

From Chairperson's Desk



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It gives me pleasure to inform that the fourth issue of JALTRANG is being brought out on the occasion of 'Silver Jubilee' of the Authority. The IWAI has completed 25 years of its existence on 27th October, 2011. I extend my warm wishes on this occasion to all the members of IWAI family.

In the last 25 years while enough water has flowed down the river Ganges and Brahmaputra, the Authority has progressed step by step. 25 years is not a very long period in the life of an organization to bloom to its full potential; nonetheless it is also not too short to make a mark. In the initial phases, the Authority was short of funds and concentrated mainly on the development of fairway using indigenous techniques such as bandalling. Since the last decade, a number of mechanized dredgers have been acquired by the Authority, which gives us more confidence in providing promised LADs in different stretches of National Waterways. The addition of tugs in the fleet enhances the capability to extend assistance to the vessels in distress. Installation of DGPS and regular updation of electronic navigational charts is further assisting navigation on National Waterways.

The coal transportation project is also progressing on schedule and M/s Jindal Waterways have started taking action on various sub-components of the project including placement of the order for construction of barges. Further, a new cargo i.e. Cement of M/s Jaypee Cements was carried from Chunar to Balia on NW-1. Cruise vessels are now regularly plying on NW-1 and 2, in addition to NW-3, where backwater river cruises are already popular. These are encouraging signs reflecting confidence of operators on the navigability on these two National Waterways.

As the movement of vessels is expected to increase substantially in the years to come, there is no place for complacency and we must strive to move full steam to make National Waterways an engine of growth for cargo transportation activities.

With season's greetings,

Bhupinder Prasad
(BHUPINDER PRASAD)



IWAI celebrated Silver Jubilee Foundation Day

On the occasion of Silver Jubilee foundation day of the Inland Waterways Authority of India, H.O. and Regional offices of the Authority organized functions on 03.11.2011. Inland Waterways Authority of India completed 25 years on 27.10.2011.



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IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES

National Waterways No. 1

1. 14 (Fourteen) nos. of ODC cargo of M/s Eastern Navigation had successfully reached to their destination place (Bakhtiyarpur & Ballia) in NW - 1 during the period April'2011 to October'2011.
2. Cruise Vessel M.V. Sukapha of M/s Assam Bengal Navigation Co as well as Cruise vessel R.V. Bengal Ganga of M/s Heritage River Cruises regularly plying in NW 1.
3. Laying of Bituminous topping at berthing platform of High Level Jetty is completed.
4. Construction of connecting approach road from IWT Terminal to proposed IWAI office building at Gaighat is under progress.
5. Construction of approach road connecting High level Jetty to low level jetty is under progress.
6. The 580 MT of Cement of M/s Jaypee Cements was carried from Chunar to Ballia.
7. Land acquisition of expansion of NINI complex is in advanced stage.
8. Three new sub offices have been setup under Kolkata Directorate at Swaroopganj, Haldia & Namkhana for close & effective monitoring of waterway development. The offices are functional w.e.f. 15.11.2011.
9. One new Tug viz Tug RAJGURU has joined the fleet of IWAI vessels on 28.09.11.
10. The Authority in its endeavor to provide 2.5 m LAD in Haldia - Farakka stretch has carried out dredging through the departmental dredgers CSD SWETA and CSD SHIPRA on downstream and upstream of Farakka Navigational Lock.

National Waterways No. 2

1. Mrs. Bhupinder Prasad, Chairperson, IWAI inspected the Neamati terminal, proposed terminal facilities at Tezpur and Vishwanath Ghat and reviewed works taken up with CPWD, N.F. Railway at Pandu. Decisions taken are:-
 - i) Road at Neamati terminal site should be repaired with paver blocks.
 - ii) Proposals for land acquisition at Tezpur and Vishwanath Ghat should be sent to State Govt. immediately.
 - iii) GRSE (Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers) and IL&FS jointly to prepare a project report on construction, maintenance of slipway at Pandu Ghat.
2. Assam State PWD have submitted a proposal for construction of alternate road connectivity to Pandu Port, to be connected with NH-37 at a cost of Rs.11.2 crores.
3. Lean season river conservancy works have been commenced w.e.f. 1st Oct., 2011.
4. Porta cabins for DGPS stations at Dibrugarh and Silghat have been taken delivery at respective places.
5. C.E. & Member (Tech.) i/c, IWAI inspected Dhubri terminal site along with engineers of L&T on 18-09-2011 for formalising the Dhubri terminal plan.
6. Civil works of proposed DGPS stations of Dibrugarh and Silghat have resumed after floods and are expected to be completed by Nov., 2011.
7. NHPC turbines, languishing for more than a year on NW-2, have been unloaded at Jogighopa terminal site by the State Govt.
8. Coal movement of four 30 MT boats from Dikhowmukh to Jogighopa by M/s Network Logistics was successfully undertaken in Oct., 2011.



