

Major Ports register positive growth of 3.64% during April-Dec, 2017

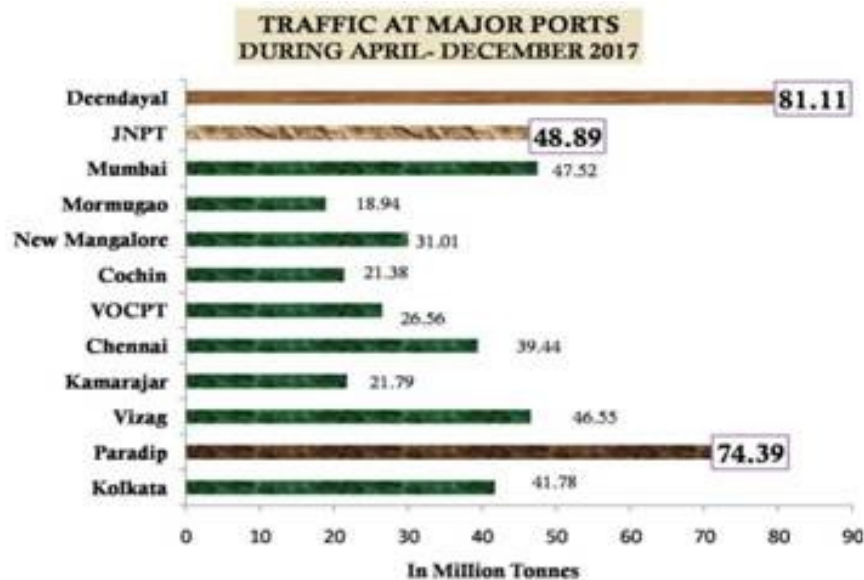
The major ports in India have recorded a growth of 3.64% and together handled 499.41 Million Tonnes of cargo during the period April to December, 2017 as against 481.87 Million Tonnes handled during the corresponding period of previous year.

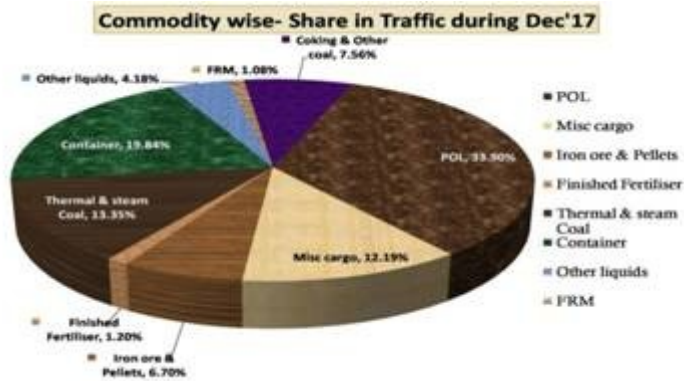
For the period from April- December 2017, Eight Ports (Kolkata (incl.Haldia), Paradip, Visakhapatnam, Chennai, Cochin, New Mangalore, JNPT and Kandla) have registered positive growth in traffic.



Cargo traffic handled at Major Ports:

- The highest growth was registered by Cochin Port (17.27%), followed by Paradip (14.59%), Kolkata [incl. Haldia] (12.45%), New Mangalore (6.60%) and JNPT (5.94%).
- Cochin Port growth was mainly due to increase in traffic of POL (24.10%) and Containers (10.79%). There was decrease in traffic of other Liquids (-23.16%), Fertilizer Raw Materials (-20.00%), Finished Fertilizers (-11.76%) and other Misc. Cargo (-6.21%).
- In Kolkata Port, overall growth was 12.45%. Kolkata Dock System (KDS) registered traffic growth of 1.92%. Whereas Haldia Dock Complex (HDC) registered positive growth of 17.67% which is highest among all the Major Ports.
- During the period April to December 2017, Kandla Port handled the highest volume of traffic i.e. 81.12 Million tonnes (16.24% share), followed by Paradip with 74.40 Million Tonnes (14.90% share), JNPT with 48.89 Million Tonnes (9.79% share), Mumbai with 47.53 Million Tonnes (9.52% share), and Visakhapatnam with 46.56 Million Tonnes (9.32% share). Together, these five ports handled around 60% of Major Port Traffic.
- Commodity-wise percentage share of POL was maximum i.e. 33.90%, followed by Container (19.84%), Thermal & Steam Coal (13.35%), Other Misc. Cargo (12.19%), Coking & Other Coal (7.56%), Iron Ore & Pellets (6.70%), Other Liquid (4.18%), Finished Fertilizer (1.20%) and FRM (1.08%).





Along with focused efforts to improve operational efficiency of ports and increase traffic at ports, Ministry of Shipping is making steady strides towards utilizing the country's river system & inland waterways as economically viable and environment friendly mode of transport.

Opening a new world for business & employment opportunities in North-East through inland waterways, recently, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways, Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation flagged off regular cargo movement on Brahmaputra (NW2) from Pandu Port to Dhubri in Assam. Focused efforts are being made to connect North-East region to Kolkata, Haldia, Mongla and Chittagong ports, provide efficient logistics in North-East region and set up Ro-Ro off services across river banks

The Ministry of Shipping, under the leadership of Shri Gadkari is all geared up to create an enabling environment for growth of seaplane led air connectivity and leverage water bodies in country. After witnessing the Seaplane trial in Mumbai recently, the Minister has requested the Ministry of Civil Aviation to prepare a regulatory framework for seaplanes, keeping in mind all safety aspects.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi recently has given its approval for implementation of the Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) for capacity augmentation of navigation on National Waterway-1 (NW-1). The Rs 5,369 Crore project, which is expected to be completed by March 2023, will bring down the logistic cost in the country and lead to major infrastructure development like multi-modal and inter-modal terminals, roll on-roll off (Ro-Ro) facilities, ferry services, and navigation aids. The JMVP will create an alternative mode of transport that will be "environment friendly and cost effective" and will give boost to economy & trade, generate huge business & employment opportunities thus converting Ganga into the economic lifeline of people in states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal.

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