

assistance to encourage larger roles for women, and upgrading infrastructure to ensure safe and nutritious seafood.

■ **IWAI and Amazon Join Hands to Boost Inland Water Cargo Movement**

In a significant move to enhance cargo movement through inland waterways, the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and Amazon Seller Services Private Limited (Amazon) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The collaborative effort focuses on leveraging the river Ganga (National Waterway 1) for transporting customer shipments and products via inland water routes. The inaugural shipment of e-commerce cargo is set to embark on its journey from Patna to Kolkata soon. Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal said the collaboration will provide a valuable opportunity for artisans, entrepreneurs, and traders from India's hinterland to showcase and sell their products on a broader scale, both nationally and internationally as this mode of transportation promises a cost-effective and efficient means for reaching wider markets.