Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port

- Kolkata Port is renamed as Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port.
- The Board of Trustees of Kolkata Port Trust in its Meeting held on 25th February, 2020 has also passed a Resolution to re-name Kolkata Port as Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port.

Background:

- The Kolkata Port is the first Major Port as well as the only riverine port of the country.
- It came to be governed by a Trust on 17th October, 1870 on appointment of the Commissioners for Improvement of the Port of Calcutta as per Act V of 1870.
- It features at Serial Number 1 in The First Schedule, Part I—Major Ports of the Indian Ports Act, 1908 and is governed by the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963.
- Kolkata Port has traversed 150 years and in this journey it has been India’s gateway to trade, commerce and economic development.
- It has also been a witness to India’s struggle for independence, World Wars I & II and socio-cultural changes taking place in the country, especially in Eastern India.
- Generally, the Major Ports in India are named after the city or the town in which they are situated.
- Some ports, however, in special cases or in due consideration of contribution made by eminent leaders have been re-named after great national leaders in the past.
- Nhava Sheva Port Trust was renamed as Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust by the Government in the year 1989.
- The Tuticorin Port Trust was renamed as V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust in the year 2011 and the Ennore Port Limited has been re-named as Kamarajar Port Limited in the honour of Shri K Kamarajar, eminent freedom fighter and former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- Recently, in 2017 Kandla Port was re-named as Deendayal Port.
- Besides, many airports have also been named after the great national leaders in India.