



COCHIN PORT TRUST

Newsletter



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From Chairman's Desk

Dear Colleagues,

Let me first thank all my colleagues and the port community who proactively came forward with benevolent heart and extended helping hands to the crisis-stricken people during the disastrous floods in Kerala last month. The alertness, quick response, resilience and voluntary mind of our employees is highly appreciable.



It is noteworthy that the growth in cargo handling and higher efficiency with which we handled the port operations in 2017-18 that helped the employees of Cochin Port benefit with second best PLR amongst all major ports.

The cargo traffic during last 5 months has been very impressive and the cargo throughput is growing at an average of 10 percent. We are also making an impressive performance in achieving the RFD targets set by the Ministry. More marketing initiatives are being taken up by the Port to ensure that more cargo is handled through Cochin Port by taking advantage of the Ministry of Shipping initiatives to promote coastal shipping and the recent relaxations in cabotage policy.

Thanks to the support from the Ministry of Tourism, particularly with the continuous guidance by the Hon'ble Union Minister for Tourism (independent charge), we are improving the tourism infrastructure in Willingdon Island and upgrading the facilities for cruise tourists with a new international cruise terminal.

Keeping pace with the changes and advancements in logistics and technologies port functions are undergoing drastic changes world over. Major changes to facilitate efficient functioning of port are in the pipeline in our country too. It is time to reinvent ourselves. Only through a comprehensive introspection, understanding the changes around us and by embracing and imbibing the best out of the changes, we can survive in the current world scenario which with its volatile and unpredictable business dynamics quickly influences and pose challenges in all spheres of life.

Let us gear up to stand at No.1 position among all major ports.

Best Wishes,
A.V. Ramana

Foundation Stone Laid for New International Cruise Terminal

The foundation stone for the International Cruise Terminal at the Ernakulam Wharf of Cochin Port was laid by Shri Alphons Kannanthanam, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism on 28.07.2018. The function held at Ernakulam Wharf was attended by Prof. K. V. Thomas, Hon'ble MP, Prof. Richard Hay, Hon'ble MP, Shri Hibi Eden, Hon'ble MLA, Shri K.J. Maxi, Hon'ble MLA, Smt.Soumini Jain, Hon'ble Mayor and Shri A.V. Ramana, Chairman (i/c), Cochin Port Trust.



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Lifeline during Kerala Floods

August was the cruelest month for Kerala. The State of Kerala experienced unprecedented heavy rains since second week of August 2018 which resulted in opening of several dams in the State due to heavy inflow of rain water. The flood situation due to heavy rains and opening of dams continued upto 24.08.2018 in many parts of the State.

All 14 districts were on red alert and five districts were severely affected during the deluge. Many important infrastructures including Cochin International Airport & national highways and roads in many areas were marooned. Operations of Cochin International Airport were suspended for two weeks and rail-road transport disrupted in many parts of the State.

However, Cochin Port was not affected by the floods at all and infact the Port was the only lifeline for bringing relief materials to the State during the initial days.

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Speech by Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Tourism



Guests at the venue



Prof. K.V. Thomas, Hon'ble M.P.



Shri Richard Hay, Hon'ble M.P.



Smt. Soumini Jain, Hon'ble Mayor



Shri Hibi Eden, Hon'ble M.L.A.



Shri K.J. Maxi, Hon'ble M.L.A.



Shri A.V. Ramana, Chairman (i/c), Cochin Port Trust

The new International Cruise Terminal, having 2253sq. m. area, would be equipped to handle up to 5000 tourists. The facilities inside the Terminal would include passenger lounge, crew lounge, 30 immigration counters, 8 customs clearance counters, 7 security check counters, Wi-Fi, tourist information counter, duty-free shopping, souvenir/artefact/curio shops, medical care, book store, mini conference hall, gaming zone, ATM/bank services, foreign exchange counter, cafeteria, luggage counter, toilets, parking area for buses and cars, trolleys, wheel chairs etc.

The estimated cost of construction of the terminal is ₹25.72cr and of this ₹21.41cr has been sanctioned as grant by Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India.



Design of the new International Cruise Terminal

Lifeline during August Deluge

Cochin Port Trust had taken all pre-emptive measures in the wake of severe weather condition including storing of sufficient drinking water and fuel for operations of DG sets, ensuring alternate power supply to operational areas etc. The Marine and Traffic departments were on high alert and ensured that the cargo handling activities were not affected during the flood situation.

As relief materials were arriving the state by coastal shipping two berths at Cochin Port were earmarked for priority berthing of vessels bringing flood relief materials Also, two godowns were earmarked for storage of relief materials and medicines, free of charges.

Relief materials brought by Naval Ships, INS Deepak, INS Mysore, INS Mumbai, INS Sharda and Coast Guard vessels ICGS Vijith and ICGS Vikram were also handled at Cochin Port on priority basis.

