

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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**ACHIEVEMENTS OF VADHAVAN PORT PROJECT**

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Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which the upcoming Vadhawan Port Project is expected to position India among the top 10 maritime hubs in the world; and
- (b) the details of the collaborations and agreements made under the Vadhawan Port Skilling Programme aimed at skill development of rural youth and strengthening the agro-logistics value chain?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

- (a) The Vadhavan Port, a deep-draft port located on the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), is projected to enhance India's container handling capacity by 23.2 million TEUs. This new Port development is set to elevate India's position within global maritime hubs.
- (b) The details of agreements and skilling programmes are annexed.

## **Annexure**

A list of Key Agreements and details of skilling programme are mentioned below:

1. Vadhavan Port Project Ltd (VPPL) and Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU): A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between VPPL and YCMOU.
2. JNPA and Directorate General of Shipping (DG Shipping): An MoU has been signed to provide skill development training to locals and project-affected people in the Vadhavan region through selected Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs).
3. VPPL and Sahyadri Farms: A strategic MoU has been forged between VPPL and Sahyadri Farms, aimed at invigorating rural entrepreneurship and fortifying the agri-value chain.
4. Collaboration with NGOs for Heavy Vehicle Driving and Mechanics: Training programs are ongoing for heavy vehicle driving and mechanics in partnership with NGOs.
5. WhatsApp Chatbot for Skilling Program: VPPL has launched a dedicated WhatsApp Chatbot to interact with the youth of Vadhavan, making it easier for potential candidates to access information and register for the skilling program.

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