral tributes to Birsa Munda, the tribal icon whose birth anniversary is celebrated as the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, at the village. The Hon'ble Minister interacted with the villagers and said that more than 12 crores Adivasi Indians benefitted from the multiple schemes launched by the Government since 2014.

- **Maritime relations with Lithuania**

- On 23.11.2023, the Hon'ble Minister of State for MoPSW and the Vice Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania, Mr. Ejidijus Meilunas, held a meeting in New Delhi. The meeting aimed to discuss ways to strengthen the maritime bilateral relations between India and Lithuania.

- **Visit of Ghats**

- During the month of November, 2023, His Excellency Governor of Bihar, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Dy. Chief Minister, Bihar made visits to various Ghats on National Waterway-1 from Danapur (Patna) to Patna City.

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