

## Message from Chairperson

Dear Colleagues,

Our Port is gradually recovering from the Covid induced downturn occurred post-2020. Though the cargo traffic is not growing as expected, efforts are being made by our business development team to achieve the target by the end of the current financial year.

Resurgence of cruise tourism sector after the Covid period was of great relief to the tourism sector in Kerala. The new international cruise terminal at Cochin Port – Sagarika, is open to cruise tourists and ensures international standards in cruise passenger facilitation with the co-operation of Customs, Immigration, PHO and other statutory/regulatory organisations. The revival of cruise tourism would definitely benefit the hospitality sector in the State of Kerala. This would also help to attract more hospitality related projects to the Cochin Port area.

The year 2022 saw the transition of Cochin Port Trust to Cochin Port Authority. We have utilised that opportunity to rebrand ourselves by introducing a vibrant and futuristic logo for Cochin Port.

The projects funded/supported by Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways through Sagarmala scheme are progressing as per schedule. The reconstruction of SCB for handling of Ammonia and fertilisers for FACT has been completed.

The development of Ro-Ro jetty for facilitating transportation of cargo laden trucks from other ports is also underway. The construction work is expected to be completed by July 2023.

The renovation project at Cochin Fisheries Harbour is also progressing as per schedule. This 170-crore project is aimed at transforming and upgrading the fish handling activities to the international standards. This would significantly help in increasing the export of seafood from Cochin and also help to improve the working atmosphere and living standards of the fishermen community in the area. Efforts are being made to complete the first phase of the renovation project by December 2023.

Thanks to the futuristic measures taken by the Government of India, our country has now become the fastest growing economy in the world. Major initiatives like PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity, steps to improve ease of doing business and the ambitious National Logistics Policy are making major impacts in the logistics sector in the country.

According to experts, India is transforming fast in to a logistics powerhouse. Changes in global trends like digitalisation, energy transition, growing size/profile of ships etc are going to change the portscape.

While digitalisation of processes has eased the logistics networks, through PM Gati Shakti the government is giving more importance to development of the last mile connectivity to make the movement of goods faster and cheaper. In this context, the Free Trade Warehousing Zone proposed at Vallarpadam would help reposition Cochin as a logistics hub of the region. The Port needs to garner more and more key investments to the Port area.

The initiation towards energy transition taken up by many nations, including India, would have far reaching impacts in the movement of fossil fuels in the future thereby impacting the cargo profile of the ports. We have to visualise the logistics requirements of the future and plan for development of infrastructure to suit such new developments and requirements of capacity additions, for the future. The preparation of Master Plan for 2047 for Cochin Port, which is underway, will address the above situation.

The year 2022 was another strike-free year for Cochin Port. The employees have shown great commitment and worked as a team towards development of the Port. I thank the trade union fraternity in Cochin Port for handling the labour related matters in a very responsible manner, which has helped a great deal in projecting Cochin as a strike-free and trade-friendly Port.

I also thank all stakeholders for joining hands with Cochin Port Authority to facilitate faster movement of cargo and smooth transit of passengers through Cochin Port.

I wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year.



Best Wishes  
Dr. M. Beena IAS

## Cochin Port hosts Europa 2 – marks the revival of cruise business

The arrival of MV *Europa 2* marked the beginning of the cruise season at Cochin Port after a span of two years. It is also the maiden visit of an international cruise ship at the brand new cruise terminal *Sagarika* at Ernakulam Wharf of Cochin Port.

*"The cruise business was the first fatality of the pandemic across the globe. Therefore, the revival of cruise business augurs well for local economies since cruise business is the most prolific segment of the tourism industry and generates significant employment"*, noted Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority. The government remains focused on promoting cruise tourism and this is supported by a slew of business promotion measures such as extension of rationalised cruise tariff till September 2023, easing of Immigration procedure, etc, she added.

