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Projects worth INR 2,300 cr. taken up for financial assistance under Coastal Berth Scheme of Sagarmala

The Ministry of Shipping has taken up projects worth Rs 2,302 crore for financial assistance under the Coastal Berth Scheme of the flagship Sagarmala programme. The Ministry, after due appraisal in consultation with NITI Aayog and Department of Expenditure, has extended the period of the scheme for three years, up to March 31, 2020, and expanded its scope to cover capital dredging at Major Ports and preparation of DPR for coastal berth projects, in October 2017.



The projects under Coastal Berth Scheme of the Sagarmala programme are distributed over eight states with the highest number of projects in Maharashtra (12 projects), Andhra Pradesh and Goa (10 projects), Karnataka (6 projects), Kerala and Tamil Nadu (3 projects), Gujarat (2 projects) and West Bengal (1 project). Of the 47 projects, 23 projects worth Rs 1,075.61 crore have been sanctioned for total financial assistance of Rs 390.42 crore and Rs 230.01 crore has been released to Major Ports,

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MV URJA, the Capesize 1,04,016 DWT vessel with 291.9 m LOA and 45 m Beam, berthed at Paradip Port's Central Quay (CQ) - I on the morning of November 5, 2017. The vessel, owned by the Adani Group, with the Panama flag, was the longest vessel ever to be berthed in the inner harbour of Paradip Port, highlighted a release.

It was for the first time that such a Capesize vessel was smoothly manoeuvred into the artificial lagoon

type of harbour of the Port, by Capt. A. K. Mohapatra, Harbour Master along with Capt. A. C. Sahoo and Capt. Sanjam Dash with the marine staff.

MV URJA arrived at Paradip Port to unload one lakh tonnes of imported steam coal for Adani Enterprises Ltd, which was loaded at the Richards Bay Port in South Africa. The occasion also saw the Master and crew of the vessel being felicitated by Paradip Port Authority.

Govt committed to providing world class transport & logistics infrastructure within two years: Nitin Gadkari



Logistics parks being set up in Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Vijaywada, Surat & Guwahati

Mr Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Shipping, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, has reiterated the government's commitment to provide world class transport and logistics infrastructure in the country within two years to support the growth of economic activity. He was addressing a session on Opportunity in Infrastructure, Logistics Technology and Equipment at the World Food India 2017 conference in New Delhi last week.

Mr Gadkari informed that the rate of construction of National Highways has gathered considerable momentum. The country had just 96,000 km of NH three years back, but this has grown to nearly 1.7 lakh km, and will soon reach a length of 2 lakh km. This will provide more farmers in remote areas with access to markets for their produce.

Karaikal Port's proposed LNG terminal to be operational by mid-2019

AG&P (Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Co.), the Philippines-based company at the forefront of providing pragmatic, end-to-end LNG delivery solutions, has signed an exclusive agreement with Karaikal Port Pvt. Ltd (KPPL), to develop an LNG import terminal at the port, including LNG sourcing and supply.

"Karaikal Port is a centre of trading for South-East India and is crucial to the region's GDP. With the addition of AG&P's LNG import terminal, Karaikal Port will continue to be an engine of growth for the region's future. Offering an all-weather operation with a breakwater ensuring 99 per cent availability, night navigation, limited dredging requirements, proximity to GAIL's existing Cauvery Basin gas pipeline network and 24/7 access to port services, we are immensely proud of the port's facilities that attracted AG&P to this prime site," said Mr GRK Reddy, Chairman and Promoter Director of KPPL.



Adani Hazira Container Terminal registers highest monthly throughput



Adani Hazira Port Pvt. Ltd (AHPPL), part of Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ), India's largest port developer, accomplished a new milestone in October 2017 by achieving container throughput of 51,466 TEUs which is the highest monthly throughput since start of container terminal operations at the port in April 2013.

On this occasion, Mr Pranav Choudhary, CEO, AHPPL, said, "We are delighted to achieve this milestone at our container terminal. It only reaffirms our belief in the growth potential of container business at Hazira Port. We heartily thank the shipping lines, industry, Customs and everyone else who have been part of this journey for their support. An equal share of credit must also go to our teams here for their effort."

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I was chasing my dreams,
But tripped over reality
and busted my head
on the truth!

