



# **YEAR** OF CHALLENGES, **OPPORTUNITIES** AND LANDMARK INITIATIVES

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# FROM THE MINISTER'S DECK

**2020 has been a year full of challenges, opportunities and landmark initiatives for Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways**



It was one of the distinctive years, because of Corona Pandemic which slowed down all economic activities not only in India but across the globe. For the marine sector, the crew change was one of the biggest issues, as the Indian seafarers were struck all over the world. However the highest number of crew change in the world took place of more than one lakh Indian seafarers on Indian ports and through charter flights. It has been a very satisfying task for my Ministry working in close liaison with MEA to accomplish this challenging task.

Inauguration of Ro-Pax terminal at Hazira and flagging off Ro-Pax ferry service between Hazira and Ghogha ; commencement of Sea-plane service between Kevadia and Sabarmati riverfront by Hon'ble Prime Minister and Union Cabinet's approval for setting up a new Major Port at Vadhavan in Maharashtra were the few notable events which will have far reaching implications in the Indian maritime scenario. New legislations to modernize the institutional framework of Major Ports and Light houses viz. Major Port Authorities Bill 2020 and draft 'Aids to Navigation Bill, 2020' were initiated to incorporate the best global practices and technological advancements, as part of major administrative reforms undertaken.

Despite the maritime sector remained adversely affected in the last one year by Corona Pandemic, India still remains as one of the world's fastest growing economies today. All infrastructural projects are being taken up on priority under Sagarmala Program which are now moved from conceptualization and planning stage to the implementation stage. Signing of several MoUs with other countries for cooperation in developments of Ports, sharing of technology and manpower training is stimulating steady growth of shipping sector in India.

Working towards realizing Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji's vision of 'Blue Economy' along India's vast coastline and inland waterways, the momentous events of last one year reflect the mighty efforts of MoPSW and I'm confident that we are sailing in the right direction aligned with Maritime India Vision 2030.

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# Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attends the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations of the **Kolkata Port Trust** and launched multimodal development projects for **Kolkata Port**

January



Taking the 150<sup>th</sup> year's celebration forward, Hon'ble Prime Minister renamed Kolkata Port Trust as Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee and launched the Port Anthem for the port

Hon'ble PM said "Our government believes that our coasts are gateways to development. This is the reason the government started Sagarmala project for modernizing infrastructure and improving connectivity of the Ports.

Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya said that in last 15 years, for the first time, this year Kolkata Port has made profit. He said, under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and his visionary

Sagarmala Project, more than Rs 1200 crores has been spent on Infrastructure development, better rail connectivity and Modernization of Kolkata Port in the last five years.

Hon'ble Prime Minister also handed over a Cheque of Rs 501 Crore towards final instalment to meet the deficit of pension fund of retired and existing employees of the Kolkata Port Trust.

Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated Kaushal Vikas Kendra and Pritilata Chhatra Avas for 200 Tribal girl students of Sunderbans.

Hon'ble Prime Minister also inaugurated the upgraded Ship Repair Facility of Cochin Kolkata Ship Repair Unit at Netaji Subhas Dry Dock as well as Full Rake Handling Facility and dedicated the upgraded Railway Infrastructure of Kolkata Dock System of KoPT for smooth cargo movement and improving turnaround time.



## Four Day Official Visit to **World Economic Forum, DAVOS, Switzerland**

Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya on his four-day official visited Davos and attended the Annual World Economic Forum Meeting 2020 with one-on-one meetings with all important World leaders and CEOs of the global companies.

Shri Mandaviya participated in round-table of UNAIDS on the theme **"Access for all: Leveraging Innovations, Investments and Partnerships for Health"** at World Economic Forum at Davos, Switzerland.

In a one-hour long discussion Shri Mandaviya stated that, "Health needs to be accessible for all and innovative technologies and solutions can play a key role, including in bridging economic inequalities"

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya in the high-level roundtable discussed about what Government of India has done for Health Access to All in the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Two of the key health initiatives of Modi Government was discussed that includes Ayushman Bharat- the largest healthcare programme in the world and Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana – to provide affordable quality medicines for all.

On the other day, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya meets Secretary General of International Maritime Organisation (IMO), Mr. Kitack Lim at 50th Annual Meeting of World Economic Forum

During the meeting, mutual discussions were held regarding various Global Maritime issues concerning India's Ban on Single Use Plastic for reducing Marine Pollution, Availability of low Sulphur fuel complying to IMO 2020 Convention and installation of Mahatma Gandhi Bust at IMO Headquarter, London.

Shri Mansukh Bhai felt happy to announce that Mahatma Gandhi's bust was being set-up at IMO Headquarters, London which also coincided with



150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi. He said, ““This will be one of the prominent busts of Mahatma Gandhi at UN headquarters in the world. It is indeed a matter of great honor and proud moment for India”

India's recent initiatives for accession to Hong Kong Convention and enactment of the Recycling Act 2019 were also greatly acknowledged and appreciated. Mr. Kitack Lim has assured to extend his full co-operation for the Indian Seafarers in jail/custody in different countries.

## Cabinet approved Model MoU with foreign countries for unilateral/bilateral recognition of **Certificates of Competency of Seafarers**

The Cabinet under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved Model Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for unilateral/bilateral recognition of Certificates, pursuant to Regulation 1/10 of International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) for Seafarers, 1978 as amended to be signed between the Directorate General of Shipping, Government of India and its counterparts in foreign countries, with the approval of Minister-in-charge of Shipping and the Minister of External Affairs.

The unilateral MoU would facilitate unilateral recognition by another country of the certificates issued by the Directorate General of Shipping to Indian seafarers, without seeking similar recognition by India of the certificates issued by that country.

Indian Seafarers, therefore, will be eligible to be placed on ships under the flag of that country for employment, thus leading to increased employment opportunities. The proposed bilateral MoU will enable India and another country with which such an MoU may be entered, to mutually recognize maritime education and training, certificates of competency, endorsements, documentary evidence of training and medical fitness certificates, issued to the seafarers who are citizens of respective countries in accordance with the provisions of regulation 1/10 of the STCW Convention.

The bilateral MoU would therefore, make the seafarers of both the countries to be eligible for employment on ships of either party based on the certificates so recognized. India being a seafarer supplying nation with large pool of trained seafarers will stand to be benefitted.



## Cabinet approves extension of Productivity Linked Reward Scheme for the **Employees/Workers** of the **Major Port Trust** and **Dock Labour Board** for the period beyond 2017-18

The Union Cabinet chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved to extend the existing Productivity Linked Reward (PLR) Scheme beyond 2017-18 until any change/amendment is made in the Scheme.

The Scheme will annually benefit 28,821 Major Port Trusts and Dock employees/workers and the yearly estimated outgo will be Rs.46 crore. Productivity Linked Reward will be calculated on the existing wage ceiling for calculation of Bonus at Rs. 7000/- per month. This Scheme is fostering better industrial relationship and congenial work atmosphere in the Port Sector, apart from stimulating better productivity.

There is an existing scheme of Productivity Linked Reward (PLR) for the employees/workers of Major Port Trusts and Dock Labour Board, wherein Productivity Linked Reward is granted on the basis of the composite Ports Performance Index (50% weightage to All India Performance and 50% weightage to individual port performance) on yearly basis based on the settlement arrived at between Management and the Labour Federations of the Major Port Trusts.





## Cabinet gives in-principle approval for setting up a new **Major Port at Vadhavan in Maharashtra**



The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its 'in-principle' approval for setting up a Major Port at Vadhavan near Dahanu in Maharashtra. Total cost of the project is likely to be Rs.65,544.54 crore and Vadhavan port will be developed on "land lord model".

Maharashtra has India's largest container port at JNPT which caters to the hinterland of Maharashtra, North Karnataka, Telangana and secondary hinterland of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, NCR, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh. The Vadhavan port has a natural draft of about 20 meters close to the shore, making it possible for it to handle bigger vessels at the port. Development of Vadhavan port will enable call of container vessels of 16,000-25,000 TEUs capacity, giving advantages of economies of scale & reducing logistics cost.

The ever-increasing size of container ships makes it imperative that a deep draft container port in West Coast of India is developed. Increasing containerization of cargo in the wake of value-added manufacturing sector makes it important to prepare our port

infrastructure for handling value-added import and export to facilitate manufacturing activity.

The demand for container traffic will further accelerate after the plans for improving logistic infrastructure fructify and the 'Make in India' push drives greater exports and manufacture sourcing to India.

## Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways of Government of India** and **Ministry of National Defence, Republic of Portugal**

In the presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi, President of Portugal H.E.Mr Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, Minister of National Defense of Portugal and Minister of State for Ports, Shipping & Waterways (I/C) and Chemical and Fertilizer, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, signed an MoU to develop a world class '**National Maritime Heritage Complex**' at Lothal in Gujarat with the cooperation from the Republic of Portugal.

The MoU on National Maritime Heritage Complex, Lothal will pay the way for cooperation between the two countries for showcasing common Maritime Heritage. NMHC will consolidate all diverse and rich artefacts from ancient to modern times. It will provide access to public and make them aware about India's rich Maritime Heritage.



## Cabinet approves Exemption from applicability of DPE Guidelines to **India Ports Global Limited (IPGL)**

26 Feb 2020



The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi had approved the exemption of the India Ports Global Ltd (IPGL) from the DPE Guidelines, except reservation and vigilance policies.

IPGL was incorporated under Companies Act 2013, as a Special Purpose Vehicle jointly promoted by Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) and Deendayal Port Trust (DPT), [earlier Kandla Port Trust (KPT)], under Administrative control of Ministry of Shipping, for development and management of Shahid Beheshti Port of Chabahar in Iran.

Since Chabahar Port is Country's first overseas port project with strategic objectives, there is an urgent need to allow IPGL to continue to function as a Board managed company, duly following the instructions of Ministry of Shipping & Ministry of External Affairs, without making the guidelines of DPE applicable to it for a period of 5 years. Accordingly, Ministry of Shipping has requested exemptions to IPGL from the applicability of the DPE guidelines, for smooth execution of the project.

## Hon'ble Minister **Shri Mansukh Mandaviya** called on **Lt. Governor of Puducherry Ms. Kiran Bedi**

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya chaired a consultative meeting with the Minister of Transport, Puducherry, officials and various stakeholders for starting Ferry Service between Karaikal Port in Puducherry, India to KKS Port in Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

The Meeting concluded after positive discussions to start Ferry Service between Karaikal and Jaffna. This ferry service will provide benefits to the people of both countries. The benefits include:

- Reduced travel time
- Easy and cheap travel alternative
- Enhanced economic activities between the two countries
- Smooth connectivity for the pilgrims of both the countries





## Offshore Patrol Vessel-6 “VAJRA” is launched in Chennai



Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya launched 6th Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV-6) 'VAJRA' in Chennai .

Shri Mansukh Bhai said that it was a momentous occasion for the Indian Coast Guard as 6th OPV was getting launched in the sea for the first time and also it would strengthen the efforts Indian Coast Guard for securing over 7500 km vast coastline, an exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of over 20 lakh sq kms and more than one lakh merchant ships transiting per year through Indian waters for global trade .

Shri Mandaviya added that OPV-6 was truly state-of-the-art platform which would enhance the capabilities of Indian Coast Guard in terms of Operation, Surveillance, Search & Rescue. He appreciated that within the span of 43 years, Indian Coast Guard had increased its fleet strength and now it is one of the largest coast guards in the world.

The ship would be utilized for day and night patrol/surveillance along with anti-terrorist/ anti-smuggling operations in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) as well as Coastal Security. The OPV will have two Navigation Radars with ultra-modern technology, Sophisticated navigational and latest communication systems.

Shri Mansukh Bhai also congratulated M/s L&T Shipbuilding for the delivery of the vessel as per scheduled timeline. The OPV launched is the sixth in the series of seven OPV projects being built by M/s L&T Shipbuilding under the 'Make in India' policy.

## Shri Mansukh Mandaviya commissioned Indian Coast Guard's Offshore Patrol Vessel ICGS Varad

Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya commissioned Indian Coast Guard's Offshore Patrol Vessel ICGS in Chennai along with Indian Coast Guard officials, officials of Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and other dignitaries.

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya was accorded 'Guard of honour' parade as part of commissioning ceremony of ICGS Varad. He appreciated and congratulated the efforts and endeavours of Indian Coast Guard and wished for its progress.

Shri Mansukh Bhai said, “Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways is

working in close co-ordination with Indian Coast Guard for collaborative efforts to secure the maritime interest and security of the nation. Indian Coast Guard ships will be given priority for berthing and infrastructural requirements at all Indian ports”.

Commissioning of ICGS Varad will enhance the ICGS fleet of ships which will contribute to monitoring and constant vigil for coastal security of Indian maritime borders and will be fitted with one CRN -91 and two 12.7 mm guns and will be capable of carrying an Integral Twin Engine Helicopter which will enhance its operational, surveillance, and search & rescue capability.

An exponential growth awaits ship-building industry is perceived as ICGS Varad has been built indigenously by M/s L&T that will contribute immensely towards the vision of Make in India.





## ‘Chintan Baithak’ - Ports Review Meeting with Chairpersons of All Major Ports of India Concludes



Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya chaired three day Ports Review Meeting - 'Chintan Baithak' in Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu along with Chairpersons of all Major Ports of India, senior officials of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and other officials of Major Ports

During 'Chintan Baithak', detailed discussion on various matters for improving the performance of the Major Ports, strengthening Major Ports to directly compete with private or non-major ports, port modernization, implementing e-governance to make ports faceless and paperless, developing India as 'trans-shipment hub' and Vision-2030 for Maritime Sector was done.



On the second day of Chintan Baithak, Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu interacted and motivated all the officials. He said that India needs to develop ports at par with other global ports. A world-class infrastructure at ports is important for India to march from USD 2.5 trillion economy to USD 5 trillion. Shri Naidu remarked that Coastal community development is an essential component of port-led development. There is a need to take care of local communities by providing skills to local youth so that they grab employment opportunities.

During the Chintan Baithak, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya actively interacted with the Chairpersons, Officials and gave a vision for 'Smart, Sustainable and Safe Ports of India'.

Chairpersons of all Major Ports presented their respective Ports Performance with innovative measures, significant achievements, overall financial condition, and future planning for the development of Ports. Hon'ble Minister encouraged all the Ports to implement the best practices followed worldwide in the Maritime Sector.

## Major Port Authorities Bill 2020 Introduced in The Lok Sabha

Major Port Authorities Bill 2020 was introduced in the Lok Sabha by Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya. The Bill aimed to provide for regulation, operation and planning of Major Ports in India and to vest the administration, control and management of such ports upon the Boards of Major Port Authorities and for matters connected there with or incidental thereto.

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi had approved the proposal of MoPSW to replace the Major Port Trusts Act,



1963 by the Major Port Authorities Bill, 2020. The bill will empower Major Ports to perform with greater efficiency on account of full autonomy in decision making and by modernizing the institutional framework of Major Ports.

Earlier, the Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha in 2016 and thereafter referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee (PSC). The PSC, after taking evidence and widespread consultations, submitted its report in July 2017. MoPSW introduced the official amendment to the Bill in the Lok Sabha in 2018. However, the Bill got lapsed after the dissolution of previous Lok Sabha.

With a view to promote the expansion of port infrastructure and facilitate trade and commerce, the Major Port Authorities Bill 2020 bill aims at decentralizing decision making and to infuse professionalism in governance of major ports. It would help to impart faster and transparent decision making benefiting the stakeholders and better project execution capability. The Bill aimed at reorienting the governance model in central ports to landlord port model in line with the successful global practice. This will also help in bringing transparency in operations of Major Ports.

The Bill has been prepared after extensive consultation with all the stakeholders and Ministries/ Departments and considering the recommendations of PSC.

## Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated 5 Projects under JNPT Mumbai

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the Ro-Pax Ferry Vessel and its Terminal in the presence of Hon'ble CM of Maharashtra Shri Uddhav Bal Thackeray at Mandwa in Maharashtra

Mandwa Port is one of the important passenger ports on the coast of Maharashtra. About 15 lakhs passengers commute annually by catamarans and will be launched from Gateway of India to Mandwa and then to Alibaug and other places in Raigad district.

The use of Gateway of India-Mandwa waterway to reach Alibaug takes 45 minutes to 1hr while travelling by road takes about 3.5 to 4 hours. This solves the cumbersome of long hour travels and as a result the number of passengers availing the water transport is increasing every year.

Considering the importance of this waterway, the government has decided to start RO-Pax ferry service from Ferry Wharf, Mumbai to Mandwa so that people can travel along with their vehicles in RO-Pax Vessel which will considerably save time and fuel.

The Ro-Pax jetty and terminal facilities developed at Ferry Wharf and Mandwa was a joint venture by Mumbai Port Trust and Maharashtra Maritime Board.

