Multiple Infrastructural Projects Inaugurated at JNPT

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State for Shipping (I/c) and Chemicals & Fertilizers inaugurated several infrastructure-related projects at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port on March 14, 2020. The projects inaugurated by the Minister are in support of the Government’s initiatives under the Sagarmala Programme to improve port and port related infrastructure. These projects include:

- **Flyover at Y junction near PUB at JNPT.** The 830 m long flyover aims to ease movement of cargo traffic with the ultimate aim to support faster evacuation.

- **Centralised Parking Plaza.** A centralised parking hard has been created to provide a parking facility for trucks carrying export containers and enable completing pregate entry formalities and documentation for export under one window system thus enabling controlled and planned movement.

- **Container Scanner Facility.** This a newly setup Mobile X-Ray Container Scanner facility has the capacity to scan 20 containers per hour, thus, helping scan containers inside the terminal premises. This initiative would benefit trade as DPD containers would now be allowed directly from the port after examining the same with the help of new mobile scanners.

- **Augmentation of 220/33KV Master Unit Sub Station.** To provide stable, uninterr upted, reliable power a state-of-the-art 220/33 KV gas-insulated facility has been set up with gas insulated switchgear. The Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) facility provides automatic fault detection and reporting system. As per the norms, the substation has an automated fire detection & an alarm system along with CCTVs are deployed.

- **Shiva Samarth Smarak Memorial & Museum.** Inaugurated near Jasal-Dastan phata, Uran to commemorate the great Maratha Emperor Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, this memorial is a recreational facility project developed to promote the art, culture and be an avenue for the society at large to stay connected with the local heritage.
Ro-Pax Service Reduces Travel Time across Mumbai Harbour

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State for Shipping (I/c) and Chemicals & Fertilizers inaugurated a Ro-Pax ferry service from Bhaucha Dhakka, Mumbai to Mandwa, Alibag in Maharashtra on March 15, 2020. The newly introduced ferry service will reduce the time taken from Mumbai to Mandwa from 4 hrs 15 minutes to nearly 45 minutes as the distance of 110 kms by road will now be roughly 18 kms by sea. Moreover, this new Ro-Pax facility will not only help ease the traffic congestion on the Mumbai-Goa highway but also reduce carbon emissions. The project has been jointly executed by the Mumbai Port Trust which has developed the Ro-Pax jetty and terminal facilities at Bhaucha Dhakka at a cost of Rs. 31 crores and the Maharashtra Maritime Board having developed the breakwater Ro-Pax jetty and terminal facilities at Mandwa at a cost of Rs. 135 crores. The project has been developed under the Sagarmala Programme with part funding provided by the Ministry of Shipping.

Dredging at Mahanadi River Mouth Completed

The local fishermen community living near the Mahanadi River mouth were in for joy as Paradip Port announced the completion of dredging operations at the river’s mouth on February 27, 2020. The work carried out by the Dredging Corporation of India involved dredging the area to ensure a four-meter depth at critical areas of the river mouth. Temporary buoys would be laid to mark the channel. It has been almost 20 years since dredging had been carried out at this river mouth.

Paradip Port Trust Inks MoU with Port Health Organisation

The Paradip Port will soon have a port health unit headed by a port health officer. The unit is slated to come up in a four-roomed building at the port at Bhuyan Chhak, Madhuban. An MoU in this regard was signed between the port trust and Port Health Organisation (PHO) on February 20, 2020.
JNPT Comes up with its Port Driving Permit Cell

An initiative for improving Ease of doing business, JNPT has introduced a Port Driving Permit (PDP). The PDP Cell was inaugurated on January 20, 2020 by Shri Sanjay Sethi, Chairman, JNPT handed over by handing over the first six port driving permits issued by the JNPT-CISF to the respective drivers of cargo vehicles at the port. Every driver of a heavy vehicle will be issued the permit by the PDP Cell post verification of driving license and completion of safety training. The permit issued to the driver would be prominently displayed on arrival at the Port gate, thereby eliminating the need for the driver to prove his credential at the gate at every visit and help speed up the movement of cargo vehicles, thus, reducing time spent by the vehicle at the gate and easing traffic at the gate.

JNPT Inducts New Tug ‘Ocean Victor’

Jawaharlal Nehru Port inducted a 50 Ton bollard pull tug “Ocean Victor” into its inventory for handling various sized vessels, affording them greater safety during their berthing at the port. The tug would also facilitate seamless operations during strong tides and severe monsoon conditions.

Based on the Robert Allan design, the tug has an Azimuth Stern Drive configuration with the latest technology and equipment. This tug-boat makes use of two Niigata main engines each developing 1471 KW at 750 rev/min giving a speed ahead of around 12 knots.