



Sarbanandam Sonowal, the minister of port, shipping, and waterways & Ayush, dedicated to the country a newly constructed ship-building facility of Hooghly Cochin Shipyard Ltd (HCSL) at Nazirgunge, Howrah, West Bengal.

The Rs 180 crore facility, a PSE under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and a wholly-owned subsidiary of [Cochin Shipyard Ltd](#), is anticipated to significantly improve the North-Eastern states' link to the water transport network.

At the launch event, Shantanu Thakur, Minister of State for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, was present.

According to Sonowal, the Hooghly Cochin Shipyard will help satisfy the needs of next generation, high tech, environmentally friendly vessels to spur further expansion in inland water transport along the national waterways.

“The yard will not only enable economic development in the close region but will also provide direct and indirect employment as well as the development of the MSMEs and ancillaries,” he said.

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