

From Chairman's Desk

Dear colleagues,

The dreams of year 2020 were marred by the unexpected pandemic and posed unprecedented challenges. The pandemic altered our way of life, impacted the business processes and also the finance badly.

Though Cochin Port Trust has been recovering from the losses, which badly affected the Port for almost a decade, the fall in revenues resultant to the pandemic has pushed us again to the red. However, I strongly feel that we will recover from the current situation by the end of 2021 if the industrial and economic activities around the world recovers at a fast pace.



Even though the pandemic has caused a lot of hardships to our personal lives and businesses, it has taught us to look at life differently and gave an opportunity to review various processes of the organisation.

While there has been substantial decrease in the Cargo movement during the first half of the current financial year, the second half witnessed a steady improvement in cargo handling.

Cochin Port recorded the highest ever monthly throughput of 3.20 MMT in December 2020, a growth of 10.55% over December 2019. Also, monthly handling of containers at the ICTT crossed 60,000 TEUs consecutively in the past four months, charting a new growth trajectory. However we need to find new vistas for revenue generation by optimum utilisation of resources available to us.

Projects for refurbishment of our infrastructure including Cochin Fisheries Harbour and South Coal Berth and expansion of solar energy generation programme by adding a floating plant are in progress.

The inauguration of Cochin- Mangaluru pipe line by Hon'ble Prime Minister in the first week of Jan 2021 would pave the way for increased through put at LNG Terminal at Cochin Port. This alongwith the positive trends in the container front would definitely help to improve our performance during next financial year.

I would like to thank everyone in the Cochin Port family, including all my colleagues, members of the trade fraternity and the trade unions who helped us sail through the rough seas in the year 2020. I also solicit support of all of you to overcome the challenges of the post-pandemic days and achieve an exemplary performance in the year 2021.

Wishing you all a very happy and prosperous 2021.

(04.01.2021)

Best Wishes,
Dr. M. Beena IAS

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Cochin Port Trust was ranked first position for the activities during 'Swachhata Pakhwada 2019' amongst the organisations under the Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India, held from 16.09.2019 to 02.10.2019. The Shipping Corporation of India and Vishakhapatnam Port Trust were placed at second and third ranks respectively. Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson extended congratulations to the employees for their whole hearted cooperation and dedicated efforts to achieve this feat (04.08.2020).



Traffic update

Cochin Port registered the total throughput of 21.39 MMT in 2020-21 (Apr-Dec), a decline of 14.44% over the same period of 2019-20. POL throughput registered 12.37 MMT, a decline of 24.44% over the corresponding period of 2019-20. Containers exhibited a recovery trend in the past few months and reached the throughput of 4.78 lakh TEUs in 2020-21 (Apr-Dec), registering the growth of 2.51% over the corresponding period of 2019-20.

Significantly, Cochin Port has recorded the highest ever monthly throughput of 3.20 MMT in December, 2020, a growth of 10.55% over December, 2019. Also, the ICTT Cochin Port Trust handled more than 60,000 TEUs in the past four consecutive months, charting an impressive growth trajectory in container handling.



Shri Cyril C. George assumed the charge of Deputy Chairman



Shri Cyril C. George, Deputy Chairman, Chennai Port Trust assumed the charge of Deputy Chairman, Cochin Port Trust on 18.08.2020 replacing Shri A.K. Mehera, Deputy Chairman, Cochin Port Trust who was transferred to Kolkata Dock System, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Trust, Kolkata. An officer having more than 3 decades' experience in the major ports sector, Shri Cyril C. George (native of Thodupuzha) is a holder of MSW, MBA (HR) and LLB. He started his career as Labour Officer in Kandla Port Trust in 1987. Prior to Chennai Port Trust he also served in Mormugao Port Trust (as Deputy Chairman), Kandla Dock Labour Board (as Deputy Chairman) and Cochin Port Trust (as Secretary). During his tenure as Secretary, Cochin Port, he was actively involved in the developmental projects like ICTT, Vallarpadam connectivity projects, Petronet LNG project, handing over of Marine Workshop to Cochin Shipyard Ltd. etc. He has headed various Committees including the Indian Port Association's Committee to study HR & Direct Recruitment issues in Major Port Trust (2017).

Shri S.K. Sahu, new FA & CAO



Shri. S. K. Sahu FA & CAO, Paradip Port Trust assumed charge of Financial Adviser & Chief Accounts Officer, Cochin Port Trust on 02.11.2020.

Maiden call of India-Maldives cargo ship service



'M.V. MCP Linz' which made its maiden call to Cochin on inaugural India-Maldives service was accorded a formal reception at Cochin Port on 22.09.2020.

In a brief felicitation ceremony held at Cochin Port, Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairman, Cochin Port Trust exchanged a plaque with the Captain of the vessel to commemorate the maiden call. Shri. P.K. Mohammed Yousaf IRS, Commissioner of Customs, Cochin was the Guest of Honour during the function which was attended by Shri Deepak L. Aswani, FICCI State co-chair, Shri. Krishna Kumar, President, Cochin Steamer Agents' Association, Sri. Alan Jose, President, Cochin Customs Brokers' Association, representatives of vessel agent and other dignitaries.