ROPAX Vessel M2M-1 was built in Greece in September 2019. This vessel is highly maneuverable and has a speed of 14 knots. It can cover a distance from Ferry Wharf to Mandwa in 45 minutes to 1hr. The vessel can carry 200 cars and 1000 passengers at a time. This vessel will also help in reducing road traffic travelling to Alibaug/ Goa to a certain extent as travellers will certainly prefer a peaceful journey.

Fulfilling the goal of environmental conservation, this mode of transport is expected to reduce fuel consumption, vehicular emission effectively. Such operation is certainly a step in reducing carbon Footprint.

## Shri Mansukh Mandaviya visited RO-PAX Service & Terminal at Bhaucha Dhakka in Maharashtra



Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya visited RO-PAX service at Bhaucha Dhakka in Maharashtra. Shri Mandaviya also visited ROPAX terminal and inspected the facilities created for the passengers as the ROPAX Service from Bhaucha Dhakka to Mandwa commencement

Shri Mandaviya reiterated the importance of Waterways as a mode of transportation and said that it has opened new avenues for the people to travel with reduced journey time and it will prove as a catalyst for the local economy.

ROPAX service is a 'Water Transport Service Project', under Eastern Waterfront Development. The benefits of this service include reduction in the travel time, vehicular emission and traffic on



the road. The road distance from Mumbai to Mandwa is about 110 kilometres, and gruelling road journey takes three to four hours, whereas by waterway it is about 18 kilometres and journey of just an hour.

Earlier 15 lakh passengers commute annually by catamarans and launches from Gateway of India to Mandwa. The stretch has seen an exponential increase in the number of tourists and commuters. Mumbai Port Trust and Maharashtra Maritime Board recognised the importance of this waterway, and with Government support decided to start ROPAX service from Bhaucha Dhakka (Ferry Wharf), i.e. Mumbai to Mandwa. Mumbai Port Trust has developed ROPAX jetty and terminal facilities at Bhaucha Dhakka (Ferry Wharf) at the cost of Rs 31 Crores. Maharashtra Maritime Board has developed Breakwater, ROPAX jetty and terminal facilities at Mandwa at the cost of Rs 135 Crores.

RO-PAX service will help in reducing road traffic from Mumbai to Alibag/Goa to a certain extent, as travellers certainly prefer a peaceful, novel and time saving journey. This will also reduce fuel consumption and vehicular emission that helps in reducing Carbon Footprint.



## Shri Mansukh Mandaviya reviews preparedness of **all Major Ports** to deal with **COVID-19** outbreak



Amidst the COVID-19 outbreak, Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya reviewed situation at all major ports regarding cargo handling, SOP, payment to casual labourers, etc. through video conferencing with all Chairpersons of Ports and Director General, Shipping in this pandemic situation.

More than 90% of EXIM cargo is handled through ports. For proper and smooth maintenance of the supply chain, the MoPSW had been taking all-round measures. For easy movement of cargo at ports, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has prepared Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to be adhered at all ports to fight against COVID-19.



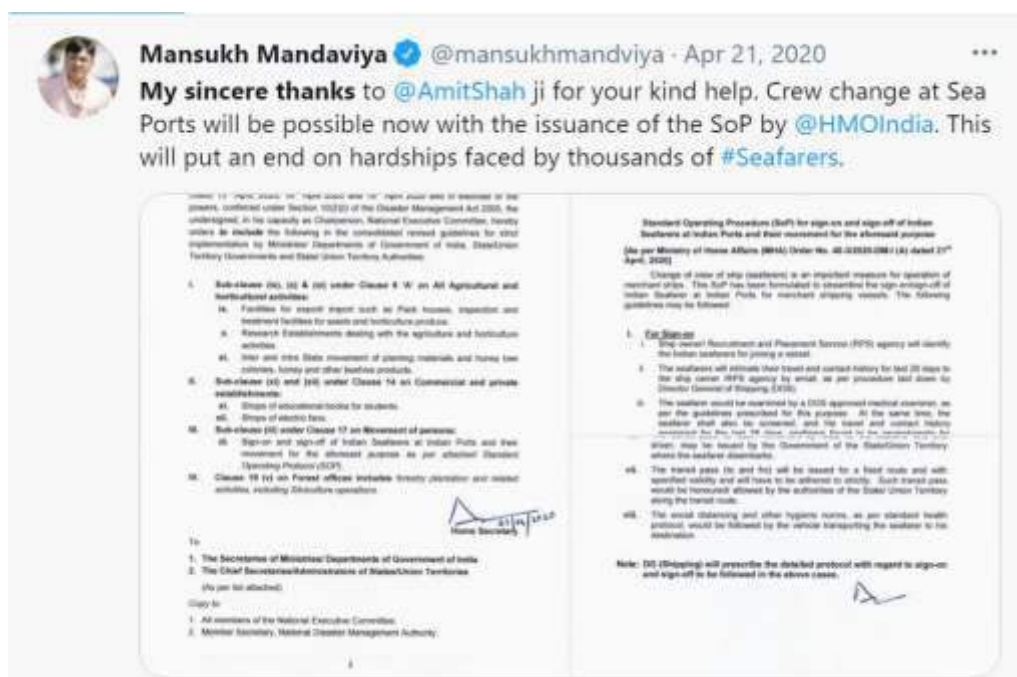


Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya held a meeting through Video Conference with stakeholders of Ports including Port users, Courier and Cargo Services, Representatives of the Custom Brokers Associations from the various parts of the country, Logistic service providers and others to assess the challenges and concerns caused due to COVID-19 and lockdown in the country on the Port Operations. The meeting was also attended by Officers of Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Chairpersons of all Major Ports.

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya sought support from all the stakeholders in this unprecedented crisis. He called for collaborative efforts for converting this Crisis into Opportunity for Ports and Port operation so that the supply chain of the country can run smoothly. Shri Mandaviya welcomed suggestions for the decongesting ports, management, welfare and safety of workers and other challenges faced by the ports and its stakeholders. Shri Mandaviya stressed upon the usage of state-of-the-art technology in the port operation and container management to manage the future challenges caused by COVID-19 pandemic.

A range of concerns were raised, ranging from high Port operation cost, stuck up cargo, port congestion, shortage of labourers, movement of workers and truck drivers, managing supply chain and other difficulties due to lockdown.

## SOPs issued for **sign-on** and **sign-off** of **Indian Seafarers** at Indian Ports and their movement



Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya has welcomed the issuance of SOPs for sign-on and sign-off of Indian Seafarers at Indian Ports. In a Tweet, Shri Mandaviya thanked Hon'ble Home Minister Shri Amit Shah for the order which will make it possible now for the crew change at sea ports. He said that that this will put an end to hardships faced by thousands of seafarers.

Change of crew of ship (seafarers) is an important measure for operation of merchant ships. Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) on 21st April, 2020. This SoP has been formulated to streamline the sign-on/sign-off of Indian

Seafarer at Indian Ports for merchant shipping vessels. The following guidelines have been issued:

## Shri Mansukh Mandaviya interacts with **Indian Maritime Sector** representatives

Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya interacted with the representative of India's Maritime industry to discuss and prepare for post COVID-19 challenges with Business continuity strategies through video conferencing.

Industry leaders appreciated the proactive and timely interventions of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways at the critical juncture and ensuring smooth running of





the ports. They also lauded many of the reliefs and extensions granted to the industry which inter-alia included not charging any port charges, demurrages, penalties for the lockdown period as it has proven to be great relief for the industries at large.

Interaction with industry leaders provided the quick overview for the covid-19 situation in the maritime sector. Stakeholders highlighted the challenges like supply chain issues- the movement of cargo and trucks, requested the policy interventions. They also made suggestions for increasing the Coastal Shipping and increasing India's share in global shipbuilding.

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya assured the Maritime sector industry stakeholders that the Indian Ports are ready in the full capacity to start the operation as usual but there are a few challenges due to COVID-19 which will be solved with policy decisions and their sincere implementation. Shri Mandaviya requested industry leaders to convert this COVID-19 into opportunity by charting out new strategies in the maritime sector. He told the stakeholders that the MoPSW was working continuously and tirelessly to ease out the problems. He requested for the suggestions so that the ports and industries in this COVID-19 situation could flourish.

Stakeholders and representatives of the Shipping Lines, Ports and Terminal operators, Inland waterways, Supply chain logistics, Ship owners, Vessel manufacturers and owners, custom agents participated in the video conference organised by the FICCI.

