Major Ports Record 915 Million Tonnes Cargo in FY 2025–26, Surpass Target with 7.06% Growth

Strong Year-on-Year Growth Reflects Efficiency Gains and Capacity Expansion

Ports Drive India's Trade Momentum under Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047

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New Delhi, 05 April 2026: In a significant achievement for India's maritime sector, the Major Ports under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways have collectively handled 915.17 million tonnes (MT) of cargo during FY 2025–26, surpassing the annual target of 904 MT. This marks a year-on-year growth of 7.06%, reaffirming the sector's strong recovery, enhanced efficiency, and sustained growth trajectory. This milestone underscores the impact of transformative reforms and strategic investments undertaken by the Government of India to modernize port infrastructure, enhance logistics efficiency, and strengthen India's position as a leading maritime nation under the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, said, "The record cargo handling of over 915 million tonnes by our Major Ports is a testament to the Government's unwavering commitment to strengthening India's maritime sector. Guided by the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, we are building world-class port infrastructure, improving efficiency, and enabling seamless logistics to support India's growing economy. This achievement reinforces our resolve to position India as a global maritime powerhouse under the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047."

The performance reflects consistent growth across major ports, with Deendayal Port Authority emerging as the top performer at 160.11 MT, followed by Paradip Port Authority at 156.45 MT, and Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) at 102.01 MT. Other key ports including Visakhapatnam Port Authority, Mumbai Port Authority, Chennai Port Authority, and New Mangalore Port Authority also registered strong performance, contributing significantly to the overall cargo throughput. In terms of growth rate, Mormugao Port Authority recorded the highest increase at 15.91%, followed by Kolkata Dock System at 14.28% and JNPA at 10.74%, reflecting improved efficiency and rising cargo volumes.

The sustained growth in cargo handling has been driven by capacity augmentation and modernization of port infrastructure, strengthened multimodal connectivity and seamless hinterland linkages, adoption of digital and smart port initiatives, increased handling of key commodities including coal, crude oil, containers, fertilizers, and POL, as well as improved turnaround time and ease of doing business across ports. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways continues to advance a comprehensive maritime strategy focused on port-led development, logistics integration, and sustainability.

The record performance in FY 2025–26 reflects growing trade confidence and the effectiveness of policy measures aimed at enhancing operational efficiency and capacity utilization. With sustained policy momentum and infrastructure investments, India's Major Ports are well-positioned to further scale new milestones and contribute significantly to the nation's economic growth and global trade leadership.

TRAFFIC HANDLED AT MAJOR PORTS

(DURING 2025-26* VIS-A-VIS 2024-25)

(*) TENTATIVE (IN ' 000 TONNES)

PORTS	APRIL TO MARCH TRAFFIC		% VARIATION AGAINST PREV. YEAR TRAFFIC
	2026*	2025	
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Haldia Dock Complex	51855	47310	9.61
TOTAL: KOLKATA	70872	63951	10.82
PARADIP	156451	150408	4.02
VISAKHAPATNAM	91166	82623	10.34
KAMARAJAR (ENNORE)	49081	48407	1.39
CHENNAI	57902	54961	5.35
V.O. CHIDAMBARANAR	43310	41724	3.80
COCHIN	38063	37745	0.84
NEW MANGALORE	50049	46014	8.77
MORMUGAO	21009	18126	15.91
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