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.