## Shri Mansukh Mandaviya interacts with various associations regarding **the change of crew at Indian Ports**



Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya interacted via video conference with the Ship Liners, Shipping Companies, Maritime Associations, Seafarers Unions regarding the change of crew at Indian Ports and reconnoitered the situation of Indian seafarers working as well as stranded in the International waters.



Shri Mandaviya assured the various seafarers associations for the quick evacuation of the stranded Indian seafarers whenever the situation becomes favourable. He also acknowledged the importance of seafarers for the smooth supply chain movement and the challenges faced by the seafarers and appreciated their work in this crucial and testing times.

Shri Mandaviya also directed the officials of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for easing out the process of the sign on and sign off the seafarers at the Indian Ports.

The participants of the video conference include representatives of the associations like Indian National Ship Owners' Association (INSA), Maritime Association of Nationwide Shipping Agencies – India (MANSA), National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI), The Indian Maritime Foundation (IMF), The Maritime Union of India (MUI), The Maritime Association of Ship Owners Ship managers and Agents (MASSA) etc.



# Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya reviewed the readiness of **Indian shipping** for implementation of the **Government's Cargo Transportation Policy**

June



Government of India had revised 'Make in India' initiative for public procurement, among others, of all services. Under the revised policy, no global tender enquiry shall be issued, except with the approval of the Competent Authority, for the procurement of all services with estimated value of purchases less than Rs. 200 crores.

It is estimated that the 'Make in India' will provide an opportunity to at least DOUBLE the number of Indian flag vessels in the immediate term - from the present approximately 450 to at least 900 and more over a period of 3 years - leaving further scope for additional investment in the Indian flag tonnage.

With a modern maritime administration, continuous supply of trained seafarers, ship management skills already available, ship owners worldwide

are invited to now flag their ships in India to take advantage of the Make in India policy of the Government in respect of transportation of Government cargoes.

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## Shri Mansukh Mandaviya reviews **Seaplane Operation Projects**

Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya reviewed the seaplane projects on Indian water bodies in the 'Chai pe Charcha' meeting, a unique and innovative brainstorming meeting platform of ministry officials to bring about the change in the Indian Maritime Sector.

Seaplane projects will provide faster and hassle-free travel option for the long, treacherous and hilly regions of the country. Till now, 16 seaplane routes have been identified under Regional Connectivity Routes under UDAN scheme. Sabarmati and Sardar Sarovar- Statue of Unity route is included in these 16 seaplane routes and hydrographic surveys of this route have been completed.

Shri Mandaviya opined that Sabarmati and Narmada River-Statue of Unity seaplane route will save time and boost tourism, as it provides a bird eye view of Narmada Valley and Statue of Unity. Shri Mandaviya instructed officials to come up with Indian Model of waterdrome (terminal), after thorough study of the Waterdrome infrastructure of the countries like the USA, Canada, Maldives and Australia which suits the Indian rules and regulations for operation of Seaplane.

IWAI will manage the Project of Seaplane in Inland Waterways and SDCL will manage the Projects of seaplane in Coastal Areas. IWAI and SDCL will coordinate with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, flight operators, Ministry of Tourism as well as DGCA.





# Shri Mansukh Mandaviya acknowledged the contribution of **Seafarers** in continuing the **Wheels of Economy** moving during the **Pandemic**

Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya participated in the celebration of International Seafarers Day, as the chief guest, in the ceremony hosted by the National Maritime Day Celebration Committee, via video conferencing. The theme for Seafarers Day 2020 is 'Seafarers are Key Workers'. The theme acknowledged the contribution of seafarers in maintaining the supply chain in the world, as 90% of global trade moves through sea.

Shri Mandaviya congratulated and wished the seafarers on the International Seafarers Day. He acknowledged the contribution of Indian seafarers in the economy and development of the country. Shri Mansukh Bhai thanked the family of seafarers for supporting them in the challenging job. He recognized challenges faced by seafarers as professional hazards in the COVID pandemic, such as sign in and sign off, movement during lockdown.

Shri Mandaviya set the target of increasing the share of Indian seafarers by 5 lakhs from 94,000 in 2014. It will create more employment opportunities as well as high paying jobs for the Indian youth. He appreciated the role of seafarers for moving the wheels of economy during the pandemic and wished safe sailing in the future for the serving and building New India.



## Shri Mandaviya calls for exploring the possibility of **Recycling of Dredging Material**



Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya chaired a video conference for recycling of dredging material with officials of Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Dredging Corporation of India, Indian Port Association, Inland Waterways Authority of India, Chairpersons of Major Port Trusts and experts of the sector.

Shri Mandaviya directed Dredging Corporation of India for exploring the possibilities of recycling of dredging material on coastline as well as on riverine ports of India. Shri Mandaviya emphasized that recycling of dredged material should be implemented in a way that can reduce the dredging cost, as dredging is regular activity to maintain the course of waterway for safety and easiness of shipping traffic as well as discharge.

He suggested private players to build a recycling model with cost effective

logistics system to transport the dredging waste while keeping in the mind zero effect on environment.

Furthering Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji's 'waste into wealth' in the growth story of India, Shri Mandaviya added that Government of India was aiming sustainable development through recycling the dredging waste into environment friendly commodities.

## Shri Mandaviya sets the vision for boosting **Ship Repairing Facilities** in India under 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' by increasing **Indian Flagged Ships** in the **Maritime Industry**

Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya chaired a video conference with the representatives of Ship-owners Association, CMD, Shipping Corporation of India; Director General, Shipping, and senior officials of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways with the vision for augmenting Ship Repairing facilities in India and Indian Flagged Ships in the world.

Seeking suggestions from the Shipping Industry representatives to prepare the robust ecosystem for ship repairing facilities to transform India in a 'Ship Repair Hub'. He stressed upon the aspects like upskilling the expertise of Indian service engineers, enhancing the yard capacity and maintaining the supply of required spare parts, manufactured indigenously.

## Shri Mansukh Mandaviya called for **developing Lighthouse Tourism** opportunities in India

Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya held a high-level meeting for developing around 194 existing lighthouses across India as Major tourist attractions. Hon'ble Minister said that the project would boost tourism activities in lighthouses surrounding areas and provide an opportunity to know about the enriched history of lighthouses.

MoPSW officials presented a detailed action plan to develop lighthouses as tourism spots. Shri Mandaviya advised officials to identify the lighthouses which are more than 100 years old. He put impetus on creating museums to showcase the history and working of lighthouses, equipment used in lighthouse operation etc.

As per the master development plan of lighthouses, some key attractions proposed in the plan are museums, aquarium, children play area and gardens along with water bodies.

Hon'ble Minister also took stock of the progress for developing tourist activities at Gopinath, Dwarka and Veraval lighthouses of Gujarat.

The Minister instructed the official to prepare a detailed presentation on the project at the earliest. The meeting was attended by the Secretary, MoPSW and DG, Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships along with the other stakeholders.



## Aids to Navigation Bill, 2020



In accordance with Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji's vision for augmenting people's participation and transparency in the governance, MoPSW issued the draft of **Aids to Navigation Bill, 2020** for suggestions from the stakeholders and general public.

The draft bill is proposed to replace the almost nine decades old Lighthouse Act, 1927, to incorporate the global best practices, technological developments and India's International obligations in the field of Aids to Marine Navigation.

**Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya** said that this initiative was the part of the proactive approach adopted by his Ministry by repealing archaic colonial laws and replacing it with modern and contemporary needs of the maritime industry. Shri Mandaviya welcomed all suggestions from the public and stakeholders that would help to strengthen the provisions of legislation. He

further added that the bill aimed to regulate state-of-the-art technologies of marine navigation which was earlier used to tangle in statutory provisions of Lighthouse Act, 1927

The draft bill provided for empowering Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships (DGLL) with additional power and functions such as Vessel Traffic Service, Wreck flagging, training and certification, implementation of other obligations under International Conventions, where India is a signatory. It also provides for identification and development of heritage lighthouses.

The draft bill adopts a new schedule of offences along with commensurate penalties for obstructing and damaging the aids to navigation, and non-compliance with directives issued by the Central Government and other bodies under the draft bill.

With the advent of modern technologically improved aids to maritime navigation, the role of authorities regulating and operating maritime navigation has changed drastically. Therefore, the new law encompasses a major shift from lighthouses to modern aids of navigation.



## Rs. 107 Crore for modern firefighting facilities approved for Haldia Dock Complex of Kolkata Port



Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya approved Rs. 107 Crore for augmentation of firefighting facilities on five jetties of Haldia Dock Complex, Kolkata Port.

