

Prime Minister attends the grand Sesquicentenary Celebrations of the Kolkata Port Trust, launches multimodal development projects for Kolkata Port

**Launches the Port Anthem Coasts are gateways to development, says PM
Prime Minister names Kolkata Port Trust after Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee
Hands over Cheque of Rs 501 Crore towards pension fund of employees of the
Kolkata Port Trust Inaugurates Kaushal Vikas Kendra and Pritilata Chhatra
Avas for Tribal girl students of Sunderbans More than Rs1200 crores spent on
Infrastructure development, better rail connectivity and Modernization of
Kolkata Port: Shri Mansukh Mandaviya**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the grand Sesquicentenary Celebrations of the Kolkata Port Trust today.



The Prime Minister Narendra Modi attends the 150th Anniversary Celebrations of Kolkata Port Trust in Kolkata, West Bengal. The Governor of West Bengal, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar is also seen.

Prime Minister unveiled a plaque at the site of original Port Jetties to commemorate 150 years of the Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT).

Shri Modi termed that it is a privilege to be a part of the 150th anniversary celebrations of the KoPT a historic symbol of the country's water power.

"This port has stood witness to many a historical moment in the country like India getting independence from foreign rule. From Satyagraha to Swachhagraha, this port has seen the country changing. This port has not only seen consignors, but also the carriers of knowledge who have left a mark on the country and the world. In a way, this port of Kolkata symbolizes India's aspiration for industrial, spiritual and self-reliance", the Prime Minister added.

The Prime Minister also launched the Port Anthem during the event.

PM stated that the long coast line of India from Gujarat's Lothal Port to Kolkata Port was not only engaged in trade and business but also in spread of civilization and culture across the world.

"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. Thirty six hundred projects worth more than Rs 6 lakh crore have been identified under this scheme. Out of these, more than 200 projects worth more than Rs 3 lakh crore are underway and about one hundred twenty five have been completed. Kolkata Port is connected to the industrial centers of eastern India due to the construction of river waterways. And trade has become easier with countries like Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Myanmar", PM added.



The Prime Minister Narendra Modi releasing the commemorative stamp marking celebrations of 150 years of Kolkata Port Trust in Kolkata, West Bengal. The Governor of West Bengal, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar and the Minister of State for Shipping (Independent Charge) and Chemical & Fertilizers, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya are also seen.

Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port Trust

PM also announced Kolkata Port Trust to be named after Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. "Dr. Mukherjee, the son of Bengal, laid the foundation for industrialization in the country and has been very instrumental in the development of projects such as Chittaranjan Locomotive Factory, Hindustan Aircraft Factory, Sindri Fertilizer Factory and Damodar Valley Corporation. I also remember Babasaheb Ambedkar. Dr. Mukherjee and Baba Saheb gave a new vision to post-independence India", PM said.