

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Monthly Summary for the month of June 2025

A. Other Matters/Significant Developments:

- 1. Key Initiatives:** The following multiple technology, green & Institutional initiatives to boost efficiency and productivity were launched on June 26, 2025 by Hon'ble Minister of PSW:
 - Digital Centre of Excellence (D-COE) with C-DAC
 - SAGAR SETU: Maritime portal
 - DRISHTI framework for Viksit Bharat, 2024 (Data-driven, Decision-Support; Review; Institutional & Information-Systems for Hastening and Tracking Implementation)
 - Standardized Scale of Rates (SOR) for Major Ports
 - Gateway to Green: Assessment of Indian Ports' Readiness for Hydrogen Transition (Project Report).
- 2. Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL)** India's first Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) in the maritime sector was inaugurated on June 26, 2025 by Hon'ble Minister of PSW.
- 3. Enhanced Coastal Trade Connectivity:** DPA and VoCPA will provide direct call of coastal container services from Kandla to Tuticorin as part of the Shipping Corporation of India's SMILE service, reflecting its growing role in improving coastal trade connectivity.
- 4. Commissioning of India's first Green Tug:** Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) is advancing its sustainability efforts by commissioning India's first Green Tug. Additionally, the port is in the final stages of commissioning a megawatt-scale green hydrogen (GH₂) plant at Kandla.
- 5. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI):** As a follow up to the directions received in the PRAGATI meeting a consultation workshop on Development of Inland Water Transport (IWT) in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal on NW-I (River Ganga) was organised by IWAI on June 16, 2025 in Patna. It was chaired by Hon'ble Minister of PSW in the presence of other Central and State Ministers and officers. State Support Agreements (SSAs) were exchanged between IWAI and State Governments of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

6. **Marine Aids to Navigation (Training and Certification) Rules, 2025** under the Marine Aids to Navigation Act, 2021 were published in the Gazette of India on June 19, 2025.
7. Installation of a **3 MW Solar Power Plant** at Mormugao Port Authority, costing 18.09 crore was completed under Sagarmala projects. Now the port has become a 100% Solar powered port.
8. **Letter of Intent** signed between Maritime Museum of Denmark in Elsinore and NMHC, Lothal on June 7, 2025 during Hon'ble Minister's visit to Denmark.
9. **ASEAN-India Cruise Dialogue:** The first-ever ASEAN-India Cruise Dialogue was inaugurated on June 30, 2025 by Hon'ble Minister of PSW in Chennai with 30 delegates from ASEAN countries. The Dialogue aims to strengthen maritime cooperation, enhance cruise connectivity, and promote sustainable tourism across the Indo-Pacific region.