The modern firefighting facility would enable the Haldia Dock Complex in safe handling of the movement of petro-chemical products. The existing firefighting facility does not support the handling the LPG and other petroleum products as per the guideline of Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD) of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Ministry of Shipping has prioritized safety and security of cargo operation on all Major Ports. It is a move towards compliance of global standards for fire safety.

LPG and LNG cargo on Haldia dock would oversee steady growth in the near future. The state-of-the-art firefighting infrastructure would help to manage the petro-chemical goods in a safe and secure manner at Kolkata Port by complying OISD guidelines.

## Shri Mandaviya reviews the development of India's first trans-shipment hub - Vallarpadam Terminal of Cochin Port, Kerala

Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya has reviewed the development activities of Vallarpadam Terminal of Cochin Port. This has been envisaged as first trans-shipment port of India, managed by DP World.

Shri Mandaviya directed officials to chalk out the strategy to tackle the various challenges and actualize the vision of Trans-shipment Hub of India and pioneer-hub in the South Asia. Hon'ble Minister said "We are developing trans-shipment facility on Indian port to ensure that Indian cargo trans-ship through Indian Port. Resolving various issues of Vallarpadam Terminal is one of the top priority of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways".

Trans-shipment Hub is the terminal at the port which handles containers, stores them temporarily and transfers them to other ships for the onward destination. The Kochi International Container Trans-shipment Terminal (ICTT), locally known as the Vallarpadam Terminal is located strategically on the Indian coastline. It successfully fulfills all the criteria which are needed to develop the region as a trans-shipment hub which include:

- It is best positioned Indian port with regard to proximity to International sea routes;
- It is located at least average nautical distance from all Indian feeder ports;
- It entails a connectivity which has multiple weekly feeder connections to all ports on West & East Coast of India, From Mundra to Kolkata;
- It has proximity to key hinterland markets of India;
- It has the infrastructure to manage large ships and capacity to scale it up as per requirement.

Vallarpadam Terminal of Cochin Port is proposed to be developed as most preferred gateway for South India and leading trans-shipment hub of South Asia.



## Shri Mansukh Mandaviya flags off first Container Ship from Kolkata Port to Agartala via Chattogram Port

Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya flagged off the first trial container ship from Kolkata to Agartala through Chattogram Port of Bangladesh, in a virtual ceremony. This has been done under the Agreement on use of Chattogram and Mongla Ports for movement of India's transit cargo through Bangladesh.

Shri Mandaviya said that the route will open doors of new opportunities for both the countries. It will provide the alternative and shorter route to connect the North East Region through Bangladesh. He said that this was a historic move to utilize Chattogram and Mongla Port for movement of India's transit cargo. It will be a new chapter in India-Bangladesh maritime relations, he added.

The consignment of the trial movement includes two TEUs carrying TMT steel bars destined for West Tripura district and two TEUs carrying pulses



destined for Karimganj, Assam. After reaching Chattogram, the consignment will move to Agartala on Bangladeshi trucks.

The trial runs highlighted the efforts that both sides have undertaken to strengthen the connectivity between Bangladesh and the North Eastern states of India, as per the understanding reached between the two countries at the highest level, during the visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to India in October 2019, when the Standard Operating Procedures for the use of Chattogram and Mongla ports for movement of goods to and from India, were

concluded. This movement further strengthens long standing partnership between India and Bangladesh.

It will reduce distance and time taken in transportation of goods for India and is a win-win for both the economies. Job creation, investment in the logistical sector, enhanced business services and revenue generation are advantages that will accrue to Bangladesh. Bangladeshi vessels and trucks will be utilized to move the Indian cargo.



## Routing system in **South West Indian waters** separated for Merchant and Fishing Vessels: Decision reflects our commitment for ensuring ease of **navigation in Indian Waters**: Shri Mansukh Mandaviya

Fulfilling long-pending demands, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways has separated the operation routes of merchant vessels and fishing vessels in South West Indian waters, considering the safety and efficiency of navigation.

The Arabian Sea around the south-west coast of India is a busy sea route, with substantial number of merchant ships passing through the area, along with large number of fishing vessels operating in the area. It sometimes causes accidents between them, resulting in damage of property and environmental pollution, and in several instances has resulted in loss of lives also.

Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya has said that the decision reflects our commitment for ensuring ease of navigation in Indian waters. "It will also ensure improvement in avoidance of collision, ease in flow of traffic along with safety of life at sea and enhance protection of marine environment. It is a very proactive and positive step of Directorate General of Shipping which will efficiently regulate shipping traffic in this region."





## Shri Mansukh Mandaviya launches the **Online Exit Examination System for Seafarers**



Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya virtually launched Online Exit Examination for the seafarers. Seafarers undergoing training in different Maritime Training Institutes under Directorate General of Shipping, can now appear in the exam from the comfort of their homes in this unprecedented time of COVID-19 pandemic.

Shri Mandaviya in his inaugural address said that India is known for its skilled and quality seafarers. From 1.54 lakh seafarers in 2017, we have reached 2.34 lakh seafarers in 2019 and our target is to prepare 5 lakh seafarers to cater to the growing needs of Indian and global maritime industry. "It is Prime Minister Shri

Narendra Modi Ji's vision that the Maritime sector can generate an enormous number of jobs for Indian youth and MoPSW was putting all its effort to seize these employment opportunities and fulfilling PM's vision"

Hon'ble Minister expressed happiness over the functioning of training institutions is evolving with the changing times. Shri Mandaviya added that India is the only country in the world, which has started online examination for the seafarers from the comfort of their home in this pandemic. He said that because of the online exam, accuracy of the exam and uniformity in assessment of candidates can be ensured. With the online exam, seafarers will get a chance to qualify the exit exam at the comfort of their homes.

In a virtual inauguration ceremony, DG Shipping Shri Amitabh Kumar apprised the Minister with the entire online examination system. The Online Exit Examination designed with enhanced security features, enables candidates to take examination from home, with almost zero possibility of any misconduct during the exam, he said. The candidates can give the Exit exam by login on [https://www.dgsexams.in/ website](https://www.dgsexams.in/website).

## Port Tariff rates reduced from **60% to 70%** for **Cruise Ships**

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has rationalized tariff rates for the Cruise vessels. The net effect of the rate relaxation would be an immediate reduction in port charges ranging from 60% to 70%, which will give substantial relief to the cruise industry in India in line with the government policy to support the economy in COVID-19 pandemic situation.

In the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, the initiative provided support to cruise shipping business, which has been very adversely affected due to the right policy environment and infrastructure for the growth of cruise shipping and tourism will be provided. Due to policy support by Shipping Ministry since 2014, the number of calls made by Cruise Ships in India has increased from 128 in 2015-16 to 593 in 2019-20. This rationalization would also help to ensure that cruise calls at Indian Ports do not dry up completely.

Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya said the decision is the result of the efforts being made by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to convert the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi into reality by putting India on the map of global cruise market, both for ocean & river cruises. "It will be a big support for the cruise tourism in India, which has suffered tremendously due to the adverse economic impacts of COVID-19 pandemic. It will provide the opportunity to earn huge amount of foreign exchange and generate sizeable direct and indirect onshore employment in cruise tourism sector of India".



# MoU for skill development in **Port and Maritime Sector** signed between the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ministry of **Skill Development** and Entrepreneurship

Extending the benefits for vast employment opportunities in maritime sector and with a view to certify their skill sets, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed digitally between Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Hon'ble dignitaries signing the MoU included Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey and Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways (I/C) and Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya and Shri R. K. Singh, Minister of State (I/C) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and senior officials.



Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey congratulated MoPSW for undertaking endeavour to create a job-ready workforce by skilling them and build their competencies up to the global standards. “The vision of making India the Skill Capital of the World will continue to prosper if we work together and craft strategies to enhance access and innovate in the areas of skilling. Maritime transport is a critical segment that propels the economic development of our country. This strategic partnership with MoPSW is also derived from the same motto. It is aimed in the direction in which our initiatives support our workforce by skilling them and builds their competencies up to global standards. It is my belief, that with the right assistance, training and exposure our youth will reach newer heights and will contribute in the growth of the shipping sector.”

Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya expressed gratitude for the MoU and said that this partnership will provide vast employment opportunities and better prospects to the youth of coastal areas. This MoU would reinforce the commitment of Coastal Community Development under Sagarmala Programme of MoPSW. Shri Mandaviya said that it will nurture the skilled manpower for the development of ports and maritime sector of India and globally. “We are dedicated towards building the economic strength of our country by improving the capacities of our ports. We are also committed towards resolving the diverse issues faced by the maritime transport sector. Our promise is to build a skilled workforce to empower our youth, strengthen their stand in a technology-driven future and accelerate the growth of the maritime sector. The partnership will provide better prospects to our candidates who are committed in the development of ports and maritime sector. Additionally, this will open opportunities within India and in the international coastal lines for our workforce”, he added.

As per the MoU, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) will cooperate in development of course curriculum, National Occupational Standards, content, etc. for Cruise Tourism, Logistics, Fisheries, Ship building, Ship repair and ship breaking, Dredging, Offshore supply chain etc. It will also leverage its existing infrastructure such as ITIs, NSTIs and PMKK and PMKVY centers to train manpower required as per the skill gaps of the coastal districts. MSDE will also help immobilizing private sector/CSR funding for skill development in the port and maritime sector and facilitate port and maritime sector in TVET agreements signed for skill development with international partners.





## Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways has facilitated more than **1 lakh crew** change in **Indian Ports** and chartered flights



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Maritime sector was among the worst hit sectors due to Corona pandemic. Despite that, all the Indian Ports were operational and providing essential services throughout the pandemic and main pillar for the smooth supply chain for India and world were the seafarers. Seafarers had to suffer due to closing of Sign on & Sign-off and lockdowns and movement restrictions imposed by the various countries worldwide.

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Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya appreciated the continued efforts done by the DG, Shipping during the briefing, especially for facilitating the stranded seafarer during this difficult time. Minister instructed DG Shipping to come up with robust grievances redress mechanism to facilitate the seafarers. Shri Mandaviya has strongly emphasized to ensure that the seafarers should be able to approach the Ministry during the difficult time and no seafarer should suffer due to poor grievance redressal system.

To sustain the maritime transportation during the pandemic situation, DG Shipping has taken various initiatives like extensions of various certificates required for sailing, Online E-pass facility for travel etc. "An online utility has been created for verification of seafarers for chartered flights and for uploading details of stranded seafarers along with online ship registrations and online charter licensing", DG, Shipping Shri Amitabh Kumar added while briefing the Minister.



## Direct **cargo ferry** service between **India and Maldives** “Another milestone in the comprehensive bilateral relations between India and Maldives Shri Mandaviya”

September



Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya and Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation of Maldives, Ms Aishath Nahula jointly e-launched a direct cargo ferry service between India and Maldives.

During its maiden voyage, a vessel with a capacity of 200 TEU and 3000 MT of break bulk cargo will sail from Tuticorin to Kochi today, from where it will proceed to Kulhudhuffushi port in North Maldives and then to Male port. It is scheduled to reach Kulhudhuffushi on September 26, 2020 and Male on September 29, 2020. This ferry service, being operated by the Shipping Corporation of India, will run twice a month and will provide a cost effective, direct and alternate means of transportation of goods between India and Maldives.

Shri Mandaviya noted that this service is another milestone in the comprehensive bilateral relations between India and Maldives. He mentioned that this direct cargo service will further cement the close ties between India and Maldives by enhancing people-to-people contact and boosting bilateral trade.

Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation of Maldives, Ms. Aishath Nahula expressed deep appreciation for the launch of the service as reflective of the close ties of friendship and cooperation between India and Maldives.

The launch of this service concretely fulfils the commitment made by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during his visit to Maldives in June last year and the announcement made by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar during his virtual meeting with the Foreign Minister of Maldives on August 13, 2020.

## Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya bids adieu to **Ex-INS Viraat at Alang** “**Gujarat Viraat's** services do not end here, will provide **Employment to Thousands at Alang**” : Shri Mansukh Mandaviya

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya bid adieu to Ex-INS Viraat in a ceremony at Alang in Gujarat. INS Viraat which was decommissioned from the Indian Navy after 30 years of glorious service, reached Alang for recycling.

Shri Mandaviya said that Viraat was the longest serving warship which served the nation for 30 years in the Indian Navy. He added that Viraat's services does not end here, as Viraat has been brought to the home of one of the world's largest ship breaking destination i.e Alang. Here, it will provide employment to thousands of people. He also added that the government was planning this time so that the INS ship which will be decommissioned in future, can be converted into museum. Shri Mandaviya also reiterated about creating the state-of-the-art maritime museum at Lothal to recreate the history of Harappan civilization.

Hon'ble Minister said that to create bigger markets for ships recycling industry, India has acceded to 'Hong Kong International Convention for Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009' on 28th November 2019 and passed the 'The Recycling of Ships Bill, 2019'. Accession to Hong Kong Convention by India and enactment of Recycling of Ships Act, 2019 raised the profile of our ship recycling industry as being environment friendly and safety conscious and would go a long way in consolidating India's position as the market leader. Shri Mandaviya said that it would also ensure adequate safety of the yard workers, along with boosting employment and business opportunities.





Major Ports to use only Indian built tug boats now onwards!

## A step towards bolstering the revival of **Indian Ship Building** and a big move towards Aatmanirbhar Shipping in Aatmanirbhar Bharat : Shri Mandaviya

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has directed all major ports to procure or charter tugboats which are only made in India. All procurements being done by major ports would now need to be carried out as per the revised 'Make in India' Order.

Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya said that the Government is taking 360-degree actions to revive old shipyards and promote shipbuilding in India. It is a step towards bolstering the revival of Indian Ship building and a big move towards Aatmanirbhar Shipping in Aatmanirbhar Bharat. The Government will try to create an ecosystem for shipbuilding, ship repair, ship recycling and flagging in India. Aatmanirbhar Shipping is going to be the order in the coming times."



Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is aiming to promote Indian shipbuilding industry and also have discussion with some leading countries for Make in India shipbuilding. In the meantime, this decision of the Government will be a big move towards realizing Make in India in shipbuilding.

Procurement/chartering of port crafts would need to be aligned with the revised Make in India Order to promote shipbuilding in India. It is proposed to set up a Standing Specifications Committee under Managing Director, Indian Ports Association and comprising representatives from Cochin Ship Yard Limited (CSL), Shipping Corporation of India (SCI), Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) and Director General of Shipping.

Standing Specifications Committee would shortlist around five variants/types of tugs and prepare a 'Approved Standardized Tug Design and Specifications.' (ASTDS). This ASTDS would outline specifications, general arrangements, basic calculations, basic structural drawings, key system drawings and other construction standards, etc. These standards would be vetted by the Standing Specifications Committee and, thereafter, certified 'in-principle' by IRS and published by the Indian Ports Association on its website.

The Ministry will also provide some window to Major Ports so that construction time would be availed.

Recently, Government owned Cochin Shipyard Limited has been successful in grabbing the order for two automated vessels from Norwegian Government. These will be the first of its kind unmanned vessels. Various decisions taken by the Ministry of Shipping will turn around Ship Building sector in the near future.

## Shri Mansukh Mandaviya launched '**SAROD-Ports**' For Affordable Dispute Redressal Mechanism for all kind of disputes of **Maritime Sector**



Hon'ble Shri Mansukh Mandaviya virtually launched 'SAROD-Ports' (Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputesd-Ports) through in New Delhi.

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya termed **SAROD-Ports as a game changer and added that it will become the pivotal mechanism of ummeed (hope), vishwas(trust) and nyaya (justice) in the Port sector of India.**

Shri Mandaviya also added that enforcement of concession agreements in the letter and spirit is on the utmost priority. SAROD-Ports will resolve the disputes in fair and just manner while saving huge amount of legal expenditure and time.

Dr Sanjiv Ranjan, Secretary, Ministry of Shipping said that all major Ports are shifting towards 'Landlord Model' in the days to come. Many concessioners would be working with the Major Ports. SAROD-Ports will inspire confidence in the private players and will ensure right kind of environment for our partners. It would promote ease of doing business in the maritime sector because of the fast, timely, cost effective and robust dispute resolution mechanism.

SAROD-Ports consists members from Indian Ports Association (IPA) and Indian Private Ports and Terminals Association (IPTTA).

SAROD-Ports will assist in settlement of disputes through arbitrations in the maritime sector, including ports and shipping sector in Major Port Trusts, Non-major Ports, including private ports, jetties, terminals and harbours. It will also cover disputes between granting authority and Licensee/Concessionaire /Contractor and disputes between Licensee/Concessionaire and their contractors arising out of and during execution of various contracts.

