



COCHIN PORT TRUST

Newsletter



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From Chairman's Desk



Dear Colleagues,

I am happy to join the Cochin Port team once again and to get involved in the maritime developmental activities of Cochin. I am sure my association with Cochin Port during 2009-2016 as a Trustee of Cochin Port Trust Board would help me in my new responsibility as Chairman of the Port.

Cochin Port, with its natural advantages and committed employees, has shown to the outside world how to overcome crisis situations. The austerity measures observed during the last few years, the efforts to improve productivity standards at all levels, committed marketing efforts, imbibing of technological advancements such as nautical depths and above all the guidance and directions of Ministry of Shipping have helped us recover

from the financial doldrums. The waiver of penal interest on Govt of India loans to the tune of Rs. 897.23 Cr in Sept 2016 was a great relief to the Port.

The results of 2016-17 have been very impressive and encouraging, on both cargo handling and financial fronts and it reflects the success story of the Port.

- The total traffic handled by the Port during 2016-17 is 25.01 MMT with the growth of 13.2% over 22.10 MMT handled in 2015-16.
- The Containers handled during 2016-17 is 4.91 lakhs TEUs with a growth of 17.0% over 4.20 lakhs TEUs in 2015-16.
- Containers for the month of March, 2017 at 45,346 TEUs is an all time record at ICTT.
- Total POL handled in 2016-17 is 15.79 MMT against 13.77 MMT in 2015-16.
- Coastal Car carriers have started calling at Cochin Port from September 2016
- 46 Cruise vessels called at Cochin Port during 2016-17 compared to 33 in 2015-16.
- There was an increase of 13.49% in the operating income while the increase in operating expenditure was a minimal 0.59%. As per the provisional figures, the increase in operating surplus is about 80%, which is really commendable.

I congratulate all my colleagues on achieving these commendable results. Also, I urge each one of you to put all your efforts to ensure a sustained growth in the days to come.

Best Wishes

P Raveendran

Visit of Shri Mansukh L Mandaviya

Shri. Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of State for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping, Chemicals & Fertilizers visited CoPT on 29th December 2016, and held discussions with Chairman and senior officers of Port.



Shri P Raveendran, IRTS takes over charge of Chairman



Shri P Raveendran, IRTS, Chairman, Chennai Port Trust has assumed additional charge of Chairman, Cochin Port Trust on 27th March 2017.

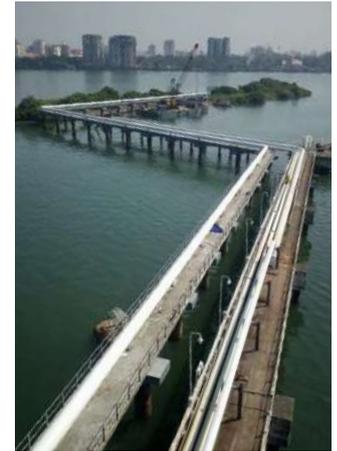
He was Trustee of Cochin Port Trust Board during 2009-2016 in his capacity as Chief Freight Transportation Manager, Southern Railway.

An Indian Railway Traffic Service Officer of 1988 batch, he was earlier Divisional Railway Manager, Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway. He had also worked in various senior capacities in Southern and South Western Railway and also as Group General Manager, Container Corporation of India (CONCOR).

Refurbishment of Oil Handling Facilities at Cochin Oil Terminal



The project to refurbish Oil Handling Facilities at Cochin Oil Terminal (COT) has been completed at a cost of Rs.23 crores. The project was carried out under the Govt. of India Scheme to assist Coastal Shipping. 75% of the cost was funded by Ministry of Shipping and 25% by BPCL-KR. The refurbished facility would facilitate enhanced and efficient handling of crude oil and petroleum products, mainly of BPCL-KR.



Flyover and Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Vallarpadam

The flyover project to ease congestion on the highway leading to ICTT has been completed along with approach road and is ready to be opened to traffic.



The construction of Rail Over Bridge on the national highway leading to ICTT has achieved physical progress of 70%. Currently, the existing bridge is being lifted to connect to the new ROB.

Administrative Office Building of Puthuvypeen SEZ

The construction of administrative office building of Puthuvypeen Special Economic Zone was completed at a cost of Rs. 94 lakhs. This 2100 sq.ft buiding will house offices of SEZ authorities, Customs and CISF. The cost will be shared equally by Cochin Port Trust and other co-developers of PBSEZ viz., Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Petronet LNG Ltd and BPCL-KR.