She informed that during the current cruise season (September 2022 to May 2023), Cochin Port will play host to 20 international cruise calls (FY 2022- 23: 16 calls & 9 coastal). Of these 20 calls, Cochin would be the first port of call of five cruise calls and there would be three ships on their maiden call to Cochin, viz., MV *Borealis*, MV *Amera* and MV *Le Champlain*.

Dr. Beena said that although Cochin Port is not gaining financially by hosting cruise ships, it remained committed to promoting cruise tourism as it helps in spurring up economic engagements in the hinterland of Cochin and ensured employment opportunities for the tour operators, guides, taxi-autorickshaws, souvenir shops, etc and foreign exchange earnings.

MV *Europa 2* arrived at Cochin from Mangalore carrying 257 guests onboard. The guests were predominantly from Germany and also from Italy, Switzerland and Austria.

India Tourism and DTPC, Ernakulam made elaborate arrangements at the *Sagarika* cruise terminal to welcome the guests and offer them an experience of a lifetime.

The guests onboard MV *Europa 2* were welcomed by performing artists and women dressed in traditional attire with shingari melam accompaniment. The Immigration Dept. deployed additional manpower to facilitate expeditious immigration clearance. Cochin Customs, Port Health Organisation, Kerala Police and the CISF teamed up with the Port to ensure hassle-free handling of the guests and to make the trip a memorable experience.

In a formal ceremony at the *Sagarika* Cruise Terminal, Shri Vikas Narwal IAS, Deputy Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority exchanged plaques with Capt. Christian van Zwamen, Master, MV *Europa 2* as a mark of traditional welcome. Smt. Rekha Nair, Asst. Director (Seaport Immigration), Dr. K.A. Shyamini, Port Health Officer, Shri Vipin R. Menoth, Traffic Manager, Capt. Joseph J. Alapat, Dy. Conservator, Shri Goutam Gupta, Advisor (Business Development), Shri V. Thuraipandian, Chief Mechanical Engineer, Shri S.K. Sahu, Financial Adviser & Chief Accounts Officer, Dr. K.I. Muthukoya, Chief Medical Officer, Cochin Port Authority and Shri Niraj Kumar Patel, Dy. Commandant, CISF- Cochin Port Unit and other senior officials were present.

The guests are visited Kochi city and experienced *tuk tuk* tours, harbour cruise and Alleppey backwater trips. Besides the fully-equipped brand new cruise terminal *Sagarika* with free wi-fi, free buggies are provided to transport passengers between the ship and the terminal. The DTPC provides pre-paid taxi services and autorickshaw counters, tourist information desk of India Tourism.



**Cochin Port - Performance 2022-23**

Cochin Port registered a total throughput of 25.27 MMT in 2022-23 (Apr-Dec), a growth of 0.12% over the corresponding period of 2021-22. The POL throughput registered 15.40 MMT and Container throughput 5.19 lakh TEUs in 2022-23 (Apr-Dec), a growth of 1.68% and decline of 6.56% respectively over the corresponding period of 2021-22.



**Cruise vessel MV Nautica and MV Ocean Odyssey**

Luxury cruise ships MV *Nautica* and MV *Ocean Odyssey*, with about 700 tourists and 400 crew on board, called at Cochin Port on 16.12.2022. The tourists were given a warm welcome at the Sagarika International Cruise Terminal.



**Cruise vessel MV Azamara Quest**

Cruise vessel MV *Azamara Quest* called at Cochin Port on 02.12.2022 from Mumbai with 474 tourists and 400 crew members. Four tourists disembarked while 14 embarked at Cochin. The ship left for Colombo with 484 tourists and 400 crew members.



**Cruise vessel MV Empress**

The cruise liner MV *Empress* of Cordelia Cruises called at Cochin Port on 23.11.2022 with 886 tourists and 569 crew. 575 tourists disembarked and 802 embarked from Cochin.