The coastal vessel Swarna Godavari with 50,000 MT crude oil from Mumbai, diverted by BPCL to Cochin Port to meet the fuel demand of Kerala was given priority berthing on 20.08.2018.



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Provided two warehouses for free storage of relief materials and medicines



Fresh water being loaded from barges by Cochin Port Fire Service for supply at relief centres



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Six container loads of relief materials (10000 nos. each of saree, dhoti, lungi, bedsheet, biscuit packet, 1litre packaged water bottles, 5kg rice bags) were contributed by five major ports (VOC Port Trust, Chennai Port Trust, Kamarajar Port Trust, New Mangalore Port Trust & Cochin Port Trust) under Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India. Three container loads of relief materials sent by the shipping fraternity from Tuticorin under the initiative of Ministry of Shipping arrived by SSL Krishna were directly delivered for distribution on 20.08.2018. One container of relief materials brought from Mundra Port by a shipping company through coastal feeder was distributed on 25.08.2018. The SC/ST Federation, Cochin Port Trust Unit also distributed relief materials to the affected people.



Six container loads of relief materials were garnered by five ports consolidated and transported from Tuticorin arrived by road



Four containers of flood relief materials were mobilised by shipping fraternity from Tuticorin under the initiative of Ministry of Shipping



Relief materials mobilised by SC/ST Federation, Cochin Port Trust Unit for distribution at rescue camps being despatched by Chairman

Media Reports



A relief camp was opened at Sir Robert Bristow Memorial School at Cochin Port where about 66 persons of 25 families from the flood affected areas in Ernakulam district were accommodated. The Doctors of Cochin Port Trust Hospital provided 24x7 medical assistance at the camp including ambulance service and free medicines. A counseling session was conducted by the Medical Department on 23.08.2018 to enable the flood victims to face the aftereffects of the devastating flood and to rebuild their lives. They were also taken to show the port infrastructure and explained the functioning of the port on 26.08.2018.



Flood affected people from different parts of Ernakulam were brought to the relief camp at Cochin Port



Medical Assistance was given by Cochin Port Trust Hospital on all days at the relief camp



Counseling session was conducted by Medical Department.



Chairman, Cochin Port Trust took daily review of the relief activities and speedy handling of relief materials through the Port



The members of the Cochin Port fraternity including Employees' Welfare Association, the Trade, govt. offices and well-wishers in the Port area supplied essential utensils, gas stoves, provisions, clothes, toiletries etc to the inmates for taking to their homes



It was another home for them...Wedding anniversaries and birthdays were celebrated at the camp



Port employees and families celebrated Onam with the people at camp



A visit was arranged for the inmates to see the Port infrastructure and ships at berth

Visit of Shri Alphons Kannanthanam, Hon'ble Union Minister at CoPT Avenue Walkway site (16.07.2018)

Shri Alphons Kannanthanam, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism visited the CoPT Avenue Walkway project site in Willingdon Island on 16.07.2018 and reviewed the progress of development of tourism infrastructure in the area.

Shri A.V. Ramana, Chairman (i/c), Cochin Port Trust briefed the salient features of the project to the Hon'ble Minister. The 2.1-km-long waterside walkway is being developed by Cochin Port Trust



on one side of the National Highway in Willingdon Island between BOT Bridge and Kannanghat Bridge with the financial assistance of Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India. ₹9 crores has already been sanctioned by the Ministry for the project.

Shri G. Vaidyanathan, Chief Engineer and Smt. C. Premakumari, Secretary, Cochin Port Trust were also present during the visit.

Visit of Shri Gopal Krishna, Secretary (Shipping) (09.08.2018)

Shri Gopal Krishna IAS, Secretary (Shipping) visited Cochin Port during 9-10 August 2018 and held detailed discussions with Heads of Departments and reviewed the functioning of the Port. He held a meeting with stakeholders of the Port also. Guard of Honour was given to Secretary by CISF Cochin Port Unit on arrival at the Port. He visited the port infrastructure and facilities by boat.



Shri Gopal Krishna IAS, Secretary (Shipping) reviewed the performance of Cochin Port during his two-day visit

Independence Day



Shri A.V. Ramana hoisted the National Flag and addressed the gathering in the lawns of Administrative Building of Cochin Port Trust on the occasion of 72nd Independence Day celebrations.

International Yoga Day (21.06.2018)



International Day of Yoga at Cochin Port. Introduction on Yoga was given by Shri AV Ramana, Chairman (i/c) and demonstration by Yogacharya V S Sudheer and team

World Environment Day (05.06.2018)



Planting of saplings by Shri AV Ramana, Chairman(i/c) and Heads of Department on the occasion of World Environment Day at Cochin Port.

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