The Mumbai Port Trust (MbPT) welcomed Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State Shipping (I/c) and Chemicals & Fertilizers on its docks on August 10, 2019. During the review meeting, Shri Sanjay Bhatia, Chairman, MbPT shared details on the port’s future proposal plans including master plan, land policy, a super specialty hospital, offshore container terminal, and the port’s vision plan and road map for current and future projects. Post a complete review of the ongoing projects, the Hon'ble Minister inspected the working of the projects of the Mumbai Port Trust International Cruise Terminal and Offshore Container Terminal.

Concluding his visit and appreciating the efforts of the port officials, the Honble Minister said, “The commitment and dedication from one and all will lead to better productivity as well as improvement in the work culture.” The Honble Minister also attended a meeting with the port’s stakeholders including importers, shipping agents, clearing agents, operators, oil PSUs, etc. where the latter suggested measures towards the improvement of service quality while also reducing the logistics cost.
V.O. CHIDAMBARANAR PORT TRUST SIGNS MoU WITH CWC

The V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust, Tuticorin signed an MoU with the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) on June 10, 2019 that would enable Direct Port Entry (DPE) of e-sealed, factory stuffed export containers to the port.

With this MoU in place, the CWC would have access to the 18,357 sqm area allocated in the Truck Parking Terminal, thus, allowing it to manage the DPE facility for a continuous period of 30 years on a lease-rental basis. Allowing the DPE facility would enable unhindered container movement from factories to the port, which means that shipping companies can send their goods directly to the container terminals without any hindrance. The export clearance process will gain speed while shippers will benefit from cost reductions.

JNPT AWARDED “BEST PORT OF THE YEAR- CONTAINERISED” AWARD FOR 2019

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) was recently rewarded with the “Best Port of the Year- Containerised” award at the 4th India Maritime Awards event held on June 21, 2019. Commenting on the award, Shri Sanjay Sethi, Chairman, JNPT said, “We are delighted to win such a high honour, as it validates our continuous efforts to not only meet global standards but also ensure best quality service to our customers. We continue to upscale our offering and a slew of strategic initiatives are already underway to drive the next phase of transformation of the port, which will augment our growth trajectory and also voyage the Indian maritime sector in new directions of success.”
Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State Shipping (I/c) and Chemicals & Fertilizers, laid the foundation stone of an additional liquid cargo jetty at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) on August 09, 2019. The jetty will meet the increased demand for handling liquid cargo like LPG, edible oil, molasses, chemicals, etc. Additionally, it will make provision for berthing to ships carrying liquid cargo. The project is expected to cost Rs 309 crores.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Mandaviya said, “The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has laid focus on port-led development. Keeping this in view, India's ports are being developed and modernized in line with global best practices. There is an increased domestic and industrial demand for liquid commodities like LPG etc in the country, with PM's plans to reach gas stoves to every home. The present liquid cargo capacity of JNPT is around 6.5 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA). The new terminal for which foundation is being laid today will increase this capacity by 4.5 MTPA. This will help to better fulfil national requirements and be good for the port too.”

Before the unveiling, Shri Mandaviya met with the Chief Executive Officers of all the terminal operators, port staff, service providers and JNPT officials to discuss the port's progress and its prospects with a view to gain a comprehensive understanding of the port's operations and recent developments.
“SPECTRUM OF THE SEAS” DOCKS AT COCHIN PORT

The Spectrum of the Seas, the fourth largest cruise ship in the world, docked at the Cochin Port on May 11, 2019. The ship with 4007 passengers and home to over 1700 crew members is built specifically for Asian travellers and boasts of a breath-taking and extraordinary three-level main dining space with more than a thousand seats. Besides, the ship is reputed for its technologically advanced features and offers myriad fun and adventure activities. The Captain of the ship exchanged plaques with Shri AV Ramana the then Deputy Chairman of CPT.

V.O. CHIDAMBARANAR PORT CREATES NEW RECORD IN CARGO HANDLING

The V.O. Chidambaranar Port handled a record amount of cargo to the tune of 27,546 tonnes of rock phosphate on June 24, 2019 as opposed to the prior single-day record of 26,527 tonnes of the same material on September 08, 2012. Elucidating the success of the port's efforts, T.K. Ramachandran, Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust said, “We at V.O. Chidambaranar Port are committed to ensuring that we offer the best facilities, the highest possible levels of service and productivity to all our customers. High level of mechanization, committed employees and port users are behind this success.”