**Cruise vessel MV Silver Spirit**

Luxury cruise ship MV *Silver Spirit* called at Cochin Port on 22.12.2022 from Mumbai with 336 tourists & 402 crew onboard. Embarkation/disembarkation was facilitated at the Sagarika International Cruise Terminal of Cochin Port.



**Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan IAS, Secretary, MoPSW**

Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Govt. of India on a visit to Lakshadweep and Cochin, held a meeting with Cochin Port Authority, Cochin Shipyard Ltd., Lakshadweep Harbour Works, MMD Kochi, DGLL & UTL Administration to review the development and maintenance of port and shipping infra in the Lakshadweep Islands.

Review meeting was also held on the ongoing projects and master plan of Cochin Port. Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Shri Vikas Narwal IAS, Deputy Chairperson, Heads of Departments and senior officers attended. (19.12.2022)



**Shri Sudhansh Pant IAS, OSD, MoPSW**

Shri Sudhansh Pant IAS, Officer on Special Duty, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways visited Cochin Port and held meetings with Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Shri Vikas Narwal IAS, Deputy Chairperson, HoDs and senior officer of Cochin Port Authority and senior officers from Andaman Lakshadweep Harbour Works (ALHW). (29.12.2022)



### PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Maritime Summit

PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Maritime Summit 2022 was inaugurated on 20.10.2022 by Dr. A.V. Ramana, Chairman New Mangalore Port Authority & Mormugao Port Authority, Shri Vinit Kumar IRSEE, Chairman, Multimodal Connectivity Committee for MoPSW, Shri K.G. Nath, Deputy Chairperson, New Mangalore Port Authority, Shri G.P. Rai, Deputy Chairperson, Mormugao Port Authority & Shri Vikas Narwal IAS, Deputy Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority respectively.



### Shri T. Prabhu IOFS, new Chief Vigilance Officer



Shri. T. Prabhu, IOFS assumed the charge of Chief Vigilance Officer in Cochin Port Authority on 26.12.2022. Prior to this, he was the Additional General Manager in High Energy Projectile Factory, Trichy under the Ministry of Defence.

### 1400<sup>th</sup> Tanker at SPM

The Single Point Mooring (SPM) of BPCL at Cochin Port handled the 1400<sup>th</sup> tanker, *Antigua I* on . Officers from BPCL and Cochin Port Authority joined the captain and crew in celebrating the occasion onboard. MT *Barunawati* was the first tanker to berth at the SPM at Cochin Port, on 03.12.2007.



### National Commission for Scheduled Castes

The Hon'ble Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Members of National Commission for Scheduled Castes visited Cochin and held meetings with the representatives of the Federation of SC & ST Employees of Cochin Port and thereafter with the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and senior officers of Cochin Port Authority (30.11.2022)



### The First Sub-Committee of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language

The First Sub-Committee of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language, during its inspection visit to Cochin, held a meeting with the Chairperson, Dy. Chairperson and senior officials of the Cochin Port Authority and representatives of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. (15.10.2022)



### Chief Secretary, Govt. of Kerala

Shri V.P. Joy IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Kerala visited Cochin Port and held discussion with Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson and senior officers on possible options for setting up of a Multi Modal Logistics Park at Cochin under Bharatmala Pariyojana. Senior officers from Govt. of Kerala and National Highway Authority of India were present. (29.10.2022)



**IPS officer trainees from the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy**

IPS officer trainees from the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy visited Cochin Port as part of exposure visit to understand the emerging challenges in maritime security and interacted with Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Shri Vikas Narwal IAS, Deputy Chairperson and senior officers of the Port. (26.11.2022)



**Women at the helm**

Ms. Reshma Nilofer Visalakshi, the only woman Marine Pilot of India and the Nari Shakti Puraskar awardee from the Hon'ble President of India in 2019, called on Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority. (02.12.2022)



**Constitution Day 2022**

Shri Vikas Narwal IAS, Deputy Chairperson led the reading of Preamble to the Constitution of India, on the occasion of observance of the Constitution Day 2022. Reading of the Preamble was held in various divisions of the Port. (26.11.2022)



### Vigilance Awareness Week 2022

The observance of Vigilance Awareness Week began at Cochin Port in the presence of the Chief Guest, Shri Lokanath Behera IPS (Retd.) & MD, Kochi Metro Rail Ltd. and Shri Vikas Narwal IAS, Deputy Chairperson and Shri. K. Rajendran, Chief Vigilance Officer of Cochin Port Authority.

