



Press Release

## **Cochin Port to commemorate arrival of first ship**

Cochin Port Day will be celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in commemoration of entry of first ship into Cochin Harbour.

The construction of the inner harbour from 1921 is deemed as the transformation of Cochin as a modern and safe Port. The first ship-SS Padma entered the inner harbour through the widened and deepened Cochin Gut on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1928.

A Business meet will be held on that day from 2 pm to 3 pm at Samudrika Hall in which best performing Port Users will be honoured. Dr Alok Srivastava IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Shipping will be the Chief Guest. Shri Pullela Nageswara Rao, Chief Commissioner of Central Excise and Customs will also honour the function.

This will be followed by the Commemorative meeting from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm at the same venue in which the outstanding performers among the employees of the Port will be awarded. Shri. P. Raveendran, IRTS, Chairman, Cochin Port Trust will be the Chief Guest and Sri. A.V. Ramana, Dy. Chairman will be the Guest of Honour. This will be followed by entertainment programme presented by employees and their family members during 4.30 to 6 pm.

A ship will be arranged at the BTP Berth, for public visit from 10 am to 5 pm on the same day.

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