

# Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

## Major Achievements for the month of March, 2024

### A. Significant Achievements and Milestones

1. On March 1, 2024, Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of multiple MoPSW projects at SMP, Kolkata worth more than Rs. 960 crore under the aegis of "**Viksit Bharat**" viz:
  - Inauguration of the Automated Fire Suppression System involving cutting edge sensor technology for Oil Jetties at Haldia Dock Complex for safer handling of inflammable liquid cargo.
  - Inauguration of the rail mounted Quay crane at Haldia Dock Complex capable of handling 40 tonnes with potential to increase Port's handling capacity by 2.5 lakh tonnes annually.
  - Laying of Foundation Stone for a project dedicated to Container Handling, Enhancement and Mechanisation of berths 7 & 8 at Netaji Subhas Dock under Kolkata Dock System.

### 2. **India-Middle East Europe Economic Corridor**

Ex-post facto approval was accorded to the **Inter-Governmental Framework Agreement (IGFA)** by the Union Cabinet that was signed during the High Level visit between India and United Arab Emirates on Cooperation for the empowerment and operation of the India-Middle East Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). The IGFA aims to further strengthen the bilateral relations between the two countries in Ports, Maritime and Logistics sectors.

### 3. **First-ever Made-in-India as per the Approved Standardised Tug Design and Specification (ASTDS) Tug**

On 02.03.2024, Hon'ble Minister for PSW and Ayush inaugurated the 60T bollard pull tug named '**Ocean Grace**' virtually. The Ocean Grace is the first "Make in India" ASTDS Tug developed by the Cochin Shipyard Limited(CSL) for Paradip Port Authority. The tug is meticulously designed for optimal efficiency and reliability, guaranteeing seamless navigation and proficient vessel assistance, especially for large vessels like VLCCs and ULCCs. This initiative is in line with the spirit of '**Aatmanirbhar Bharat**'.

The Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP) endeavours to convert at least 50% of all tugs into Green Tugs by 2030. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority, Deendayal Port Authority, Paradip Port Authority, and V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority will purchase two battery-electric powered green tugs each from CSL by 2027 as part of the first phase of the GTTP.

#### 4. Hybrid Electric Catamaran Vessels

MV NISHADRAJ & MV GUH were handed over to Tourism Department, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh by Inland Waterways Authority of India on March 13, 2024 and March 15, 2024 respectively for operations in Varanasi & Ayodhya.

#### 5. Shipping Corporation of India (SCI)

- On March 2, 2024, Hon'ble Prime Minister flagged off the first crude oil Tanker, SCI's MT Swarna Sindhu, from ONGC Krishna-Godavari basin.
- SCI Land and Assets Limited was **listed on Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) Ltd** and National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) Ltd with effect from March 19, 2024.

#### 6. Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) and its subsidiaries

- On March 7, 2024, Maiden Surface run of High Endurance Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (HEAUV) meeting all the mission parameters was carried out successfully at CSL, International Ship Repair Facility (ISRF).
- Udupi CSL launched a 62T Bollard Pull Tug and another 70T Bollard Pull Tug in March 2024.
- On March 15, 2024, Hooghly CSL secured an order for construction of 2 numbers of **40T Bollard Pull ASD Tugs** for a value of around Rs. 35 crore.

#### 7. Awards and Recognitions

- SCI was conferred with "**Environment and Sustainability Award**" and "CMD Leadership Award" on March 22, 2024 at 10th PSU Awards by Governance Now.
- On March 4, 2024, CSL secured the Kerala Industrial Safety Award-2023, reaffirming CSL's commitment to excellence in safety within the realm of Very Large Factories (Engineering).

### B. Projects and Schemes

#### 1. Projects Approved and Sanctioned:

- Hon'ble Minister for PSW and Ayush approved the project for **Reconstruction of Berth No. 8 and mechanization of Berth Nos. 7 and 8** at Netaji Subhash Dock of KDS, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP). This marks a pivotal moment in the Port's development journey. The estimated project cost is Rs. 809.18 crore.
- On March 15, 2024, the Hon'ble Minister for PSW and Ayush announced an investment of more than Rs. 645 crore to develop **10 waterways projects** under the Sagarmala programme. The projects aims to enhance

terminal and riverine infrastructure along the river Brahmaputra (National Waterway-2) to boost connectivity and foster economic growth.

- 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 crore) was sanctioned for partial financial assistance of Rs. 39.42 crore. This facility will reduce road congestion inside and outside the Port and facilitate reliable, efficient and cost-effective transportation between the Port and CFS.
- The project “**Balance 5.2 KM Four Lane Port Connectivity Road to NH 17-B from Varunapuri Junction to Sada Junction & Construction of loop to Mormugao Port in Goa**” (worth Rs. 650 crore) has been sanctioned for partial financial assistance of Rs. 60 crore. The project will lead to decongestion of city roads.
- The project “**Recycling/Reuse of Sewage Treated water from Sewerage Infrastructure Development Corporation of Goa Ltd (SIDCGL) located at Katem - Baina**” in Goa worth Rs. 3.43 crore. The project shall contribute to sustainable water management by recycling and reusing treated sewage water.