Meetings



P Raveendran, Chairman, Cochin Port Trust interacting with Cochin Customs Brokers' Association and Steamer Agents' Association on 3rd April 2017.



Shri AV Ramana, Dy Chairman, Cochin Port interacting with major cement companies at Hyderabad on 3rd April 2017, inviting them to install plants at Cochin Port.

Visit of DG Shipping

Dr. Malini V. Shankar, Director General of Shipping visited Cochin Port on 20th January 2017 and held discussion with Chairman (i/c) and Heads of Departments



Stakeholders Meet



Chairman (i/c) held a meeting with the stakeholders of the Port on 3rd Jan 2017

Meeting with Tea Exporters at Coonoor

Sri. A.V. Ramana, Chairman(i/c), Cochin Port Trust, and Mr. Paulrasu, IAS, Executive Director, Tea Board addressed the Tea Planters and Exporters of Coonoor on 26.12.2016 at the UPASI Committee Hall, Coonoor. The meeting was attended by Dr. P. Tamilvanan, Advisor (Marketing), Cochin Port.

The Chairman presented the various initiatives taken by Cochin Port in

making the business through Cochin Port better and more efficient. There are weekly Mainline direct shipping services from Cochin to various destinations

in Europe, Middle East, China and CIS countries that saves about \$100 per container and 7 days in transit time by avoiding transshipment at neighbouring foreign ports. The exporters were also urged to avail the Green Channel facility at Walayar Checkpost allowing the exporters from west Tamil Nadu region to move their export containers to ICTT without being subjected to checks.

Tea Exporters expressed satisfaction in routing their cargo through Cochin Port and endorsed that the



facilities and the service standards at the ICTT are excellent and much superior to that at other container terminals.

The meeting was attended by the Traffic Manager and senior officials from Cochin Port Trust, officials from DP World, CONCOR ICD, Coimbatore, Chettinad ICD and C&F companies.

The Chairman assured the Tea Trade that Cochin Port Trust and DP World can address their concerns, if any, in promoting the volumes through Cochin Port and requested the Trade to increase the volumes through Cochin Port.



Republic Day Celebrations



Shri A.V. Ramana, Chairman (i/c) hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Republic Day message at a function held in the Administrative building lawns.

Inauguration of CoPT Avenue Walkway

The CoPT Avenue Walkway, a promenade developed at the South End Reclamation Area facing the backwaters near BOT Bridge at Willingdon Island was opened to public on 3rd Dec 2016. The walkway was inaugurated

by Prof. K.V. Thomas, Hon'ble MP. Shri. Hibi Eden, MLA and Smt. Soumini Jain, Hon. Mayor of Cochin. The function was attended by Shri. A.V. Ramana, Chairman (i/c), Cochin Port Trust and Smt. Gowri S. Nair, Secretary, Cochin Port Trust. The

management and maintenance of the Walkway is entrusted to a private firm.

It is proposed to develop the walkway further as a jogging track, public park and a water sports launch point.



In-house rewinding of Major Alternator



A large capacity Major alternator of 1.5 ton (of a 50 year old 625 KVA Diesel Generator which turned non-functioning) was rewound successfully by the employees of Electrical Division, bringing huge savings to the Port. Specially made apparatus for the work was built in-house for the rewinding purpose. All concerned officers and workers dedicated their service in completing the work in minimum time.



System being fabricated in-house for facilitating the rewinding work

Installation of Solar PV System

As a part of the Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) of Ministry of Power, Cochin Port Trust has installed solar photo voltaic modules on the rooftops of various buildings at an estimated cost of Rs.105 Lakhs.

150kWp of Solar panels have been installed on the rooftops of buildings at RNAS residential complexes of Cochin Port. Considering an average of 4 kWh power generation per day from each Solar PV unit installed, a total of minimum 600 units (kWh) of energy is expected per day.

According to the data collected from Indian Meteorological Department for the last 10 years, approximately 300 sunshine days can be considered every

year. Therefore, a total of 1,80,000 units of electricity can be generated from the proposed 150 kW Solar PV unit installed at the campus.



