

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Monthly Summary for the month of May 2026

- 1. CCEA Approval for Setting up of Ship Repair Facility at Vadinar:** On 05.05.2026, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the proposal for setting up of a state-of-the-art Ship Repair Facility at Vadinar (Gujarat) at an estimated cost of ₹1,570 Crore jointly by Cochin Shipyard (CSL) & Deendayal Port Authority (DPA). The project will also create opportunities for skill development and generate direct and indirect employment, while enabling the growth of maritime ancillary services and MSMEs in the surrounding region.
- 2.** On 28.05.2026, Union Minister of PSW launched the **Logistics Port Performance Index (LPPPI)** for FY 2024-25 and **four major digital initiatives** aimed at improving governance, transparency and ease of doing business across the shipping ecosystem.
- 3. Port Performance:** The traffic handled at Major Ports during the period May, 2026 has increased by 4.53 % in the current financial year (FY 2026-27) as compared to the same period last year. It has gone up from 147.242 million Tonnes last year to 153.913 million Tonnes this year.
- 4. Inland Waterways:**
 - Cargo transportation on National Waterways during April '26 was 17.96 million tonnes, as against 11.98 million tonnes in the previous year.
 - The movement of 1,500 MT of cement from Pandu Port, Assam, to Patna, Bihar, via the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) Route commenced during May, 2026. This operation covering approximately 2,350 km through National Waterway-2 (NW-2), the IBP Route and National Waterway-1 (NW-1), marked a significant milestone as the longest-distance and largest-volume inland waterway cargo movement from Guwahati (North East) to Patna (Bihar).
- 5. National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC):** MoU signed with the Ministry of Culture, of the government of the Italian Republic on 20.05.2026 for development of NMHC.
- 6. E-Pariksha:** E-Pariksha modules for seafarers made live on 09.05.2026. This is an end-to-end digital exam platform, manages exam conduct, evaluation and real-time performance tracking. Centralized data system tracks learner progress and outcomes, while biometric verification, CCTV surveillance, online proctoring and encrypted question papers and answer scripts ensure complete integrity.
- 7. Indian fleet:** Grew to 1,609 ships with 14.33 million GT as on 31.05.2026. During May 2026, the Indian Registry recorded a net addition of 5 ships and 1.08 lakh GT (8 ships added and 3 ships deleted).
- 8. Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL):** On 07.05.2026, Udupi Cochin Shipyard Limited (Udupi-CSL) a wholly owned subsidiary of Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), secured contracts for building four nos. of 70T Bollard Pull ASTDS Tugs from Ocean Sparkle Limited.
