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Blue Economy – Wave 77

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Blue Economy and National waterways: (cont....)

Extent of the Inland Waterways:

Five Major waterways have been declared by IWAI for facilitating inland water transportation

- NW-1 -The Ganga (Haldia to Allahabad-1620 km)
- NW-2- The Brahmaputra (Dhubri to Sadiya-891 km)
- The West Coast Canal (Kottampuram to Kollam with Udyogmandal and Champakaracanals-205km)

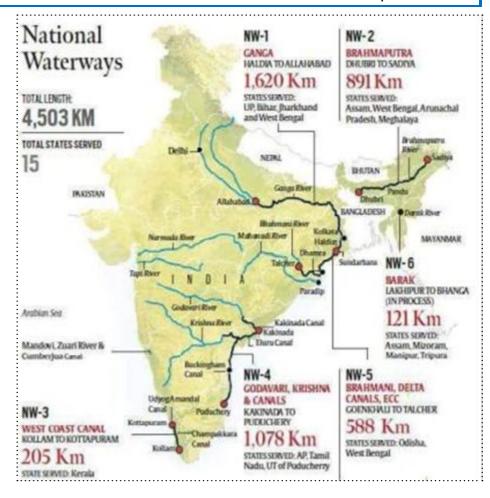


- The Kakinada-Puducherry stretch of Canals with Godavari & Krishna Rivers (1078 km)
- NW-5-The East CoastCanal with Brahami Rivet and Mahanadi Delta (588 km)

The details of all 111 national waterways, including the latitudelongitude coordinates of the start

and end points, are given in the National Waterways Act, 2016. These waterways pass through 24 states and two union territories9, with an approximate total length of 20274 km10. These waterways will pass through nearly 13811 river systems, creeks, estuaries and related canal systems of India.

The National Waterways Bill, 2015 was introduced by Shri Nitin Gadkari,



Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping, on 29th April 2015. This Bill was transferred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture for study and comments. This Bill had suggested 101 new national waterways in addition to existing 5 national waterways. The Standing Committee recommended some more waterways to

be added and also asked the government to takecognizance of objections raised by some state governments on certain national waterways.

considering After recommendations made by Standing Committee the Bill was amended and 13 proposed waterways were removed and 18 waterways were added.

Prime Maritime contributes to current Covid pandemic situation by carrying shipments of Medical Oxygen from Kuwait to NhavaSheva

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hen the nation is reeling under the 2nd wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, Prime Maritime has contributed by carrying shipments of Medical Oxygen from Kuwait to NhavaSheva.

The shipments of 6x20' (Gr weight 55 MT) were loaded from Shuaiba Port on 5th May 2021 on MV CaptKattleman and were transhipped at Jebel Ali for further on-carriage to NhavaSheva on 10th May 2021. The second carrier being Nagoya Tower that berthed at APMT NhavaSheva on 15th May 21. Prime Maritime acknowledged the support given

by Global Feeders in handling these timesensitive shipments most efficiently. After discharge, the containers moved swiftly to J M Baxi's Mumbai International Cargo Terminal (MICT/ULA CFS). The containers were destuffed and cargo delivered onto the trucks to transport them to medical facilities as per Red Cross directives.

The aid cargo was provided by Kuwait Govt through the Public Authority of Industry and delivered to the Indian Red Cross Society.

As reported earlier, in rendering assistance to supply Oxygen and its storage and transportation within the country, J M BAXI GROUP has already purchased 1100 cylinders totalling 7200 CBM of carrying capacity transported by the Indian Navy and Indian Air Force. Various verticals within the group continue to try and contribute their bit for a National cause.