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# Launch of **diamond jubilee celebrations of Shipping Corporation of India** on the occasion of **Gandhi Jayanti**. The Minister inspires the company to move towards becoming Aatmanirbhar

October



Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya virtually launched diamond jubilee celebration of Shipping Corporation of India, on the occasion of its foundation day.

Hon'ble Minister unveiled the logo of diamond jubilee celebrations of Shipping Corporation of India (SCI). It was created by a SCI employee. He awarded the winners of various competitions, organized as the part of the celebration.

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya congratulated SCI for completing its 59 glorious years and entering into 60th year. The minister praised the financial performance of the company and said that SCI grows means India grows. The Minister also wished the company and its employees to achieve higher goals in the coming years.

Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan, Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, Mrs. H.K. Joshi, CMD, SCI, senior officials from Ministry of Shipping, current and retired employees of SCI along with their family members were present on the occasion.

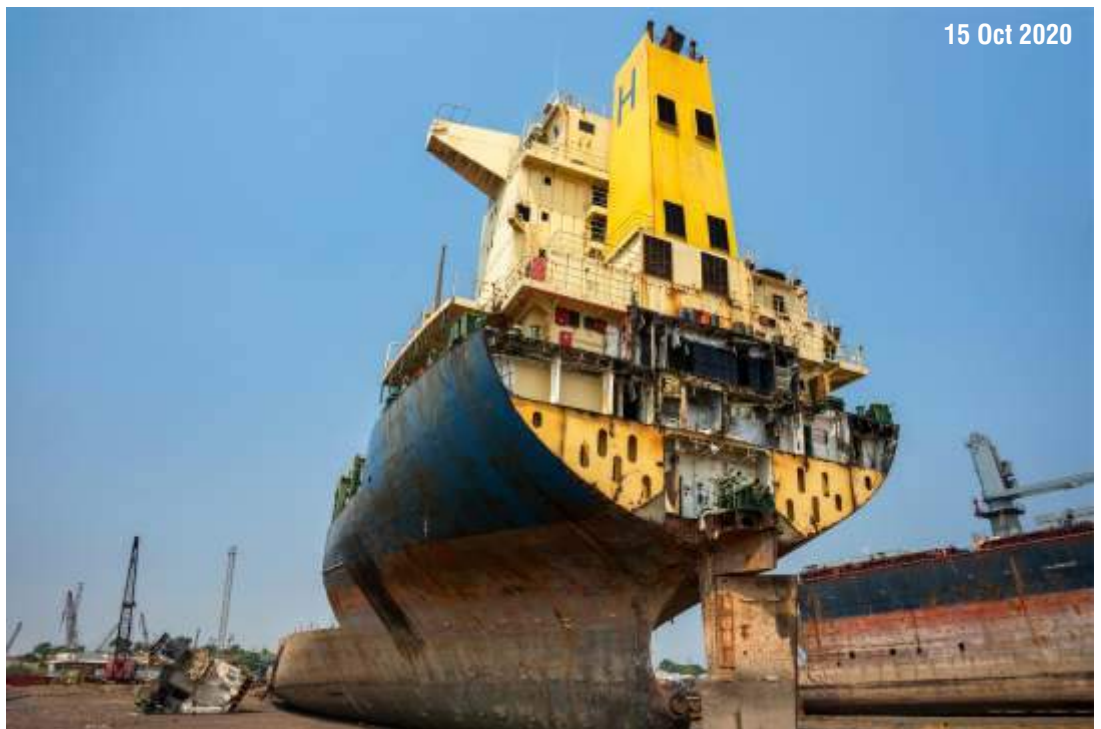
## Directorate General of Shipping notified as **National Authority for Ships Recycling DG**, Shipping designated as an apex authority under the **Recycling of Ships Act, 2019** for the **Ship Recycling Industry of India**

Central Government notified the Directorate General of Shipping as National Authority for Recycling of Ships under the section 3 of the Recycling of Ships Act, 2019.

As an apex body, DG Shipping was authorized to administer, supervise and monitor all activities relating to Ship Recycling. DG Shipping will look after the sustainable development of the Ship Recycling industry, monitoring the compliance to environment-friendly norms and safety and health measures for the stakeholders working in the ship recycling industry. DG Shipping will be the final authority for the various approvals required by the Ship-Recycling yard owners and State Governments.

Under Ship Recycling Act, 2019, India acceded to Hong Kong Convention for Ship Recycling under International Maritime Organization (IMO). DG Shipping is a representative of India in IMO and all the conventions of IMO are being enforced by DG Shipping.

National Authority of Ship Recycling will be set up in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The location of the office will benefit the Ship Recycling yard owners situated in Alang, Gujarat which is home of Asia's largest ship breaking and ship recycling industry in the world.





# Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi **flagged off seaplane services** between **Kevadia** and **Statue of Unity**, Sabarmati

A day before the grand event, Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya reviewed the preparations for the inauguration of seaplane services.

Shri Mandaviya said “Marvelous work done by Inland Waterways Authority of India

I'm proud of my hardworking team and appreciate the arduous efforts of Ministry of Civil Aviation

First time in India jetties have been constructed for Seaplane operation, that too in a record time !”

Shri Mandaviya also appreciated the Cutting edge-innovative floating jetty to support the operations of Seaplane and the sturdy gangway to reach the 'Flying boat'.

31 Oct 2020



Union Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya unveiled plaque of **Ministry's new nomenclature Ministry of Shipping** has been renamed as **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways**

**November**



Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya unveiled the plaque of Ministry's new nomenclature in New Delhi.

Ministry of Shipping has been renamed as the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (Pattan, Pot Parivahan aur Jalmarg Mantralaya).

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi announced the renaming of Ministry of Shipping through video-conferencing about the inaugural ceremony of Ro-Pax ferry service between Hazira and Ghogha in Gujarat.

As soon as the Prime Minister announced the name change, the Ministry swung into action to complete all the related formalities. All the formalities were completed for the name change and was published in the Gazette of India on 10th November 2020.

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya stated that "With the changed name, the Ministry is going to put extra focus on the development of Waterways and coastal shipping. Around 1400 km of waterways have already been fully developed and additional 1000 km is being developed on priority for which DPR/feasibility study has been completed. We are also focussing for creation of a Port Grid, encompassing various smaller ports like fisheries port, agriculture port and mineral port etc so that port development and port-led development takes place in the country."

Shri Sanjeev Ranjan, Secretary & Shri Sanjay Bandopadhyaya, Addl Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Dr. Amita Prasad, Chairman, IWAI, Shri Amitabh Kumar, DG Shipping, Shri T.K. Ramachandran, Chairman, IPA, along with chairmen of all the major ports and senior officials of the Ministry attended the ceremony through video conferencing.





## Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated **Ro-Pax Terminal at Hazira** and **flagged off Ro-Pax Ferry** service between **Hazira and Ghogha** in **Gujarat**

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Ro-Pax terminal at Hazira and flagged off the Ro-Pax ferry service between Hazira and Ghogha in Gujarat through video conferencing. He also interacted with the local users. He renamed the Ministry of Shipping as the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

Business will be boosted, and connectivity will become faster with this. RO-PAX service between Hazira and Ghogha will make dreams come true for the people of Saurashtra and South Gujarat, as the journey is shortened from 10-12 hours to 3-4 hours. About 80000 passenger trains and 30000 trucks will take advantage of this new service in a year.

Shri Narendra Modi said that in the recent past India's first Chemical Terminal was established in Dahej, India's first LNG terminal was established, now India's first CNG terminal is going to be installed at Bhavnagar Port. In addition facilities like Ro-Ro terminal at Bhavnagar port, Liquid cargo terminal and a new container terminal are being prepared. He said with the addition of these new terminals, the capacity of Bhavnagar port will increase manifold.

Hon'ble Prime Minister said Gujarat Maritime University is a big center for getting trained manpower and experts ready for maritime trade.

This University provides opportunities to pursue maritime law and international trade law and also MBA in Maritime Management, Shipping and Logistics. He said apart from the university, work is also going on to build the first National Museum to preserve the country's maritime heritage in Lothal.







**H**on'ble Prime Minister said facilities like today's Ro-Pax Ferry service or Sea Plane inaugurated a few days ago, is giving a lot of momentum to water-resource based economy. He said that over the years, serious efforts have also been made to strengthen the Blue Economy in the country. He listed the ecosystems and many schemes made over the years to help the fishermen like financial aid to fishermen for modern trollers or navigation systems that provide accurate information of weather and sea routes. He assured that safety and prosperity of fishermen is the priority of the Government. He added recently launched Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana is also promoting fish related trade. Under this scheme, Rs 20 thousand crore would be spent for infrastructure related to fisheries in the coming years.





