



COCHIN PORT TRUST

Newsletter



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From Chairman's Desk

Dear Colleagues,

It is very exciting to note that the growth story continues at Cochin Port. Remarkable growth was registered by us in the cargo traffic during the current year.

We have handled 18.95 MMT of cargo during April to November 2017-18 with 17.93% growth over the corresponding period of 2016-17. Container traffic grew by 11.35% during the period to reach 3.63 Lakh TEUs. Highest ever monthly cargo throughput of 2.505 MMT was achieved in November 2017 surpassing the previous highest monthly throughput of 2.458 MMT achieved in June 2017.

The marketing efforts of Cochin Port Trust and its stakeholders coupled with the ease of doing business initiatives, other policy and trade promotion efforts by Government of India have helped us improve the traffic of cargo like steel, cars etc. and containerised cargo. This indeed is an encouraging trend. Let us strive hard to keep this pace of growth in the days to come.

We have embarked upon several modernization and capacity augmentation projects like new cruise terminal at Ernakulam Wharf, refurbishment of oil handling facilities, construction of Multi-User Liquid Terminal, barge berth for bunkering etc, in line with Sagarmala initiative.

The extension of CoPT walkway as a promenade upto Kannanghat bridge is also in progress. Construction of this walkway will transform the area, which hitherto was a waste dumping area of the city, to a popular tourist destination. This is a major step towards Swachh Bharat.

It is worthwhile to note that our Port continues to spearhead growth in Cochin. The construction of a state-of-the-art ship repair facility has been launched by Cochin Shipyard in the land leased out by Cochin Port Trust. As highlighted by Hon'ble Union Minister for Shipping Shri Nitin Gadkari during the inaugural function, International Ship Repair Facility would give great fillip to the growth of maritime sector and give lot of job opportunities in Cochin.

I would like to remind all of you that even in this stage of progress we have to tread very cautiously as the fast changing dynamics of world maritime industry, particularly the growth of private ports, would pose new challenges to us in the days to come and everyone has to work committedly to face such challenges.



Best Wishes,

P. Raveendran



Hon'ble Union Minister for Shipping Shri. Nitin Gadkari launches construction of International Ship Repairing Facility of Cochin Shipyard Ltd. in the land leased by Cochin Port Trust (17.11.2017)



A coordination meeting was held by Shri A.V. Ramana, Dy. Chairman on 03.08.2017 on implementation of initiatives under Ease of Doing Business



Shri.A.V. Ramana, Dy.Chairman meeting Grain Operators in Kolkata to explain about the Grain Silo project of Cochin Port on 10.08.2017



Traffic Manager and Marketing Advisor, Cochin Port Trust meeting Coir Exporters at Pollachi on 10.11.2017



Traffic Manager holds meeting of shipping lines and Terminal Operator on implementation of e-DO under Ease of Doing Business on 10.08.2017



Traffic Manager and other senior officials in an interactive meeting with Seafood Exporters at Cochin on 23.08.2017



Shri A.V. Ramana, Dy. Chairman addressing Stakeholders in a trade meet organised in association with Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry at Coimbatore on 22.08.2017

Visit of Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Safai Karmacharis

Shri Manhar Valjibhai Zala, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Safai Karmacharis, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, visited Cochin Port Trust during 1st to 3rd September 2017. During the visit, the Commission held meeting with representatives of Safai Karmacharis of Cochin Port Trust and representatives of Federation of Central Government SC/ST Employees (Kerala), Cochin Port Trust Unit and discussed their grievances.

Thereafter, a meeting was held with Shri. A.V. Ramana, Deputy Chairman, Cochin Port Trust and senior officers to discuss the issues relating to safai karmacharis of the Port, to study & evaluate the socio-economic and education status and to monitor the implementation of welfare schemes. Cochin Port Trust informed the Committee that no manual scavengers are engaged in Cochin Port Trust.



Mr. Kim Kyung-han, Minister Counsellor, Republic of Korea visited Cochin Port on 02.11.2017 and held discussions with Shri. A.V. Ramana, Dy. Chairman and senior officers

Visit of Secretary (Shipping)

Shri Ravikant IAS , Secretary (Shipping), Govt. of India visited Cochin Port Trust on 12.10.2017 and held meeting with Shri P. Raveendran IRTS, Chairman, Shri A.V. Ramana, Dy. Chairman and other senior officers. On arrival the Secretary was given a ceremonial Guard of Honour by CISF, Cochin Port Trust Unit.



Coastal Steel Consignment of RINL arrives

M.V. Sabarimalai, the coastal cargo vessel carrying 5000 tonnes of steel products consignment of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) arrived at Cochin on 12.11.2017 from Visakhapatnam. This was the first steel consignment of RINL moved by coastal route from their plant at Visakhapatnam as part of the coastal shipping initiative under Sagarmala project of Ministry of Shipping. Till now they were bringing their consignments for distribution in and around Kerala by rail to their stockyard.

