

# Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

## Major achievements for the month of January, 2024

### A. Projects and Schemes

#### 1. **Projects Inaugurated**

- On 17.01.2024, **Hon'ble Prime Minister** dedicated **International Ship Repair Facility (ISRF)** and the world's first **Stepped Dry-dock at Cochin** to the Nation marking a significant milestone in the augmentation of India's Maritime capability. Both the projects were implemented by Cochin Shipyard Ltd. (CSL).
- **International Ship Repair Facility (ISRF)**  
The ISRF is a major step towards augmenting the ship repair capacity of the nation as well as in establishing India as a major ship repair centre. Its close proximity to the International Sea route connecting South East Asia to the Middle East would be a key attraction for ships, thereby making Kochi a global destination for ship repairs. Constructed at a cost of **Rs. 970 Crore**, it can handle repairs of around 84 ships a year.
- **New Dry Dock**  
The **New Dry Dock** built in CSL, Kochi is an ultra large project built at a cost of **Rs. 1,799 Crore** and the has a design life of 100 years. In terms of the size of the dock and strength of the dock floor, this is the **largest dry dock in India and in South Asia**.
- On 02.01.2024, **Hon'ble Prime Minister** inaugurated the General Cargo Berth-II (Automobile Export/Import Terminal-II) and Capital Dredging project (Phase-V) of Kamarajar Port. The projects were executed at a cost cost of **Rs. 341 Crore**.

## 2. **Projects Approved**

- The project “**Development of western side port facilities at Kadamat Island**” in Lakshadweep Islands worth **Rs. 107.86 Crore** has been provided in principle approval for 100% financial assistance. The project is aimed at providing better connectivity throughout the year between the islands and the mainland leading to regional development.
- The project “**Development of Western Side Port facilities at Kalpeni Island**” Lakshadweep Islands worth **Rs. 139.96 Crore** has also been provided in principle approval for 100% financial assistance. This projects aims to improve the connectivity among the islands. Improved and safe connectivity shall pave the way for new economic activities viz. tourism, commercial fishing, etc.
- SFC proposal approved for **Establishment of 5 M L D Desalination Plant based on Sea Water Reverse Osmosis** at VOC Port Authority, Tuticorin on DBFOT basis with a total estimated Project Cost of **Rs. 124.32 Crore**. It’s the **first of its kind proposal on PPP mode in Major Ports**. It will have the benefit of solving the Potable water issue not only in the Port but also in the surrounding area to a great extent.
- On 16.01.2024, CSL launched one 62 Ton Bollard Pull Tug for Ocean Sparkle Limited.
- On 31.01.2024, Contract wassigned with a European Client for the design and construction of a hybrid Service Operation Vessel (SOV). The total project cost for the firm order is approximately **Rs. 500 Crores** and the vessel is to be delivered in 2026. The vessel is designed and built for the service, maintenance and operational needs of the offshore wind farm industry in the European market where sustainable energy solutions are in high demand.

## 3. **National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)**

- The physical and financial progress of the project is 59.96% for the EPC works 39.28% for galleries respectively. The work is continuously being followed up and monitored by me, through weekly review meetings.

## **B. Operations, Cargo and Traffic**

### **1. Ports Performance**

Major Ports have registered significant improvement during the current Financial Year in Key Operational Performance parameters. Main achievements during the period April 2023 to January 2024, vis-à-vis same period last year, are listed below:

| <b>Sl.No.</b> | <b>Operational Parameter</b>               | <b>Performance during current FY (April2023-January 2024)</b> | <b>Performance during Last Year (April2022-January 2023)</b> | <b>Improvement registered this year</b> |
|---------------|--|---|--|---|
| 1.            | Cargo handled                              | 677 MT  | 646 MT   | 4.7%                                    |
| 2.            | Output per Ship per day per berth          | 18780 tonnes  | 17511tonnes  | 7.2%                                    |
| 3.            | Turn Around Time                           | 48.46 Hrs.  | 50.55 Hrs.   | 4.1%                                    |
| 4.            | Vessels handled                            | 19281 Nos.  | 18102 Nos.   | 6.5%                                    |
| 5.            | Idling on Berth (% of total time on berth) | 17.20%  | 18.78%   | 8.4%                                    |
| 6.            | Pre Berthing Detention of Vessels          | 5.72 Hrs.   | 12.24 Hrs.   | 53.2%                                   |

- Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) created new record by loading 10,125 tons of calcined alumina into M.V. Everest K on 23.01.2024. It Surpassed previous record of loading of 8,379 tonne on 23.12.2023.
- VPA also created another record on 25.01.2024 by handling very large crude oil carrier MT DeshVibore (length 333 meters and beam 60) metres carrying imported 2,81,000 tons of crude. It surpassed previous record of handling MT Elendra Denale of length 329.99 meters and beam 60 metres.

- Paradip Port Authority clocked **highest ever monthly cargo throughput** of 14.32 MMT in the history of all Major Ports in the country. Earlier record was 13.5 MMT achieved in March, 2023.
- Chennai Port recorded a landmark performance by handling 3,40,583 Tons of cargo on 27.01.2024 thereby recording highest throughput in a day, surpassing 3,12,459 Tons handled on 30.04.2021.

