



Press Release

Foundation Stone Laid for Ro-Ro facilities at Cochin Port

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Govt. of India laid the foundation stone for the Roll-On-Roll-Off (Ro-Ro) facility at Cochin Port, today (30.04.2022).

The function held at Cochin Shipyard premises was attended by Shri Shantanu Thakur, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri V. Muraleedharan, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri M. Anil Kumar, Hon'ble Mayor, Kochi Corporation, Shri Hibi Eden, Hon'ble Member of Parliament – Ernakulam, Shri T.J. Vinod, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly – Ernakulam, Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan IAS, Secretary, MoPSW, Govt. of India and Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority.

The new Ro-Ro facility, under 'Sagarmala' scheme of Govt. of India, will be developed between Q1 berth & South Coal Berth on the Mattancherry Channel in Cochin Port. It will involve construction of RCC Jetty structure of 615 Sq.M including strengthening of the existing roads leading to this facility and all allied works.

Once commissioned, Ro-Ro facility will promote safe and sustainable transport facilities. It will also promote affordable coastal movement of cargo using Ro-Ro ships and will help in decongesting the roads thereby minimize accidents. It will also to be an engine to promote and facilitate eco-friendly cost effective mode of transportation.

The project, being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.11.06 crores with 100% funding from Government of India under Sagarmala Programme, is scheduled to be completed in 9 months.

The Ro-Ro facility at Cochin Port will promote coastal movement of cargo, using Ro-Ro ships. It will have potential to attract 0.6 MMT of cargo carrying vehicles from/to the industrial belts of central and southern Gujarat viz, Hazira, Surat, Bharuch, Ankleshwar, Vapi, Valsad, Vadodara, Anand and Ahmedabad. The service can call at Mumbai and Mangalore en-route to Hazira and vice-versa. The jetty will be capable of taking loaded vehicle weight of 36 tonnes. Ro-Ro vessels having 9.14 metre draft can be berthed at the facility. There is a potential for movement of End of Life vehicles to the Registered Vehicle Scrapping facilities in terms of the policy introduced by Govt. of India, in August 2021.

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The new logo of Cochin Port Authority unveiled

The New Logo of Cochin Port Authority (as attached to this press release) was unveiled by Shri Shantanu Thakur, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, during the function held in Cochin Shipyard premises on 30.04.2022.

Cochin Port was renamed as Cochin Port Authority under Major Port Authorities Act, 2021 and the first Board of Major Port Authority of Cochin, held on 2nd March, 2022, has decided to adopt a new logo for Cochin Port Authority.

Kochi's rich maritime heritage predates the modern world and is etched in the annals of world history. Cochin Port opened the inner harbour in 1928 and was declared as a Major Port in 1936. In 1964, Cochin Port Trust came under the major Port Trust Act. The first port in the country to handle containers and the first to offer a transshipment terminal in India, Cochin Port has always kept pace with the changing times. From cargo ships to cruise ships, the Port is equipped to cater to all kinds of vessels, and handle all types of cargo. Being the maritime gateway to peninsular India, the Port is also popular as a bunkering destination for international ships. With the notification of the Major Port Authority Act, 2021, Cochin Port has been renamed as the **Cochin Port Authority**.

The new logo of Cochin Port Authority is a faithful representation of the rich history of Cochin's core values and open approach. One half represents the unique form of the Chinese fishing nets unique to Cochin Port, or that of a sail, celebrating the heritage of this great port. The other half is a sharp geometric form that connotes a vessel or a cargo container.

The logo was created by Stark Communications.

Encl: Photographs, New Logo, video on new logo

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