All the officials took the 'Integrity Pledge', followed by the welcome address and speech on the importance of vigilance by the Chief Vigilance Officer and advice on vigilance matters by the Deputy Chairperson. A keynote address was delivered by the chief guest. (31.10.2022)



### Street Play



A street play on anti-corruption initiatives was organised by Cochin Port Authority at Ernakulam South Railway Station and Vytilla Mobility Hub as an outreach programme to the public as part of the Vigilance Awareness Week. (04.11.2022)

### Walkathon



Cochin Port Authority participated in a walkathon organised by Vigilance Study Circle, Kerala & presented a street play for disseminating awareness about anti-corruption initiatives to the general public as a part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2022. (30.10.2022)

VAW 2022 - Competitions



A poster designing competition was organised for the students of KV Port Trust (Class-VI to Class-VIII) as part of Vigilance Awareness Week, on the topic 'Corruption Free India for a developed Nation'. 72 students participated in the event. (31.10.2022)



Prize winning posters



An essay writing competition for the employees on the topic 'Corruption Free India for a Developed Nation' was organised at Cochin Port Authority. (04.11.2022)



A debate competition for the students of the three Kendriya Vidyalayas in Willingdon Island was organised as a part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2022 on the topic 'Can Government Alone Make India Corruption Free'. 19 Students participated in the event. (04.11.2022)

**Special Campaign 2.0 in Cochin Port**

As part of one Special Campaign 2.0 launched by the Government of India, with a view to improve overall cleanliness of Government offices by removing redundant and scrap materials and enhancing the work place experience, Cochin Port Authority carried out extensive cleaning at work places and public places from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. 15,527 official records, including files, were reviewed and 8642 records/files were weeded out and 12502 sqft of storage space freed up. 50 tonnes of unusable items/scrap items were auctioned during the period which earned a revenue of Rs.17.38 lakhs.

Nine special cleaning campaigns and one awareness programme were conducted by the departments of the Port during the period. The 2 km-long Cochin Port Walkway was spruced up and 35,000 sqft area of public space was cleaned as part of the campaign. Also, 65 truckloads of garbage were cleared from Cochin Fisheries Harbour in an 8-day long cleaning drive held there. (01.11.2022)



**Massive cleaning drive at Cochin Fisheries Harbour**

A massive cleaning drive was carried out by Cochin Port Authority at the Cochin Fisheries Harbour, Thoppumpady as part of the Special Campaign 2.0 initiative by the Govt. of India with a view to enhance swachhata in public places. About 850 m of roadside and nearby areas within the Cochin Fisheries Harbour were cleaned during the 8-day long special drive and 65 truckloads of garbage were cleared from the area. (27.10.2022)





Employees of Civil Engineering Dept engaged in cleaning of office spaces and corridors. (18.10.2022)



Identification of scrap items in progress in different divisions of the Port. (18.10.2022)



Scrap items identified by the Departments for disposal (19.10.2022)



Employees engaged in reviewing and weeding out of old records in different departments of the Port (18.10.2022)



Employees of Medical Department engaged in cleaning of work places and reviewing & weeding out of records (19.10.2022)



Employees of Finance Dept engaged in cleaning, reviewing and weeding out of records in the Record Room. (20.10.2022)



Employees of Medical Department carried out shramdaan cleaning on the sides of KPK Menon Road, Willingdon Island. (27.10.2022)



