

Sambandh Database and Map: India's Infrastructure Links

340: Pandu Inland Water Port

1. **Infrastructure Link Code:** 340
2. **Infrastructure Link Name:** Pandu Inland Waterway Port
3. **Infrastructure Sector:** Waterway
4. **Infrastructure Type:** Inland Waterway Terminal
5. **Approximate Location:**
<https://goo.gl/maps/gZQDALdfY1cNTfnv9>
- Countrie(s):** India
 - **State Name (India):** Assam
 - **Sub - National Unit Name (Bhutan):** N/A
6. **Entities:** Inland Waterway Authority of India
7. **Status:** Operational (as of September 2024)

8. Timeline:

1960
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1991

The terminal at Pandu Port was [established](#) by a private company, R.S.N. Company, during the colonial period. The terminal was taken over by the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation (CIWTC) and operated till 1991. Two jetties have historically existed at the port for the movement of cargo.

1991

The terminal was [transferred](#) to the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI). It is the most important and the largest river port in Assam on the Brahmaputra river that connects to Kolkata via the Inland Waterways in Bangladesh on the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route. It is also an important terminal-cum-transit point for cargo dedicated to India's Northeast Region.

1997

Ministry of Shipping and Ports (then) [sanctioned](#) a proposal by the IWAI Directorate to sanction funds for a ship repair facility at Pandu Port. The contract was awarded to a Mumbai-based company that after some time left it without completing it.

2009

The low-level jetty at the port was built at the cost of INR 40.02 crores and [inaugurated](#).

2012
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2013

The plan for a ship repair facility was [revived](#) by the IWAI and a fresh amount was sanctioned under the Northeast Council Fund. A fresh contract was awarded to a Mangalore-based company. However, the project still could not be completed.

2013

A broad gauge railway siding connecting Pandu port to Kamakhya railway station (Guwahati) has been [constructed](#) through NF Railway at a cost of INR 16.46 crore and opened for commercial operation by NF Railway. IWAI has signed the Agreement with NF Railway for using the BG Siding for the movement of Cargo by a third party.

2021

March 28

Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) [commenced](#) the operation of broad-gauge railway siding of Pandu by receiving first consignment of 644 MT of steel round bars from their Vizag Plant in 10 wagons.



2021 **March 31**

An MoU was [signed](#) between NF Railways and IWAI for mutual cooperation and optimum utilization of assets and infrastructure created at Pandu and other locations on National Waterway-2 (Brahmaputra river).

2021 **August 26**

The Ministry of Shipping, Ports and Waterways decided to go ahead with the development of a ship repair facility at Pandu port and [sanctioned](#) INR 73 crores for the project.

2023 **January**

The [foundation laying](#) for a ship repair facility at Pandu inland waterway port took place. This will be the second ship repair facility along the protocol route, after Kolkata.

2025 **May**

The IWAI Board [approves](#) a proposal for developing a link road connecting Ship Repair Facility to Pandu Terminal.

Note: Data as of October 2025.

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