

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Major achievements for the month of December, 2023

A. Projects and Schemes

1. Outer Harbour Container Terminal at VOC Port

Development of the Outer Harbour Container Terminal Project, including Dredging and Construction of Breakwater at VOC Port on DBFOT basis at an estimated project cost of Rs. 7056 Cr, has been cleared by PPPAC. This terminal will have an ultimate capacity of 4 million TEUs. Finance Ministry has approved the recommendations of PPPAC and the draft Note for the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA). Further, process for the approval of CCEA is underway.

2. Projects Approved:

- 5 Floating Jetty projects worth Rs. 65 crores for fisheries in Andhra Pradesh (2) and Kerala (3) have been provided in principle approval. These projects aim to bolster fishing activities, foster job creation, and uplift the overall economic conditions across the entire geographical region.
- The project “Development of Buffer Parking Yard for Trailers / Trucks at the backup areas of Berth No. 24B(BD-II) in Chennai Port” worth Rs. 52.85 crores have been provided in principle approval. This project aims to eliminate on-road queuing, reduce Trailer transit time, and increase the port's cargo handling capacity.

3. National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC):

- The physical and financial progress of the project is 57.19% for the EPC works, etc. provisional sums for galleries (53.95% until November 2023), and 35.67% (35 % until November 2023), respectively. The work is continuously followed up and monitored, through weekly review meetings. The PIB approval & recommendation for the overall project covering all phases has been received & process for sanction has been taken up.

B. Operations, Cargo and Traffic

1. Ports Performance

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

S. No.	Operational Parameter	Performance during (April-December 2023)	Performance during (April-December 2022)	Improvement registered this year
1.	Cargo handled	605 MT	576 MT	4.93%
2.	Output per Ship per day on berth	18550 tonnes	17341 tonnes	6.97%
3.	Turn Around Time	47.59 Hrs.	50.46 Hrs.	5.69%
4.	Vessels handled	17270 Nos.	16129 Nos.	7.07%
5.	Idling on Berth (% of total time on berth)	16%	21%	23.81%
6.	Pre Berthing Detention of Vessels	5.80 Hrs.	13.02 Hrs.	55.45%

- KPL achieved **highest cargo unloading** of 61,940 MT of Thermal coal in 24 hours at Coal Berth 1 on 27.12.2023.
- New Mangalore Port handled a **record number of 140 vessels** in a month, surpassing the earlier record of 134 vessels handled in November 2023.
- Paradip Port created history by clocking the **fastest ever century (100 MMT)** in cargo handling among Indian Major Ports. The Port achieved the milestone in 262 days on 18.12.2023, surpassing the previous year's record by 22 days.
- Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK) handled the **highest ever monthly cargo traffic of 6.767 MMT**.
- JNPA handled 5,75,651 TEUS of containers, which is the **all-time highest container traffic handled in a month**, surpassing the previous high of 5,55,270 TEUs handled in August 2023. The Port also handled 309 cargo vessels, which is the **highest number of vessels**

handled in a month, surpassing the previous high of 305 cargo vessels in October 2023.

2. CAPEX

Capital Expenditure of Major Ports under IEBR up to December 2023 is Rs. 2017 crore, i.e., 62% of the BE. This is a significant improvement (69% growth) over last year as the amount spent last year was Rs. 1191 crore only.

3. Cargo Movement through Inland Waterways

- From April to December 2023, cargo of 92.21 MMT moved through Waterways as compared to 91.60 MMT during April to December 2022.
- 3,39,212 MT Cargo moved on the Indo Bangladesh Protocol route during the month.

C. HRD and Governance

During the year 1,426 posts across various organisations of the Ministry have been filled up.

D. Significant Achievements and milestones

1. **India re-elected to the Council of International Maritime Organisation for the biennium 2024-25 with highest tally**

- India has been re-elected to the Council of International Maritime Organisation (IMO), London in the category of 10 member countries with 'the largest interest in international seaborne trade'. India secured 157 votes out of 163 valid votes cast during the election, which is the **highest tally among all the countries elected**. The Council elections were held during the 33rd session of IMO Assembly at London by secret ballot on 01.12.2023. The term of Council will be for the biennium 2024-25.

2. **Shipping Secretary Level Talks**

Three high-level talks between Government of India and Government of Bangladesh held at Dhaka during 19-20 December, 2023 including Shipping Secretary Level Talks (SSLT), 22nd Meeting of Standing

Committee (SCM) under Protocol on Inland Water Transit & Trade (PIWT&T) and 3rd Meeting of Inter-Governmental Committee (IGC) on use of Chattogram and Mongla Ports for to-and-fro movement of goods, successfully concluded in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Some of the key achievements include:

- Pangaon Port added as a new transshipment Port in Bangladesh, while Dhamra Port and Kamarajar Port in India have been notified as new Port of Calls.
- Trail movement will start on Maia - Aricha IBP route in Jan 2024 and this route will reduce the distance to reach NER of India by 600 Kms.

3. Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) & SUBSIDIARIES during the month

- Steel cutting of 2 nos. of 3800 Tonnes Dry cargo vessel being built for M/s. Wilson Shipowning AS, Norway was held at Udupi CSL.
- Keel laid for 2 nos. of Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Watercrafts (ASWSWC) being built for Indian Navy was held at CSL.
- Steel cutting of the 12000 m³/hr Trailer Suction Hopper Dredger being built for Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCI) was held at CSL.
- CSL upgraded to “GreenCo Gold” ratings from “GreenCo Silver ratings by the Confederation of Indian Industry.

E. Events and Campaigns

1. Inland Vessels Green Transition

On 01.12.2023, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways (MoPSW) collaborated with The World Bank and Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) to organize a workshop in Kochi, Kerala. The workshop aimed to chart a course for the transition to green inland vessels and was attended by state government representatives and other stakeholders. This effort is a step closer to achieving the target of net zero carbon emissions, as outlined in 'MIV 2030' and 'Amritkal Vision 2047'.

2. Sankalpabadh for a Viksit Bharat

On 28.12.2023, the Union Minister for Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment attended the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra programs at Dharipur GP in Athagada block, Cuttack, Orissa. During the program, an Information, Education and Communication (IEC) van was flagged off as part of the Sankalp Yatra. The Minister also attended another

program to participate in the Yatra from Macchua Bazaar in Cuttack district.

3. Ground Mounted Solar Power plant

On 06.12.2023, Mormugao Port Authority (MoPA) and Goa Energy Development Agency (GEDA) signed an MoU for the execution of a ground-mounted solar power plant in the presence of Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble Chief Minister/Chairman GEDA.

4. Anti-erosion work

On 16.12.2023, Shri Shantanu Thakur, Honorable MoS of MoPSW, inaugurated a site for anti-erosion work along the left bank of Bhagirathi/Hugli River. This initiative aims to prevent soil erosion and secure the rich biodiversity and livelihoods that thrive along these waters.

5. World AIDS Day

Major Ports marked World AIDS Day on 01.12.2023, by hosting a range of activities. These included interactive sensitization programs, pledge-taking ceremonies by employees, and comprehensive displays of HIV/AIDS information. Some of the Ports also organized screening camps to promote early detection and access to healthcare.
