

# MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

## MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2021

### Ports

1. Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice-President of India visited Visakhapatnam Port on June 26, 2021 and reviewed the Port activities. The Hon'ble Vice-President of India appreciated the efforts of VPT in running the Port activities on Solar Energy.
2. Kamarajar Port handled the largest Cape size Coal vessel at Common User Coal Terminal operated by M/s Ennore Coal Terminal Pvt. Ltd. on 12.06.2021. The vessel "Emperor Pampero" having a parcel size of 1,37,989 MT of Steam Coal was imported from Australia for M/s OPG Power Generation Pvt. Ltd. The DWT of the vessel is 1,82,567 MT and it is the highest DWT and parcel size ever handled at this terminal. The vessel arrived with a draft of 15m and the length & beam are 292m and 45m respectively.
3. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata handled 13.717 million tonnes of cargo during April-June, 2021, vis-à-vis 11.830 million tonnes during April- June 2020, registering a growth of 15.95%, despite an acute resurgence of the second wave of Covid 19 and the cyclone 'Yaas'.
4. Two Mobile X-ray Scanners were inaugurated at Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal (NSICT) and APM Terminal.
5. Three Mobile Container Scanners one each for the three Terminals of JNPORT viz. JNPCT, DP World and APM Terminal were procured through Indian Port Association and installed by Port at the total project cost of Rs. 101 crore. Out of these three scanners, one Scanner was rolled out for operation on 30.03.2021. In addition to this, Port is also installing one Drive through Container Scanner for Bharat Mumbai Container Terminal Private Limited (BMCTPL) at the total cost of Rs. 46.25 crore. Presently 75% work for this project has been completed and the same is expected to be operational by March, 2022.

### Sagarmala

1. **National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC), Lothal:** A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Ministry of Culture on June 16, 2021 for cooperation in development of NMHC, Lothal.
2. **Sea Plane Services:** A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Ministry of Civil Aviation on June 15, 2021 to jointly facilitate the development of Non-scheduled/Scheduled operation at sea plane services under RCS-UDAN scheme.

## **Inland Water Transport**

1. Inland Waterways Authority of India (Levy and Collection of fees and charges) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2021 was published in the Gazette on June 10, 2021.
2. Five Bangladeshi vessels loaded with 845 MT stone chips sailed from Dhubri to Chilmari, Bangladesh and 3,59,396 MT cargo (367 nos. Outward & 406 nos. Inward vessels) moved through Protocol on Inland Water Transit & Trade Route during the month of June, 2021.
3. Scheduled service of voyage of cargo vessel R.N. Tagore loaded with 250 tonnes edible oil from Kolkata to Patna through NW-1 completed successfully on June 15, 2021.

## **Shipping**

1. **Visit of Hon'ble Defence Minister to Cochin Shipyard Limited:** Hon'ble Defence Minister of Sh. Rajnath Singh visited Kochi on June 25, 2021 to inspect the progress of the Indigenous Aircraft Carrier – Vikrant being built by Cochin Shipyard limited. He reviewed the progress of work before the start of sea – trial. He was accompanied by the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Flag Officer Commanding in Chief (Southern Naval Command) and Chairperson, Cochin Port.
2. **Awards and Accolades:** On the occasion of 'Day of the Seafarer', which was virtually celebrated on June 25, 2021, Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) was recognized and conferred with the prestigious National Maritime Day Celebration Award for the historic journey of M.T. Swarna Krishna, being the first Indian Flag vessel with all Women Officers on board.
3. **Installation of Ballast Water Treatment System (BWTS):** In compliance with the IMO's Ballast Water Management Convention, SCI is in process of installing the Ballast Water Treatment System (BWTS) on its 40 foreign going vessels. In June 2021, MT Swarna Kaveri, a LR1 product tanker, became the first vessel in SCI's fleet to be retrofitted with BWTS. The latest (Ultra Violet) type BWTS was installed on the vessel at Colombo Dry Dock. Fitting of BWTS on other vessels is in progress as per schedule.