



Conference on

DREDGING IN INDIA

Needs & Requirements; Issues & Opportunities

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DREDGING IN INDIA

Mission

- In recent times, dredging activities in ports, both capital and maintenance, have been witnessing a massive demand in India. This is increasingly being driven by the government's plans of constructing new ports and expanding the existing ones to meet future traffic targets. Use of larger vessels, an increased focus on coastal shipping and inland waterways, and the demand for improved coastal engineering and management are also leading to the growth in demand.
- Realising its growth potential, more players are entering the dredging market. Further, the Rs 568 billion National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP) has been providing considerable dredging opportunities by earmarking an amount of about Rs 49 billion for 21 dredging projects at all major ports in the country by 2011-12.
- However, the current dredging capacity in India is unable to meet the port demand. The shortage of dredgers has significantly increased dredging costs, almost by 75-80 per cent. Moreover, dredging equipment and machinery need to be technically improved. Environmental challenges also need to be dealt with. The national waterways need to be dredged adequately to improve navigability. There is also a need for technically qualified manpower.
- **The mission of this conference is to provide an update on the dredging scenario in India, focus on the key requirements, highlight the new initiatives, and discuss the main issues and opportunities. It will also showcase promising approaches, strategies, technologies and solutions.**

The delegates to the conference will get an opportunity to:

- Understand key trends and environmental impact
- Identify emerging opportunities
- Discuss key issues and challenges
- Learn about new initiatives and experiences
- Understand key needs and requirements
- Learn about strategies/solutions for improving dredging efficiency
- Receive an update on the NMDP
- Share experiences, information and ideas with industry colleagues/peers/experts
- Network with customers/contractors/vendors/suppliers
- Etc.

Target Audience

- The conference is targeted at managers and officials from:
 - Major port trusts
 - Dredging companies
 - Private port operators
 - Maritime boards
 - Dredging contractors
 - Dredging sub-contractors
 - Design consultants
 - Dredging equipment providers
 - Financial institutions/banks/equity analysts
 - Funding/Development agencies
 - Shipping companies
 - State port departments
 - Private contractors
 - Consultancy organisations, Etc.

AGENDA/STRUCTURE

KEY TRENDS AND GROWTH DRIVERS

- ❖ What are the key trends and growth drivers of dredging in India?
- ❖ What is the current scenario?
- ❖ What are the specific dredging requirements, issues and opportunities?

INDUSTRY VIEWPOINT

- ❖ What is the viewpoint of the key dredging players? What has been the experience so far?
- ❖ What are the emerging opportunities?
- ❖ What are the ongoing projects? What are the future plans?
- ❖ What are the key issues and concerns? What measures need to be taken to improve dredging efficiency?

DREDGING REQUIREMENTS AT PORTS

- ❖ What are the major dredging needs and requirements? What are the main challenges?
- ❖ What is the current status of dredging projects at the major ports and new ports?
- ❖ What are the upcoming projects?

DEEPENING OF INLAND WATERWAYS

- ❖ What is the current status of inland dredging projects?
- ❖ What are the key needs and requirements? What are the main challenges?

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND ISSUES

- ❖ What are the key environmental challenges faced in dredging?
- ❖ What should be done to reduce adverse environmental impacts?

PROJECT SHOWCASE

- ❖ What are the noteworthy dredging projects (completed or under development)?
- ❖ What are their salient features?
- ❖ What can we learn from their development and implementation?

UPDATE ON NMDP: GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVE

- ❖ What is the current status of the NMDP?
- ❖ What is the overall status of the dredging projects under the NMDP?
- ❖ What are the key issues and concerns?

TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE

- ❖ Which are the most promising and relevant technologies and equipment?
- ❖ How can they help to improve dredging efficiency?

FINANCING AND INVESTMENT

- ❖ What are the financing requirements?
- ❖ What is the investor perspective on dredging? (project attractiveness, risk, interest, etc.)

Most of the sessions will have two parts. The first part will feature presentations by speakers. The second part will be devoted to Q&A and floor discussions. The conference will feature, as appropriate, presentations from all the major stakeholders.

Organisers

- The conference is being organised by **Indian Infrastructure**, a magazine devoted to infrastructure policy and finance. It is published by **India Infrastructure Publishing**, a company dedicated to providing information on the infrastructure sectors through magazines, newsletters, reports and conferences. The group has published the **Ports in India** and **Shipping in India** reports. It also publishes **Ports & Shipping News** (a weekly newsletter).

Delegate Fee

- The delegate fee is Rs 20,000 for one participant, Rs 35,000 for two, Rs 50,000 for three and Rs 65,000 for four.

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