



## YEAR END REVIEW 2022 - Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

**For Prelims:** PM Gati Shakti and National Logistic Portal, 'Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMSSY), North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), 'Make in India', Initiatives of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

**For Mains:** Significance of Sagarmala Programme as far as trade and commerce of India is concerned.

### SAGARMALA PROGRAMME

- Institutional framework for [Sagarmala Project](#) approved by the Cabinet.
- [National Sagarmala Apex Committee](#) has been formed for overall policy guidance and **high-level coordination**.
- **National Maritime Heritage Complex, Lothal:**
  - Setting up of a [National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal](#) proposed to be implemented in **3 phases**.
  - It would be the **first** of its kind **world class Museum complex** and an international tourist destination in the country to showcase India's rich **Maritime Heritage** dating back from **Harappan times**.
- **Ro-R/Ro-Pax:**
  - **Sagarmala programme, Ro-Ro/Ro-Pax and passenger jetty projects** across several routes have been taken.
  - One of the key impact projects is the **ROPAX ferry** between **Ghogha - Hazira (Gujarat)** which resulted in reduction of travel time from **10 hours to 4 hours**.
  - Similarly, to ease the road congestion in Mumbai, the government launched **ferry service between Mumbai-Mandwa** resulting in reduction of **distance of 109 km by road to 18.5 km sea-distance, time reduction from 3 hours to just 45 minutes**.
- **Coastal Shipping:**
  - **Promotion of Coastal Shipping** is the topmost priority of the **Ministry** under **Sagarmala**.
  - In order to facilitate the growth of **coastal trade**, a prospective plan up to **2025** on development of **coastal shipping** in India has been prepared by the [Asian Development Bank](#).
  - Other Efforts:
    - Reduction of [GST](#) on bunker fuel from 18% to 5%.
    - Cabotage relaxation for cargo vessels.
    - Integration of inland and coastal cargo.
    - Subsidy support to Indian shipping companies.
    - Green channel clearance for coastal cargoes and priority berthing for coastal vessels at major ports
  - GOI is providing assistance for construction or upgradation of **exclusive coastal berths, platforms or jetties, mechanization of coastal berths, and capital dredging**.
  - With the advent of [PM GatiShakti and National Logistic Portal](#), **Coastal shipping** will get further required boost and will help in realizing the goal of bringing down the overall logistic cost.

- **Cruise Terminals**
  - **Upgradation/Modernization** of the **International Cruise Terminal** at **Indira Dock, Mumbai**.
  - The Ministry is providing assistance to **Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port for Development of River Cruise Terminal and River Tourism Facility Along with Riverfront Beautification Work**.
- **Coastal Community Development:**
  - For the **welfare of fishermen community**, the Ministry is part-funding **fishing harbor projects** in convergence with **Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAH&D)** under their **Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMSSY)**.
  - The Ministry under **Sagarmala Program** has taken up **modernization of 5 Major Fishing harbors at Major Ports**.
- **Skill Development:**
  - **Phase 2 of Sagarmala Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushal Yojana (DDUGKY)** for convergence for **skill development in Port and Maritime Sector** is progressive in **Gujarat, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu**.
  - **2400 candidates** have been trained during **Phase 2** of the program of which around **1200 candidates** have been placed in **logistics, ship breaking, tourism and hospitality industries**.
  - **Multi-skill Development Centres (MSDC)** are being set up at all major ports. **MSDCs** linked to **Jawaharlal Nehru Port** are operational.

## Ports Sector

- **Major Port Authorities Act, 2021:**
  - The **Major Port Authorities Act 2021** has come into force with effect from 03.11.2021.
- **Conciliation and Settlement Committee for Major Ports:**
  - Commercial dispute resolution through Arbitration or Courts has been found to be exceedingly time consuming and financially burdensome on commercial entities like Major Ports.
  - An alternate dispute resolution mechanism was set up for Major Ports through appointment of a **Conciliation & Settlement Committee (CSC)** composed of independent experts.
  - Fee to conciliators based on success.
  - Specified time limit of 6 months for resolution of disputes.
- **JNPA SEZ Investor Conclave 2022:**
  - **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA)**, organized '**JNPA SEZ Investor Conclave 2022**' in association with the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in Mumbai** for investors to invest and be a part of the country's growing port-led economy.
- **Jawaharlal Nehru Port becomes first 100% Landlord Major Port:**
  - The **PPP** mode of investment in Indian ports has made remarkable progress in the last 25 years.
  - **JNP** has become the first major port of the country to become a **100% landlord port** having all berths being operated on PPP model.
- **Chabahar Day - In presence of Union Minister of PS&W:**
  - The Ministry in association with India Ports Global observed '**Chabahar Day**' to promote **Chabahar Port**.
  - **Chabahar Port** is operated by **IPGL** as a link to the International **North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC)** Connecting **Central Asian Markets in Mumbai**.
  - MoPSW visited **Shahid Beheshti port** at **Chabahar** in Iran to review the progress in the development of the port.
  - Handed over **Six mobile harbor cranes to Indian Ports Global Chabahar Free Trade Zone (IPGCFTZ)** at the Chabahar port to improve the cargo handling capacity of the port.
- **Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar Campaign:**
  - All Major Ports actively participated and organized awareness activities under the Swachh **Sagar Surakshit Sagar campaign**.
  - It involves events like Cleaning Drive at Beaches, along Coastal Roads, Port premises etc.
- **PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Maritime Summit 2022:**
  - **PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Maritime Summit 2022** organized by **Syama Prasad**

**Mookerjee Port** to highlight the need of transformation in Maritime & Logistics Industry.

## Inland Water Transport

- **Inland Vessels Act, 2021:**

- The Rules under the [Inland Vessels Act, 2021](#) were drafted and notified to start a unified regime of **inland vessel registration, certification** and **specifications** through the country, instead of State-wise regulations under the previous **Inland Vessels Act, 1917**.

## SHIPPING SECTOR

- **Make in India:**

- The Ministry issued revised notifications on following subjects:
  - To encourage **'Make in India'** and to promote **manufacturing** and **production of goods and services** in India to enhance income and employment.

- **Marine Aids to Navigation Act, 2021:**

- The Act replaces the old [Lighthouse Act, 1927](#) and incorporates the global best practices, technological developments and India's International obligations in the field of [Marine Aids to Navigation](#).
- The new Act will facilitate harmonized and effective functioning of aids to marine navigation and Vessel Traffic Services along the Indian coastline.

- All Women Officers' Sailing 2.0 on M.T. Swarna Godavari (**Women Empowerment**).

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