# First-ever Luxury Cruise service on the holy Saryu river **‘रामायण Cruise Service’** at Ayodhya



First-ever luxury Cruise service ‘Ramayan Cruise Service’ to be launched soon on the river Saryu in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways chaired a review meeting for the implementation of first-ever luxury Cruise service on the Saryu river (Ghagra/National Waterways-40) in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. It aims to provide mesmerizing experience to devotees with one-of-its-kind spiritual journeys while cruising through the famous ghats of the holy river Saryu. Equipped with all luxury comforts and facilities along with all essential safety and security features at par with the global standard. The interiors of the cruise and the boarding point will be based on the theme of Ramcharitmanas. The fully air-conditioned 80-seater cruise will have large glass windows for experiencing the scenic beauty of Ghats. The cruise will be equipped with kitchen and pantry facilities for the comfort of the tourists. The cruise contains bio toilets and hybrid engines system for the ‘zero effect’ on environment. Tourists will be taken to the ‘Ramcharitmanas Tour’, of 1-1.5 hour duration, featuring an exclusively made video film of 45-60 minutes duration, based on Ramcharitmanas by Goswami Tulsidas, covering the period from the birth of Lord Ram to his Rajyabhishek. The entire tour will cover the approximately 15-16 Km distance. There will be several activities and selfie points inspired by different episodes of Ramayan. The tour will be followed by Saryu Aarti, in which every member will be able to actively participate. It will not only attract a large number of tourists but it will also generate direct and indirect employment opportunities in the region. Ministry of ports, Shipping and Waterways will provide all necessary infrastructural support for the smooth operation of the cruise services. The entire tour will cover the approximately 15-16 Km distance. There will be several activities and selfie points inspired by different episodes of Ramayan. The tour will be followed by Saryu Aarti, in which every member will be able to actively participate.

# Draft Indian Ports Bill, 2020 issued for Public Consultation



The draft Indian Ports Bill, 2020 will enable the structured growth and sustainable development of ports to attract investments in the Port sector for optimum utilization of the Indian Coastline by effective administration and management of ports.

Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya said, "We are working on creation of a National Port Grid. This Bill will be a game changer in the Indian maritime sector specially for bringing more investments. The Bill will bolster structured growth and sustained development of Ports and ensure achieving this objective on fast-track basis. Consequently, it will result into revolutionary maritime reforms transmuting the Indian maritime set-up entirely in the times to come."

The up-to-date provisions of the proposed Bill would ensure safety, security, pollution control, performance standards and sustainability of Ports. The Bill ensures that all up-to-date conventions /protocols to which India is a party, are also suitably incorporated.

The Bill seeks to provide increased opportunities for public and private investments in the Indian maritime and ports sector an Enhancing "Ease of Doing Business", it will provide greater impetus to a self-reliant domestic investment climate in the maritime sector, towards Atamanirbhar Bharat initiatives of the Government.

The draft of Indian Ports Bill 2020 was issued for public consultation for seeking the feedback and suggestions.

## Products Specific Warehouses/Silos to come up at Ports and National Waterways

Ministry aims to create Product Specific Warehouses/Silos at various Ports (including both Major and Non-Major Ports), Multi Modal Logistics Parks located near Port area and alongside the National Waterways. The purpose of development of this infrastructure is to reduce the storage losses, minimize logistic costs and facilitate distribution of cargo in the hinterland.

MoPSW is targeting to develop the product specific Warehouses/Silos at ports for products such as Cement Silos, Liquid Tanks, Chemicals Tanks, Cold/Refrigerated Storage, Electronics Product Storage, Pharmaceutical Storage, Auto Spares Parts & Components Storage or any other suggested products.

Hon'ble Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya said, "we are planning to create world-class Product Specific Agglomeration Centre on 'Pay and Use Model' which will immensely benefit the small traders & logistics players. It would result into transporting their cargoes through the cheapest mode of transportation, which is through sea or waterways. Hence, these Agglomeration Centers will drastically cut down the country's overall logistics cost and give a boost to export-import trade through coastal shipping. It would also create employment opportunities in the coastal areas"

While the big players have their own warehouses and storage spaces, the smaller players find it difficult to get their products specific storage silos at various locations. The development of these world-class warehousing spaces will give a big push, specially to such small logistics players for their 'Ease of Doing Business' with better planning and inventory management. The smaller players would have the option of paying nominal fees to make use of this world-class infrastructure. This option will immensely benefit them, as presently their loaded trucks keep waiting, to find appropriate storage near ports quite often. In turn, it will reduce the losses as compared to the traditional warehousing and provide more robust and cost-effective supply chain.

The Ministry aims to reduce logistic cost with appropriate infrastructure interventions as a part of ambitious Sagarmala Programme, which was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in 2016. This is the flagship programme of the Ministry to promote port-led development in the country by harnessing potential of India's 7,500 Km long coastline and ~21000 km navigable waterways.





# Social Media Throwback 2020





**Mansukh Mandaviya** @mansukhmandaviya · Dec 20, 2020

जिस कार्य में बी राम हो, उस काम में देरी कैसी!

रामायण कूज को शुरू करने हेतु बलिकार को @IWAI\_ShipMn की पांच सदस्यों वाली टीम संगम स्थल से सरयू नदी के रास्ते कोट से सर्वे करने खाना हो चुकी है। टीम सरयू नदी की विपरीत धारा में 340 किलोमीटर सर्वे करेगी।



Ayodhya News : IWAI की टीम ने लखनौ रामायण कूज के लिए शुरू किया सरयू-  
Ayodhya News सरयू नदी की विपरीत धारा में पांच सदस्यों वाली टीम लखनौ 340  
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**Mansukh Mandaviya** @mansukhmandaviya · Nov 8, 2020

#NarendraGhoghaRoPax फेरी की पहली सफर का सबसे भावनात्मक क्षण

बड़ों का आशीर्वाद ही तो है जो मुझे अपनी मातृभूमि के लिए अफस कराने की अपना ऊर्जा देता है।



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**Mansukh Mandaviya** @mansukhmandaviya · Oct 31, 2020

A new era of 'Flying Boats' in India begins today!

Glad to be part of the golden moment and receive the Hon'ble PM @NarendraModi ji after his maiden seaplane journey from Statue of Unity to Sabarmati Riverfront in Gujarat today.

Sharing few glimpses here...



3MD India and 8 others

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**Mansukh Mandaviya** @mansukhmandaviya · Oct 26, 2020

The Golden Moment finally arrives!

The #Seaplane for which we had been waiting, finally reached Kevadia

Innovative concrete floating jetties by @IWAI\_ShipMn is all set to support the smooth operations of Seaplanes

The dream of 'Sankalp of Seaplane into Siddhi' is not afar!



Vijay Rupani and 9 others

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**Mansukh Mandaviya** @mansukhmandaviya · Nov 14, 2020

परिवार के हर सदस्य की खुशियों में हमें जगह नहीं भूलना है। जो परिवार से दूर है हमारे विचारों के लिए...

आईए प्रत्यक्ष @NarendraModi जी के #NarendraModi ji के #NarendraModi ji के साथ एक विशेष अंश में उन सहजी जगहों और उनके परिवारों के नम्र अवकाश।



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**Mansukh Mandaviya** @mansukhmandaviya · Nov 5, 2020

The magnificent 'Voyage Symphony' arrived

Hazira-Ghogha RoPax service is ready to sail on the waters of the Gulf of Cambay.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri @NarendraModi ji to inaugurate the ferry service on 8th November 2020.

गुजरातीनों वमैं तैयार हो ?



Hazira-Ghogha RoPax service is ready to sail on the waters of the Gulf of Cambay.

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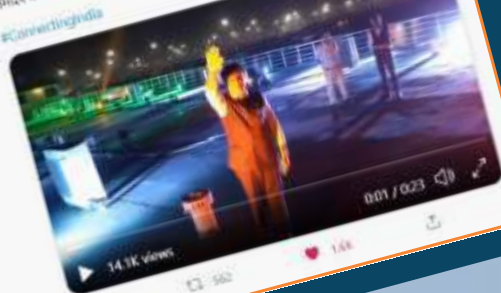
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**Mansukh Mandaviya** @mansukhmandaviya · Nov 7, 2020

सब धाव के 'जोड़' सिमरनी है देखें समुद्र की लहरों पे हमें का सवार...!!



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