

# Kolkata Port launches night navigation on River Hooghly, significant increase in trade expected

Historically, the long and meandering 232-km river channel from the Bay of Bengal to Kolkata Dock System (KDS), marked by restrictions in navigable depth and strong cross-tidal currents, posed a significant challenge for continuous vessel movement.

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The absence of night navigation between Diamond Harbour and Kolkata was a longstanding impediment to optimal maritime operations, port authorities said. (Express photo)

The Kolkata Port Saturday successfully commenced night navigation in the upper reaches of the River Hooghly to the Bay of Bengal. This development will reduce turnaround time and pre-berthing detention of vessels.

According to Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port [Kolkata](#) (SMPK) the inaugural run conducted in



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