The vessel sailed for Maldives after loading containers and break bulk cargo from Cochin.

M.V. MCP Linz, operated by Shipping Corporation of India, has a capacity to carry 3000TEUs and 3000MT dry bulk/break-bulk. The service will connect Tunicorin–Cochin–Maldives ports once in a fortnight.

Shri. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Shipping (Independent charge), Government of India and Ms. Aishath Nahula, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, Republic of Maldives, had jointly launched the Cargo Ferry Service from India to Maldives through video conferencing on 21.09.2020.

This brings to fruition the commitment made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to Maldives in June, 2019 to start a direct shipping service between Maldives and India, connecting the ports of Tunicorin and Cochin.

The direct India-Maldives services offers tremendous opportunities to the members of the EXIM trade in Cochin/India to tap the potential of the Maldives market. Marine products, construction materials, tiles and ceramics, food-grains & pulses, flour, vegetables, edible oil, meat products etc. are some of the areas of huge potential for the Indian exporters (22.09.2020).



Maersk Edinburgh

Maersk Edinburgh, the longest ship ever to visit Cochin Port called at ICTT berth on 02.12.2020. The ship is under US East Coast Service of 2M Alliance.

Maersk Edinburgh with 366.5 m LOA and 48.2m Beam, was piloted by Capt. Bhaskar assisted by Capt. Krishnaraj with Capt. Rajesh monitoring the movement from the VTMS. The movement was undertaken under the leadership of the Harbour Master Capt. Shagi Abraham.



MV Stella

MV Stella of INGWE service (Singapore to Port Louis, Durban, Coega) of MSC Line made an 'ad-hoc' call at ICTT Cochin, skipping Colombo to discharge 772 TEUs foreign transshipment containers (06.11.2020).



MV Qingdao

The 2nd vessel of MSC Line MV Qingdao of IMED service made an 'ad-hoc' call at ICTT Cochin for transhipment of containers (09.11.2020).



MV Anton Schulte

The 3rd main-line vessel of MSC Line, MV Anton Schulte of INGWE service made an 'ad-hoc' call at ICTT Cochin for discharging transshipment containers (10.11.2020).



MV Maersk Kentucky

MV Maersk Kentucky, a container vessel of Maersk Line made an 'ad-hoc' call at ICTT, Cochin & discharged 1479 TEUs (24.11.2020).



Swachhata Pakhwada - 2020

'Swachhata Pakhwada-2020' in Cochin Port was launched by Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust on 16.09.2020. Swachhata Pledge was administered by the Chairperson. Shri. Cyril C. George, Dy. Chairman and Heads of the Department were present.

Swachhata Pledge was administered in all divisions/sections of the Port followed by shramdan cleaning activities in the office premises by employees. The activities were carried out in compliance of the social distancing/safety instructions issued by the Government to contain Covid-19 pandemic.



During the Swachhata Pakhwada period, employees of Cochin Port Trust engaged in shramdan cleaning of work places, office premises and public spaces within the Port area in Willingdon Island. 52 truckloads of garbage, vegetation, wooden logs etc were removed from different places in Willingdon Island to the designated dumping ground. Cleaning activities were also carried out in tugs, small boats etc. of Cochin Port Trust. Various awareness classes on the importance of cleanliness and steps to be taken to reduce the use of Single Use Plastic (SUP) were conducted by the departments. Divyang access was made in the Old Administrative building. A garden was developed at the main entrance to the Port near Mattanchery Toll Booth.



A 'Plogging' event was held on the roads in the Port area by CISF personnel and employees of Cochin Port Trust on 29.09.2020.