'Swachhta Pakhwada', a major step towards clean Cochin Port

The massive cleanliness drive carried out in Cochin Port area during 16-31st March 2017 has given a distinct look to many roads and public spaces in Willingdon Island. The Swachhta Pakhwada, observed during the period was the culmination of various activities carried out by Cochin Port Trust and the Port fraternity during the last one year.

During the Pakhwada, a major cleaning drive was undertaken in the Shopping Complex and surrounding areas at South End which has now given a fresh look to the place.

Old Cochin Radio compound, which was in an abandoned stage, has been cleaned and in the coming days, the surface tarring will be carried out and

converted into a public convenience cum parking area for the benefit of general public and tourists visiting the North End area of Willingdon Island.

Seagull Street, Subramaniam Road, KPK Menon Road, road adjacent to lorry parking yard near BOT Bridge, 15th Cross road at South End and other important roads in the port area were given a facelift by the employees of different Departments.

The residential areas which were cleaned up include - RNAS Area at South End, North End area of Willingdon Island and CISF residential complex.

Cleaning activities were also carried out in areas like Multi User Liquid Terminal

Project site at Puthuvyppeen, Cochin Fisheries Harbour, Thoppumpady, Container Freight Station, Nursing School, Kendriya Vidyalaya Port Trust, Sub Stations, Pump House at Mattancherry Halt, Fire Station etc.

Awareness programmes were conducted in residential areas and offices towards ensuring cleanliness. Trilingual leaflets were issued to residents and offices in Willingdon Island and urged everyone to report dumping of waste in public if they come across.

1500 tonnes of garbage/waste was collected and shifted to the dumping ground and 5km of road was cleaned and beautified during the Pakhwada period.



Before and after Swachhta Pakhwada

Compound near CISF residential complex

Shopping Complex area, South End



Before ▲

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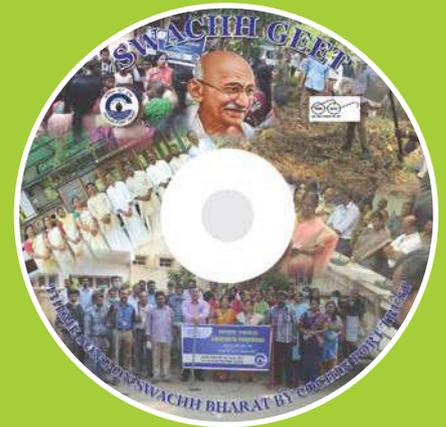
Releasing of Theme Song on Swachh Bharat

The Theme Song on Swachh Bharat composed and sung by the employees of Cochin Port Trust was released by Prof. K.V. Thomas, Hon'ble Member of

Parliament during the concluding function of the year's Swachh Bharat activities and Swachhta Pakhwada held at Conference Hall of Cochin Port Trust on 31st March 2017. Shri A.V. Ramana, Dy. Chairman and Smt. Gowri S. Nair, Secretary and Nodal Officer of Swachhta Pakhwada spoke on the occasion. Heads of Department and employees of Cochin Port participated.



The song (named Swachh Geet) is popular in YouTube.



Press Meets



A press meet was held on 18th January 2017 in which Shri A V Ramana, Chairman (i/c) briefed the media about the developmental programs of the Port, Sagarmala projects, Ease of Doing Business initiatives etc.

A press meet was conducted on 31st March 2017 by Shri A V Ramana, Dy Chairman to brief the media about the cargo handling and financial results of 2016-17 and the activities conducted by Cochin Port as part of Swachh Bharat and Swachhta Pakhwada.



Community Service Activities



A camp was conducted by Cochin Port Trust in coordination with Regional Labour Commissioner (Central) on 2nd December 2016 to facilitate opening of bank account by the employees in various establishments in the Cochin Port area, the employees engaged by contractors and by general public.



Inauguration of Blood donation camp held at Cochin Port Trust Hospital on 23rd March 2017



Polio Vaccination at Cochin Port Trust Hospital inaugurated by Dr.Sindhu Mahesh, Sr. Medical Officer (GD) on 29th January 2017

Excellence in Sports



Cochin Port Trust Football Team, winners of the All India Major Ports Football Championship 2016-17 held at Mumbai Port Trust on 12th February 2017. The team defeated Paradip Port Trust (defending Champions) by 2-0 in the finals.



Cochin Port team won 41st All India Major Ports Volleyball Championship held at Mormugao Port on 4th March 2017.



Cochin Port won All India Major Ports Beach Volleyball Championship.

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