

Cochin Port Day

The Cochin Port celebrated 'Port Day' on 26.05.2016 with a **business meeting** at 10.30 am at Samudrika' for the exporters and importers and agencies, among other programmes.

Sri Paul Antony, IAS, Chairman of the Cochin Port for the period of 5 years and 3 months from February 2011 to 16th May 2016 was the Chief Guest.

Sri. S. Anilkumar, Addl. Commissioner of Customs, Cochin, Sri. G. Senthilvel, Chairman (i/c), Cochin Port, Sri Abraham Philip, President, Custom House Agents Association, representing the EXIM trade, Sri Maidas, Vice President, Cochin Steamer Agents Association, Dr. C. Unnikrishnan Nair, Traffic Manager, Cochin Port Trust spoke on the occasion.

Sri Paul Antony recalled the great efforts in bringing up the Cochin Port to its present situation of achieving Rs. 70 crores of operational profit in the just concluded Financial year. He thanked the organizations like customs, Immigration, Sales Tax and Motor vehicle department for their co-operation in achieving the targets. He urged all the port users to make best use of the Port which has excellent connectivity to Europe, Far East, Australia and the Gulf. Sri Anilkumar, Addl. commissioner assured full support of Customs in building up business for the Cochin Port. He recalled the various measures implemented by the Customs to ensure 'ease of doing business'.

Awards were given to companies for the highest performance in export, import and ship handling and cargo handling categories. The winners included Kochi Refinery (Highest volume of Cargo handling), Lakshmi Machine Works, Coimbatore and Apollo Tyres in the category of exports, Malayala Manorama and Mathrubhumi in the category of imports.

This was followed by a **commemorative session** where Shri Paul Antony IAS (former chairman) was felicitated. Awards were given to employees who have displayed exceptional performance during the last year.

The programme was attended by Shri G Sentilvel, Chairman, Trustees and Heads of Department of the Port. (26-05-2016)