

National Waterway No. 3

(NW-3)- West Coast Canal from Kollam to Kottapuram along with Champakara and Udyogmandal canals (205 kms)

Presently, a 105 km stretch of the NW 3 from Alappuzha to Kochi along with Champakara and Udyogmandal canals is operational with LAD of 3 m. Capital dredging contract has recently been awarded and with its completion by December 2011, the entire stretch of NW 3 will have LAD of 3 m. Two new Cutter Suction Dredgers (CSDs) for NW-3 are likely to become available and operational by August, 2009. With their induction, IWAI will be able to further expedite dredging activities on NW-3.

IWAI has successfully implemented the project for providing and maintaining 24 hr. navigational aids by way of buoys and lights and this facility is available on the entire stretch of NW-3.

In the first week of June, 2009, IWAI successfully ensured movement of 800 MT VGO reactor to Kochi refinery. This ODC movement took place from Kochi Port to Ambalamughal.





movement of 800 MT VGO reactor to Koch refinery in NW3

National Waterway No. 4 (NW-4)

Kakinada Puducherry canals consisting of Kakinada canal, Eluru canal, Commamur canal, Buckingham canal and Kaluvelly tank along with Bhadrachalam - Rajamundry stretch of River Godavari and Wazirabad - Vijaywada stretch of River Krishna (1095 km) in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry.

National Waterway No. 5 (NW-5)

Talcher Dhamra stretch of Brahmani Kharsua Dhamra river system along with Geonkhali Charbatia stretch of East Coast Canal, Charbatia - Dhamra stretch of Matai river and Mahanadi delta river system between Mangalgadi and Paradip (623 km) in the States of Orissa and West Bengal.

National Waterway No. 4 & 5 have been notified in November 2008 and the projects for development of these two NWs are being finalized and these routes are likely to become available for navigation in about 3 - 4 years time.