PHOTOGRAHPS OF COAL TRANSPORTATION BY 2T SINGLE ENGINE BOATS ON NW 2

National Waterways No. 3

First Amphibian Dredger of IWAI started its operation

The first Amphibian dredger 'AD Manimala' of IWAI started operation in NW-3 w.e.f. 1.10.2011. The dredger was recently procured from M/s. Aquamec Ltd., Finland through M/s. Dharsan Dredging & Constructions, Chengalpattu. This is a multipurpose dredger which can be used for versatile works like removal of piles, driving of piles, removal of floating and suspended materials, removal of weeds and also can be used as Back hoe dredger and Cutter Suction Dredger. This dredger is found suitable for selective works where other Cutter Suction Dredger deployment is technically not feasible.



Amphibian Dredger "AD Manimala" under taking de-siltation works at Willington Island and Bolghatty Ro-Ro Jetty



New Anchor Pontoons Deployed on 29.09.2011

KALADAN MULTIMODAL TRANSIT TRANSPORT PROJECT

The construction works of Port & IWT components of Kaladan multimodal transit transport project in Myanmar, for which IWAI is the Project Development Consultant (PDC), is progressing satisfactorily. The progress of the project site was reviewed at Sittwe on 30.09.2011 & 01.10.2011 by the higher officials from MEA, Embassy of India, Yangon & Government of Myanmar officials in presence of officials of IWAI, M/s Essar Projects India Ltd and M/s Scott Wilson India Pvt. Ltd (IWAI's Supervision Consultant) and the same was highly praised at the site. Work at site such as construction of Bund & reclamation of land, pre-casting of structural member is in full swing after monsoon/ rough weather. Gantry, batching plant and other equipment installation/ fabrication for construction work is already completed. Layout of IWT terminal at Paletwa was handed over to Govt. of Myanmar for allocation of land for construction activity.



INSTALLATION OF PILING WINCH ON GANTRY IN PROGRESS



MEA & IWAI OFFICIALS MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER OF RAKHINE STATE AT SITTWE

CARGO MOVEMENT ON NATIONAL WATERWAYS

In Ton-Km

Period	NW 1	NW 2	NW 3
Apr-Sep 2011	612514308	1917978	5810295

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IWAI PARTICIPATED IN INMEX 2011

IWAI participated in INMEX 2011 and B2B meetings held at Mumbai during 29th Sep – 1st Oct. 2011. The exhibition evinced great interest in IWT movement amongst large number of visitors. B2B meetings were taken by the Shri S.S. Mishra, Member (Traffic) with concerned stake holders



Employee's Corner

1. Shri S.S. Mishra, IRTS joined the Authority as Member (Traffic) on 19th August, 2011.
2. Shri S. Jayaraman, Chief Accounts Officer has been re-designated as Executive Director (Finance).
3. Authority congratulates Sh. N. Unni, Dy. Director on successfully completing Post Graduate Diploma in "Supply Chain Management".
4. Marriage of daughter of Shri Bhopal Chand, Staff Car Driver was solemnized on 18th Nov. 2011. IWAI wishes the bride and the groom a very happy married life.

Quiz?

Name the Author of the following books :-

Sr. No.	Book Name	Answer
1.	A Suitable Boy	
2.	The God of Small Things	
3.	India : A Wounded Civilization	
4.	Area of Darkness	
5.	Revolution 2020	

Answers of Quiz Published in Issue No. 3 of 2011

Name the Authors of the books

1-Kalhan, 2-Shudraka, 3- Kalidas, 4- Bhavbhuti, 5- Jayadeva

Do You Know?

The game of snakes & ladders was created by the 13th century poet saint Gyandev. It was originally called "Mokshapat." The ladders in the game represented virtues and the snakes indicated vices. The game was played with cowrie shells and dices. Later through time, the game underwent several modifications but the meaning is the same i.e. good deeds take us to heaven and evil to the cycle of re-births.

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