

MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
MONTHLY ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2021

Covid Relief Measures

In view of the excessive requirement of Oxygen and related equipment in the country, directions have been issued on 23.04.2021 under section 111 of The Major Port Trust Act, 1963 that all Major Ports, including Kamarajar Port Limited, shall waive-off all charges levied by Major Port Trusts (Including vessel related charges, storage charges etc.) and accord highest priority in the berthing sequence to the vessels carrying consignments of Medical Grade Oxygen, Oxygen Tanks, Oxygen Bottles, Portable Oxygen Generators, Oxygen Concentrators, Steel Pipes for manufacturing Oxygen Cylinders and associated equipment for the next three months, or until further orders.

Further, the monetary compensation scheme of Rs. 50 lakh has been extended for another six months w.e.f. 01.04.2021 to 30.09.2021 to dependent of each member/legal heir of Port Employees/Workers who lost their lives due to COVID-19 epidemic while doing their duty.

All Major Ports have also taken measures to strengthen the health infrastructure within the port and improve ICU facilities, and make ventilators and oxygen available.

Port Performance

(i) Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata has handled 9.090 million tonnes (MT) of cargo during April-May 2021, vis-à-vis 7.438 MT during April-May2020, registering a growth of 22.21%, despite resurgence of second wave of Covid 19 and the cyclone 'Yaas'.

(ii) During May 2021, New Mangalore Port has handled 5 Naval vessels carrying 370 MT of Liquid Medical Oxygen in containers as donation from Kingdom of Bahrain/ Kuwait and Indian Community from Kuwait to Indian Red Cross Society under Operation Samudrasetu-II launched by Indian Navy.

(iii) V.O. Chidambaranar Port created a new record for handling a coal vessel with highest parcel size for vessel 'MV BASTIONS' with 92,935 Tonnes at Berth No. IX surpassing the previous handling of highest parcel size for vessel 'MV Star Sirius', with 92,028 tonnes of coal handled at the Port on 11.04.2021.

Inland Water Transport

(i) IWAI with close coordination with its field units, NDMA, SDMA & other State and Central Agencies ensured that no loss of life or property occurred on its path on account of Cyclone Yaas.

(ii) Three floating pontoons namely F.P.Krishna-I, F.P. Krishan-II and F.P. Krishna-III have been taken over after satisfactory tests and trials by IWAI from the Builder i.e M/s Waterways Shipyard Pvt. Ltd. Goa. These are being handed over to Government of Andhra Pradesh for deployment in NW-4 through an MoU with Dept. of Tourism, Govt. of AP.

- (iii) 4412 MT of relief materials/goods (rice and other food materials) was handled at Dhubri (Assam) terminal during the month of May, 2021.
- (iv) 3,62,167 MT Cargo moved through “Inland Water Transit & Trade Route” during the month of May, 2021.
- (v) One ODC consignment weighing 396.80 MT of Adani Power (Jharkhand) Limited was transported from Kolkata (W.B) to Kahalgaon (Bihar) on NW-1 by M/s Deugro Projects (India) Pvt. Ltd. during May, 2021.
- (vi) 1,82,800 MT of stone chips were successfully transported on NW-1 from Sahibganj (Jharkhand) to Manihari (Bihar).