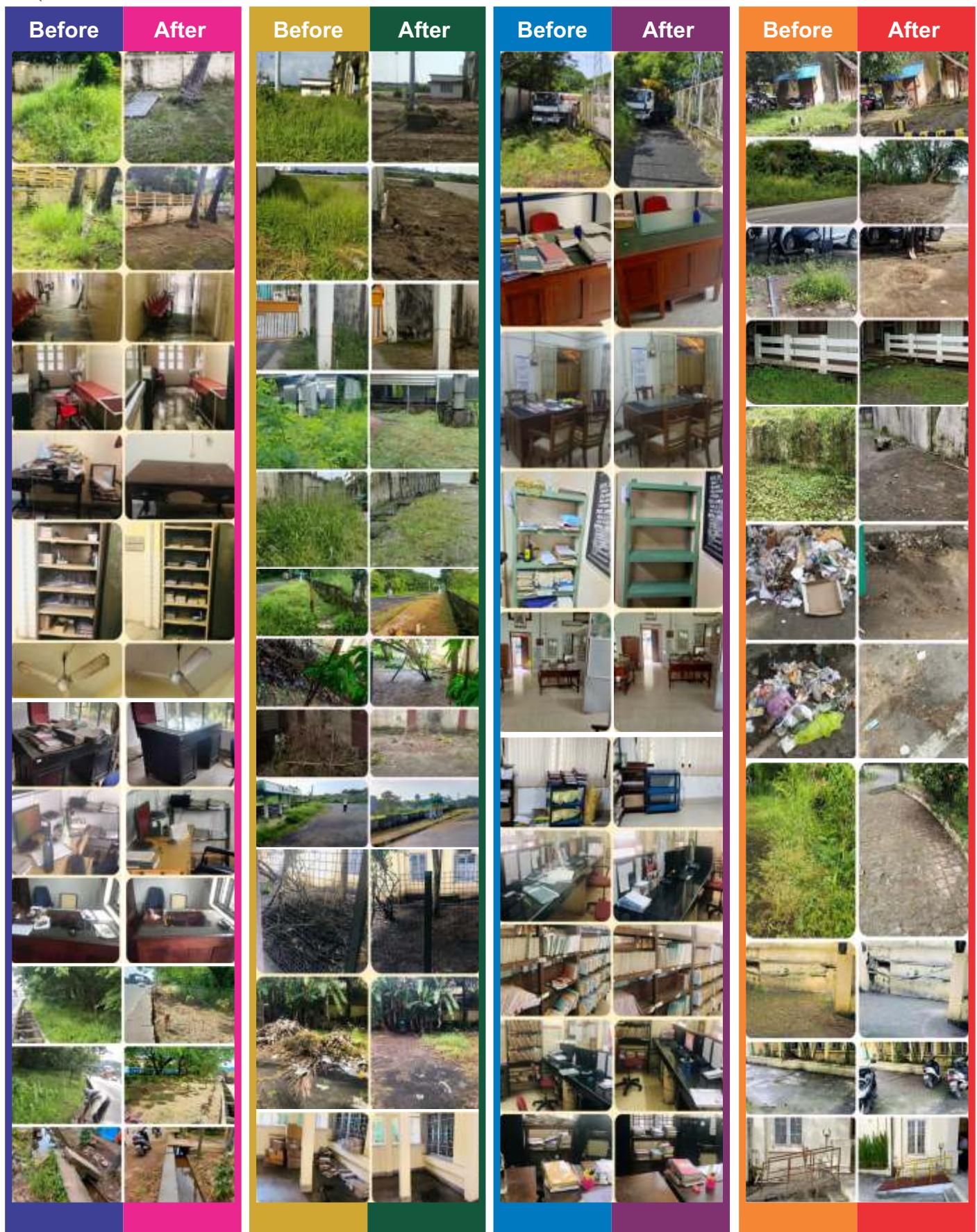
A cycle rally to promote Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and Fit India Movement was held in Willingdon Island on 30.09.2020 involving employees of Cochin Port Trust and CISF personnel to mark the culmination of Swachhata Pakhwada 2020.



Competitions such as poster designing for children/grandchildren of Cochin Port employees, microgreens garden contest among employees etc were also held during the period. Best maintained office of lessees/licencees of Cochin Port Trust were awarded.







Vigilance Awareness Week

The Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week 2020 in Cochin Port Trust was inaugurated by Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust on 27.10.2020 by administering the Integrity Pledge. Smt. S. Uma Venkatesan IRS, Chief Vigilance Officer, Shri. Cyril C. George, Deputy Chairman and Heads of Department of Cochin Port Trust were present. The Integrity Pledge was also taken in the departments/divisional offices. The Integrity e-pledge was taken by the employees of the Port through the CVC website during the Week.



Essay writing competition and poster designing competition on the theme '*Vigilant India, Prosperous India*' were conducted during the Awareness Week and employees of the Port and children of Port employees actively participated in the competition.

Prizes for the winners of various competitions held during the Vigilance Awareness Week 2020 were distributed by Smt. S. Uma Venkatesan IRS, Chief Vigilance Officer, Cochin Port Trust during the valedictory function held on 02.11.2020.



Constitution Day

To mark the occasion of Constitution Day in Cochin Port Trust, Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson led the reading of the Preamble to the Constitution of India. Reading of the Preamble to the Constitution of India was also held in different departments of Cochin Port Trust (26.11.2020).



Independence Day



Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson hoisted the National Flag and addressed the gathering in the administrative lawns of Cochin Port Trust on the occasion of 74th Independence Day. Shri A.K. Mehera, Deputy Chairman, Heads of the Department and senior officers of Cochin Port Trust and CISF CoPT Unit attended the event by adhering to the social distancing norms in force (15.08.2020).



National Unity Day



National Unity Day was observed in Cochin Port Trust by joining the Ekta Pledge administered online by Secretary (Shipping), Govt. of India, and employees from all departments of Port taking the pledge (31.10.2020).

Jan Andolan Campaign



Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairman, Shri Cyril C. George, Deputy Chairman, Heads of Departments and employees took pledge as part of the *Jan Andolan Campaign* highlighting the message of 'Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene'. All employees took part in online pledge campaign (09.10.2020).

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