## 2. CAPEX

Capital Expenditure of Major Ports under IEPR upto January 2024 is **Rs. 2246.71 Crore**, i.e. 70 % of the BE (**Rs. 3253.21 Crore**). This is a significant improvement over same period last year as the amount spent last year was **Rs. 1603.80 Crore** only.

## 3. Cargo Movement through Inland Waterways

From April, 2022 to January, 2023, cargo of 102.69 MMT moved through Waterways as compared to 111.53 MMT during April, 2023 to January, 2024. 3.47 Lakh MT Cargo moved on IBP & Inland Water Transit & Trade Routes during the month.

## C. Institutional development

1. **First Inland Waterways Development Council (IWDC) Meeting in Kolkata** On 08.01.2024, the maiden edition of IWDC meeting held on vessel "Ganges Queen" in Kolkata culminated with many firsts in an effort to ramp up capacity and augment viability of inland waterways of the country. The meet, chaired by the Union Minister of MoPSW and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal and attended by key stakeholders including ministerial representations from 6 States, 14 States represented by Secretaries, as well as prominent stakeholders including policy makers and the industry leaders. The meet, with an objective to enable inland waterways as conduits of economic growth and commerce in the country committed an investment **Rs. 45,000 Crore** for development of river cruise tourism in the country. Of this, an estimated **Rs. 35,000 Crores** have been earmarked for cruise vessels and another **Rs. 10,000 Crores** for development of cruise terminal infrastructure at the end of Amrit Kaal, i.e. by 2047.
2. Hon'ble Minister also launched '**HaritNauka**' – **Inland Vessels Green Transition guidelines** with an aim of 100% Green Vessels by 2047 and '**River Cruise Tourism Roadmap, 2047**' at the inaugural session of IWDC in Kolkata.

### **3. The Marine Aids to Navigation**

The first meeting of **Central Advisory Committee for Aids to Navigation** was held on 29.01.2024. The committee is mandated to advise and assist the Government on matters related to aids to navigation, including the development, implementation and maintenance of navigational aids. The committee discusses and addresses emerging issues and challenges in the field of marine aids to navigation, such as technological advancements, changing navigational requirements and environmental concerns.

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

- 1. Kamarajar Port Limited as an Authorized Immigration Check Post** Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India vide Gazette Notification dated 05.01.2024 declared KPL as an authorized Immigration Check Post for entry into/exit from India with valid travel documents for all class of passengers.
- 2. Comprehensive Train Examination (TXR) facility** has been set up at Line No.23 Eastern Dock Junction Yard in Kolkata Dock System (KDS) where TXR examination has commenced w.e.f. 02.01.2024. This will go a long way towards improvement of railway facilities.

## **E. Events and Campaigns**

### **1. MoUs signed during Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024**

MOUs worth **Rs. 30,000+ Crores** were signed in the presence of CM Gujarat Shri Bhupendra Patel and Shri Sarbananda Sonowal during Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024.

- 2.** On 12.01.2024, on the occasion of Swamy Vivekananda's Birth Anniversary, VPA contributed **Rs. 64.38 Lakh** to the Centre of Excellence in Maritime and Shipbuilding (CEMS) for Skill Training in the Logistics Sector and Capital Goods for Unemployed Youth in Visakhapatnam under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

### **3. IOPC Workshop 18th and 19th of January 2024 in Kochi, Kerala**

The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) organised a workshop on the International Oil Pollution Compensation (IOPC) Regime at Kochi on the 18th and 19th of January 2024 attracting a large number of participants from various stakeholders. The objective of the workshop was to provide insights into the international oil pollution compensation regime, which provides financial compensation to victims of oil pollution incidents caused by ships.

4. On 24.01.2024, Shri Sarbanada Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister MoPSW inaugurated the **India-Russia Workshop** at Chennai for 'Operationalisation of the Eastern Maritime Corridor'(EMC), which was organised to enhance the trade and connectivity between India and Russia along the EMC.

**5. Meeting with Ministry of Fertilizer regarding the Cargo Movement**

On 24.01.2024, a meeting took place with the Ministry of Fertilizer. The primary focus was to address the challenges faced by the Ministry regarding cargo movement in the Red Sea and devise a plan for the way forward. A follow-up meeting was held on 30.01.2023 in the Ministry of Defence chaired by JS (Armed Forces). During the meeting, it was conveyed that the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) is actively collaborating with the Navy to oversee Indian flagged ships, ships with Indian crew and Indian Cargo. A comprehensive overview was provided on the DGS's initiatives to ensure the safety and security of Indian assets in close coordination with the Indian Navy.

**F. Ministry's tableaux at the Republic Day**

On 26.01.2024, MoPSW, during the 75th Republic Day parade, unveiled its tableaux, a visual representation of the visionary Sagarmala Program, catalysing Port-led development in alignment with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision. This flagship program significantly has reduced turnaround times and enhanced cargo handling efficiency across ports. Highlighting the Ministry's commitment to gender inclusivity, the front portion of the tableaux showcased the remarkable 1100% increase in the number of women seafarers over the last 9 years. This symbolizes "Nari Shakti Driving the Blue Economy," a central theme of the "SagarSamman" initiative.

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