Identification of unusable items/scrap for disposal is in progress. (25.10.2022)



The Cochin Port Avenue Walkway, the 2km long promenade in Willingdon Island, was spruced up by the Port. (31.10.2022)



Reviewing and weeding out of records in progress in Finance Dept. (21.10.2022)



Cleaning, reviewing and weeding out of records and files by the Civil Engineering Dept. (25.10.2022)



Employees of Marine Department carried out shramdaan cleaning at the Cochin Port Fire Station premises and scrap items were removed for disposal. (27.10.2022)



Employees of Traffic Department engaged in cleaning, reviewing and weeding out of records. (28.10.2022)



Cleaning, reviewing and weeding out of records in progress in the General Administration Department. (27.10.2022)



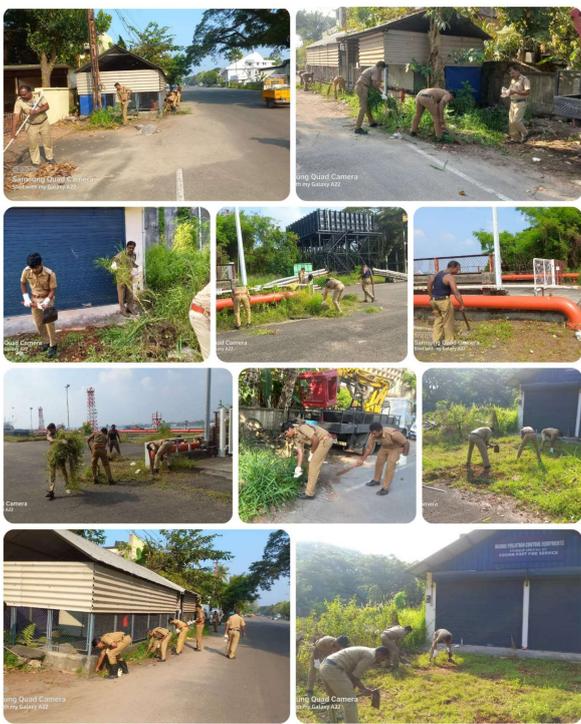
Shramdaan cleaning of Ernakulam Wharf office premises was carried out by the employees of Traffic Department. (29.10.2022)



Cleaning, reviewing and weeding out of files in progress in Mechanical Engineering Department. (28.10.2022)



Unusable items in the Hospital being removed by Medical Department for disposal as scrap. (22.10.2022)



Shramdaan cleaning on the sides of IG Road was carried out by Fire Service personnel. (29.10.2022)



Medical Department conducted awareness class on the Importance of personal hygiene & environmental hygiene for the students of Government School, Willingdon Island. (29.10.2022)

### Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas was observed in Cochin Port. Shri Vikas Narwal IAS, Deputy Chairperson administered the pledge on the occasion. The pledge was also administered in all departments. (31.10.2022)



### World Pollution Prevention Week 2022

Awareness programme on oil pollution and a pollution control drill was conducted as a part of the World Pollution Prevention Week at Cochin Port on 03.12.2022.



Gandhi Jayanti



Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Heads of Depts paid floral tributes to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhiji. The Employees of the Port and CISF personnel also participated in prayer meeting held at the Administrative Building. (02.10.2022)

Medical Camp



A medical camp with Allopathic, Ayurvedic & Homeopathic doctors was conducted by Cochin Port Hospital as part of Gandhi Jayanti. Shri Vikas Narwal IAS, Deputy Chairperson inaugurated the camp. Free medical check up and free medicines were given to employees family members and general public. (02.10.2022)

Shramadan Cleaning



Tree saplings were planted by Shri Vikas Narwal IAS, Deputy Chairperson and Shir K. Rajendran, Chief Vigilance Officer in the Administrative office premises as part of Gandhi Jayanti. Shramadan cleaning was also conducted at the park at North End, Willingdon Island on 02.10.2022.

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