



## Kolkata Port Trust

- On the occasion of **150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Kolkata Port Trust**, it has been renamed after **Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee**.
  - The Port has two distinct dock systems - **Kolkata Docks at Kolkata** and a deep water dock at **Haldia Dock Complex**, Haldia.
- **History of Kolkata Port Trust**
  - It is the oldest operating port in India, and was constructed by the British East India Company.
  - The Port which was once considered the most important port in the country still remains the premier port which has been rightly called the **gateway to Eastern India**.
    - It is the guiding factor to trade and commerce of vast hinterland comprising the entire Eastern India including **Bihar and Eastern Uttar Pradesh** and the **two land-locked Himalayan Kingdoms of Nepal and Bhutan**.
    - After independence, the port's importance decreased because of factors including the **Partition of India (1947)**, reduction in size of the port hinterland, and **economic stagnation in eastern India**.
  - **Governance:** It is an **autonomous body** under the ministry of shipping, Government of India administered through **Major Port Trusts Act, 1963**.
  - **Location:** Kolkata Port is the **only riverine Major Port in India**, situated 232 kms up-stream from the Sandheads. Its navigational channel is **one of the longest** in the world.

### Major Ports

- India has **13 major ports** viz. Kolkata Port, Paradip Port, New Mangalore Port, Cochin Port, Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mumbai Port, Kandla Port, Visakhapatnam Port, Chennai Port, Tuticorin port, Ennore Port, Mormugao Port and Port Blair Port.

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