The arrival of the first consignment at Cochin emphasised the effort of the marketing team of the Port, which was having discussions with the RINL authorities for more than a year for bringing this consignment to Cochin.

The Hon'ble Minister of Shipping and Hon'ble Minister of Steel jointly flagged off the first coastal consignment of Visakhapatnam Steel plant of RINL at Visakhapatnam Port on 31.10.2017. It is expected that coastal shipping will play a key role in the growth of steel sector in



the country as logistics cost will be less, giving a competitive advantage for the steel industry in the country.

As per the current plans, around 10,000 tonnes of steel consignment of RINL is expected every month and other companies like SAIL and JINDAL are expected to start shipments in near future, giving additional cargo volume to the port.



M.V. Pacific Island carrying Sunflower Extraction Meal in pellets (27,500 tonnes) being handled for the first time at Cochin Port (17.08.2017)



First consignment of American crude oil being handled at SPM at Cochin Port on 06.10.2017



The first Tanker at the North Tanker Berth after refurbishment under Sagarmala scheme (08.10.2017).





Visit to project sites

A site visit was arranged for the Hon'ble Trustees of Cochin Port Trust Board on 27.10.2017, to the developmental project sites in Cochin Port area. The Team visited the site of Multi-User Liquid Terminal at Puthuvypeen and the barge berth being constructed for bunkering purposes. Thereafter, the project site of CoPT Walkway between BOT Bridge and Kannanghat Bridge in Willingdon Island was visited, followed by RNAS residential area where refurbishment of residential quarters was being carried out.



Inauguration of Realigned Indira Gandhi Road

The realigned portion of Indira Gandhi Road (IG Road) was inaugurated on 20.08.2017 by Shri P. Raveendran, IRTS, Chairman, Cochin Port Trust. Shri A.V. Ramana, Dy. Chairman, Shri G. Vaidyanathan, Chief Engineer, Smt. Gowri S. Nair, Secretary, Shri B. Bhagyanath, Financial Adviser & Chief Accounts Officer, Capt. Gouri Prasad Biswal, Deputy Conservator and Shri Goutam Gupta, Traffic Manager, Cochin Port Trust were present.



IG Road is the main road connectivity to the Port area in Willingdon Island. The realignment was necessitated for handing over the land between CIFT Junction and Old Workshop to Cochin Shipyard Ltd for second stage development of ISRF. The work was carried out at a cost of Rs. 2.97 crores in a period of nine months. It was completed before the stipulated date of completion.



Pledge being administered by Shri A.V. Ramana, Dy. Chairman on the occasion of Sadbhavana Day (18.08.2017).



Celebration of Engineer's Day on 15.09.2017

Onam celebrations



'Swachhata Hi Sewa' campaign

As part of nationwide Swachhata Abhiyan-2017, massive cleanup activities were carried out in Cochin Port during 15th September to 2nd October, 2017. The special drive included cleaning of work places, office buildings, wharves and selected roads and public spaces in the Port area by the employees of different departments of the Port. Besides, a special drive for weeding out old records, disposal of scrap, renovation of toilets, painting of buildings, beautification of gardens, pathways etc. and awareness programme among the residents and offices of the Trade in Willingdon Island were also carried out during the period.

Release of posters on cleanliness



Swachhata Pledge



Cleaning activities by employees in various departments of Cochin Port





Independence Day celebrations

Shri A.V. Ramana, Dy. Chairman, Cochin Port Trust hoisted the National Flag and addressed the gathering at a function held in the administrative lawns.

Employees of Cochin Port Trust and family members participated in the celebration. Demonstration on handling of arms and ammunitions by CISF personnel and cultural programme by family members of CISF personnel were also held.



Vigilance Awareness Week

Vigilance Awareness Week was observed in Cochin Port Trust from 30th October to 4th November 2017.

Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week was inaugurated by Shri. A.V. Ramana, Dy. Chairman, Cochin Port Trust.

A workshop on the theme- "My Vision – Corruption Free India" was conducted by Shri Michael Vetha Siromani (IAS Retd.) on 31st October, in which Dy. Chairman, Cochin Port Trust delivered the key note address. About 70 staff members of various departments of the Port participated in the Workshop. The Chief Guest highlighted the importance of eradication of corruption in various spheres of public life.

Integrity Pledge (including e-integrity pledge) was administered in various departments and divisions of the Port during the Week.



Activities such as poster designing & essay competitions for school students, elocution & essay writing competitions for college students and employees of the Port were conducted during the Week.

About 350 students from various schools and colleges attended the programmes.

Shri. A.V. Ramana, Dy. Chairman, Cochin Port Trust delivered the key note address during the valedictory function held on 4th November 2017.

The prizes to award winners of various competitions were distributed by Dy. Chairman and Heads of Department during the function.



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