



*Press Release*

## **Commemoration of arrival of first ship**

Cochin Port Day, the commemoration of the entry of first ship into Cochin Harbour will be celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The first ship – SS Padma entered the inner harbour of Cochin, through the widened and deepened Cochin gut on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1928. The celebration will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 1.30PM at Samudrika Hall, North End, Willingdon Island. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Cabinet Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways will be the chief guest of the event. The hon'ble minister will address the gathering virtually. Dr. M. Beena, IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority, Shri Jaideep P., IRS, Commissioner of Customs, Cochin, Cmde Rajesh Kumar Yadav, Naval Officer-In-Charge (Kerala), Shri Vikas Narwal IAS, Deputy Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority will be present. The outstanding performers among Port employees, award distribution for achievements in arts and sports, and prizes for winners of various competitions held in connection with the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav will be awarded. Music programme by playback singer Chitra Arun & entertainment programme by employees and their family members will be added attraction during the event.

A business session will be held at Hotel Taj Malabar, Willingdon Island from 6:30 pm. The awards for excellence in business performers in cargo/ship handling at the Port for 2022-23 will be presented.

A ship will be available for public visit at the BTP Berth, North End, Willingdon Island from 10 AM to 4 PM on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

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