

JNPT Initiates Free COVID-19 Vaccination Drive for Truck Drivers at Centralized Parking Plaza as part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'



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To commemorate 75 years of progressive India and its glorious history, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), one of India's premier container handling ports, has undertaken a slew of activities and initiatives as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebration. In line with this, Shri Sanjay Sethi, IAS, Chairman, JNPT, in the presence of Deputy Chairman, Shri Unmesh Sharad Wagh, IRS, JNPT, launched a free COVID-19 vaccination drive at the Centralized Parking Plaza (CPP) for container truck drivers in collaboration with the 'Save Life Foundation' and 'Enrich Lives Foundation'.

Commenting on the launch of the free COVID-19 vaccination drive, **Shri Sanjay Sethi, IAS, Chairman, JNPT**, said, "Truck drivers have been an integral part of the maritime supply chain. Throughout the pandemic, JNPT has undertaken several measures to combat COVID-19 from the frontline, ensuring a robust EXIM trade by extending support to every element of the supply chain. This vaccination drive for truck drivers is one such important initiative under that. Besides this our tech-enabled Centralized Parking Plaza (CPP), equipped with a dormitory, canteen, hygienic toilets, vehicle repairs, and maintenance amenities, is dedicated to extending every possible assistance to truck drivers."

The vaccination drive initiated by the JNPT Hospital earlier this year continues to gain momentum. Through this immunisation drive, the JNPT Hospital has administered over 20,000 COVID-19 vaccines. Furthermore, JNPT's Dedicated COVID-19 Health Center (DCHC) achieved a new milestone by recording "Zero COVID Patients". Moreover, the Port continues to fast-track clearances for critical medical cargo essential for treating COVID-19.

With a people & port approach, JNPT consistently spreads awareness, engages with the public, and actively contributes to the nationwide 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' campaign, accentuating India's transformation. In line with this, JNPT plans to implement several initiatives, campaigns, and programs in the months ahead.

JNPT records 40.40% growth in container traffic in first half of FY 21-22

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), one of India's premier container ports, handled 2,703,051 TEUs during the first half of the FY 2021-22 against 1,925,284 TEUs, which is 40.40% higher than the container traffic over the same period of last year. The rail coefficient in the first half of FY2021-22 was 18.04%. The total container traffic handled in September 2021 stood at 452,108 TEUs, witnessing a growth of 18.86% over the same month of last year. NSIGT crossed the 1 lakh TEUs mark in a month by handling 1,00,814 TEUs in September-2021, the highest ever TEUs handled since its inception.



Commenting on the half-yearly performance, **Shri Sanjay Sethi, IAS, Chairman, JNPT**, said, "JNPT has been undertaking various measures to ensure the port is at par with technologically advanced global ports. Recently, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping, Waterways & Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off Dwarf container train services from JNPT which is a pivotal step towards streamlining the rail movement of EXIM cargo via double-stacked dwarf containers. This will provide the EXIM community a competitive cost advantage by lowering hinterland logistical costs, while simultaneously enhancing rail-cargo traffic at JNPT. Likewise, in a technological push, JNPT installed two mobile x-ray scanners at NSICT and APMT to give the security agencies an advantage of taking appropriate action before the container is allowed to exit and enhance our efficiency and considerably reduce import dwell time due to independent scanning facilities for each Terminal."

JNPT has constantly strived to innovate the maritime trade and logistics sector and consistently open new avenues for growth to propel India's growth story further. The newly constructed coastal berth will give a push for coastal cargo movement and provide better infrastructure for coastal shipping and decongest rail and road networks, ensuring cost-competitive and effective multi-modal transportation solutions. In addition to this, JNPT handed over a letter of intent to successful bidders of 9 plots in JNPT SEZ to boost port-led industrialization. JNPT SEZ is poised to attract more leading global companies for making India a manufacturing hub as the infrastructure development underway in JNPT SEZ is as per the international benchmark. JNP-CPP App was launched to provide access to live data of CPP operation and much needed real-time visibility across the supply chain.

JNPT's continuous innovation and upgradation in the port operations provide customers across the globe a sense of reliability and assures efficiency in trade, making it a port of choice in the logistics sector.