## 2. Funds Released

Funds to the tune of Rs. 167.91 crore were released to different State Maritime Boards and Port Authorities for various projects including the construction of berths, approach roads, jetties, Ro-Pax facilities as well as for the implementation of automation systems.

## 3. Projects awarded

- The projects for “**Development of Water Aerodrome at Shaheed Dweep (Neil Island), Swaraj Dweep (Havelock Island) and Long Island in Andaman & Nicobar Islands**” worth Rs 21 crore. have been awarded for the development of seaside facilities of water aerodromes at these Islands. These projects will provide faster inter-island movement.
- Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) has engaged M/s. Integrated Cargo Terminal Private Limited (ICTPL) for executing a Public Private Partnership project of “**Revamping of existing West Quay-6 (WQ-6) Terminal at Visakhapatnam Port**” at an investment of Rs. 165 crore.

## 4. Projects Completed

- The project “**Improvement of Kakinada Anchorage Port Facilities, Andhra Pradesh**” worth Rs. 85.83 crore has been completed. Additional berthing length of 200m has been developed under the project which shall help the port to operate cargo up to 5 MTPA.

## 5. National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)

- The physical and financial progress of the project are 65.38% and 44.46% respectively. The work is continuously being monitored through weekly review meetings.
- 9 tender packages for development of first 6 galleries including the Indian Navy & Coast Guard gallery have been awarded.

## C. Operations, Cargo, and Traffic

### 1. Port 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 March 2024, vis-à-vis same period last year, are listed below:

Sl. No.	Operational Parameter	Performance during current FY (Apr-Mar 2024)	Performance during Last Year (Apr-Mar 2023)	Improvement registered this year
1.	Cargo handled	819 MMT	784 MMT	4.45%
2.	Output per Ship per day on berth	18925 tonnes	17605 tonnes	7.5%
3.	Turn Around Time	48.06 Hrs.	52.90 Hrs.	9.15%
4.	Vessels handled	23240 Nos.	21859 Nos.	6.32%
5.	Idling on Berth (% of total time on berth)	17%	19%	11%
6.	Pre Berthing Detention of Vessels	5.91 Hrs.	8.53 Hrs.	31%

- Paradip Port Authority (PPA) has reached new heights with the record-breaking achievement of clocking 145.38 MMT cargo throughput in FY 2023-24 and nudged Deendayal Port, Kandla to emerge as the highest cargo handling Major Port of the country.
- Jawaharlal Nehru Port handled 594,793 TEUs of containers in March, 2024 which is higher by 8.08% as compared to traffic in March, 2023. This is the highest ever handling of containers in any month since inception.
- Kamarajar Port Ltd handled the largest container vessel MSC GIUSY having 16,550 TEU's capacity at Container Terminal on March 1,2024. The port also handled the highest monthly Cargo throughput of 4.39 Million Tonnes in March 2024.

## 2. Capital Expenditure

Capital Expenditure of Major Ports under IEBR upto March 2024 has been Rs. 3,111 crore, which is 95.63% of the Budgeted Expenditure (BE) of Rs. 3,253.21 crore. This is a significant improvement over same period last year as the amount spent last year was Rs. 2520 crore which was 63% of the BE. Growth in Capex is 23.45%, which is the highest ever annual growth.

## 3. Cargo Movement through Inland Waterways

There has been an increase of 5.08% in cargo movement through waterways, from 126.15 MMT in the previous financial year to 132.56 MMT in current financial year.

## D. HRD and Governance

1. Stakeholders Conferences were organised at Kolkata on March 27,2024 and at Guwahati on March 28, 2024 for utilization of Inland Water Transport.

## E. Events and Campaigns

### 1. Lighthouse Photo Exhibition

The Directorate of Lighthouse and Lightships (DGLL) under MoPSW organized a **Lighthouse Photo Exhibition** from March 3, to 7, 2024 at, New Delhi. The four-day lighthouse photo exhibition inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for PSW and Ayush on March 3, 2024 aimed at promoting Lighthouse Tourism. The event featured a collection of **100 photographs capturing the beauty and historical significance of Lighthouses scattered across India's vast coastline**. MoPSW is committed to transform Lighthouses in the country as tourist destinations and renovate historic Lighthouses with adequate facilities.

### 2. National Maritime Day

On March 29, 2024 to launch of the National Maritime Day, the '**Merchant Navy Flag**' was pinned on the lapel of **Hon'ble Prime Minister**. The National Maritime Week, spanning from March 29, to April 5, 2024, pays tribute to the invaluable contributions of seafarers and commemorates India's maritime history.

3. On March 14, 2024, Chennai Port Authority (ChPA) signed an MoU with BumbleB Charitable Trust for creating "Digital Class Room Atmosphere" (30 Nos.) at Govt. Primary & Middle Schools of Chennai and Thiruvallur District.

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