Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Monthly Summary for the month of October 2026

1. **Ease of Doing Business**
   i. **Launch of the e-Filing Portal of the Adjudicatory Board for Major Ports:** E-Filing Portal and e-Court facility of the Adjudicatory Board for Major Ports were launched on 29th October, 2026 which is an important step in modernizing India's maritime governance under the Major Port Authorities Act, 2021.
   ii. **Port Setu**: Chennai Port Authority launched 'Port Setu', a digital system for monitoring export container movement between inland Container Freight Stations (CFSs) and the Port gate.

2. **Container Manufacturing Scheme:** The Union Cabinet approved the ₹10,000 crore Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS) up to FY 2039-40 to promote domestic container manufacturing and reduce import dependence. The scheme provides interest subvention, operational expenditure and testing assistance, targeting a ten-fold increase in manufacturing capacity to 7.5 lakh TEUs annually, while strengthening India's maritime and logistics supply-chain resilience.

3. **Projects Inaugurated/ Foundation Stone laid by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 11.10.2026:**
   - Four infrastructure projects at Chennai Port were inaugurated, comprising a Paved Storage Yard, four EXIM Godowns, an upgraded Cruise Terminal and a Seafarers Club.
   - Coal Berth-3 project at Kamarajar Port was inaugurated and foundation stone was laid for capital dredging works for Container Terminal Phase-I, Stage-II at Kamarajar Port. These initiatives are aimed at augmenting the Port's cargo-handling capacity and strengthening its container-handling infrastructure.
   - Eight development projects involving an investment of ₹753.68 crore were inaugurated at V.O. Chidambaranar Port.

4. **21st Meeting of Maritime State Development Council (MSDC)**: 21st meeting of Maritime State Development Council was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways on 12th and 13th October 2026 in Mumbai. A resolution was also passed for the implementation of ONOP and MSW-Sagar Setu across all Indian Ports by March 2027.

5. **Shipbuilding Project Credit Risk Insurance Policy** and **Business Credit Shield Policy** for shipbuilding were launched by Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on 13th October, 2026.

6. **Inland Waterways:** The Jalvahak Scheme has been expanded to include vessel operators alongside cargo owners and also Indian-flagged vessels transporting IWT cargo between India and Bangladesh through the IBP route.

7. **Ship Building:** Hon'ble Minister (PSW) led delegation visited Republic of Korea from 26th to 29th October, primarily to have discussions with leading Shipyards as well as other key stakeholders from the Republic of Korea and invite them to enter the Indian shipbuilding industry.

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