

From Chairman's Desk



Dear Colleagues,

It is indeed a proud moment for the Cochin Port family. The Port has scaled a new peak in cargo handling in 2018-19 by achieving a throughput of 32.02 MMT, which is 10% growth over the cargo handled in 2017-18. The performance on the financial front is also very impressive as the Port has achieved 11.15% growth in operating income. We could control the increase in operating expenditure to 2.02% during 2018-19 compared to previous years. This has helped in increasing the operating profit to Rs.210.87 Crores which is 32.13% higher than that of 2017-18. The net profit has increased from 13.55 Crores (2017-18) to 19.2 Crores (2018-19) ie. 41.7% growth. We could improve the operating ratio from 69.71% to 63.99% in 2018-19. The Port could make an additional payment of Rs.27.41 Crores to the Pension Fund Corpus, over and above the normal pension payments during 2018-19. Also, the Port has made the first installment of Rs.55.85 Crores towards repayment of GoI loan amounting to Rs.558.53 Crores. It is noteworthy that we could pay the wage revision arrears to Class III & IV employees and pensioners in April, 2019.

I would like to place on record the commendable efforts made by the employees of Cochin Port Trust and the members of the Port fraternity in regaining the glory of Cochin as a reliable transit point for the logistics sector world over. The contributions of all departments in ensuring cost effective service and delivering high productivity standards are also noteworthy. Curtailing the expenditure on dredging by following the nautical depth concept was very helpful in containing operational expenditure, which is very high in Cochin compared to other Ports.

However we have to aspire for much better performance in the coming days. Only then we can gradually overcome the burden of about Rs.2,600 Crores deficit in the Pension Fund, repay the GoI loans of about Rs.500 Crores, and meet the employee cost which is 50% of the total expenditure.

We have to achieve higher productivity by optimum utilisation of our resources. We have to equip ourselves to compete with the new ports coming up in the hinterland. Only by offering cost effective and reliable service we could attract more cargo to Cochin.

It is very important to control the operating expenditure to provide cost effective service and to achieve a healthy, sustainable and stable financial backup for the organization.

We are living in a world where changes are happening on a daily basis in every spheres of life. People and businesses who/which fail to quickly get adept to such situations would definitely get sidelined from the road to success. Hence, we need to reengineer/define the work profiles to suit the demands of the new age logistics sector and strengthen the core areas of port activities.

Let us work hard to overcome challenges and join hands for attaining higher goals in the days to come.

Best Wishes,

Dr. M. Beena IAS

Best Environmental Practice Award

Cochin Port Trust was bestowed with Best Environmental Practice Award (second prize) by Kerala State Pollution Control Board for the Septage Treatment Plant project in Willingdon Island. The prize was received by Dr M Beena IAS, Chairman, Cochin Port Trust from Chief Minister, Kerala, on 05.06.2019.



Cochin Port records highest-ever cargo handling performance

Cochin Port handled 2.81 million metric tonnes (MMT) of cargo in June 2019. The cumulative handling of cargo during April 2019 to June 2019 is 8.51 MMT, which is 10.02% higher than the cargo handled during April 2018 to June 2018.

The ICTT at Cochin Port handled 53600 TEUs in June 2019. The cumulative number of containers handled during April 2019 to June 2019 is 1,51,929 TEUs which is 9.19% higher than the containers handled during April 2018 to June 2018.

The Container Freight Station of Cochin Port Trust handled 381 TEUs in June 2019 which is 10.76% higher than the containers handled during June 2018. The cumulative number of containers handled at Port CFS during April 2019 to June 2019 is 1143 TEUs which is 9.5% higher than the containers handled during April 2018 to June 2018.

Cochin Port continues to be the most sought-after destination for international cruise liners. The total number of cruise vessels visited Cochin Port during April to June 2019 is 15 and expected to handle 56 ships in the current financial year.

Cochin Port Day - 2019

Cochin Port Day was celebrated on 28.05.2019 commemorating the arrival of first ship (S.S. Padma) in Cochin Port in 1928. Shri K.S. Srinivas, IAS, Chairman, Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) was the chief guest of the function.

Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairman, Cochin Port Trust, Shri A.V. Ramana, Deputy Chairman, representatives of trade unions & the trade, employees and families were present. Best performing port users and outstanding performers among the employees of the Port were awarded. Entertainment programmes were performed by employees and their family members.

A dredger of Dredging Corporation of India was arranged at the BTP berth for public visit from 10AM to 5 PM.



Visit of Hon'ble Minister for Ports, Govt. of Puducherry

Shri M Kandasamy, Hon'ble Minister for Ports, Govt. of Puducherry accompanied by Parliamentary Secretary, Shri Lakshmi Narayanan, MLA visited Cochin Port Trust on 29.06.2019 and interacted with Dr. M. Beena Chairperson, Heads of Departments & senior officials of Cochin Port Trust.



Visit of Shri Sanjay Bandopadhyaya IAS, Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Shipping

Shri Sanjay Bandopadhyaya IAS, Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Shipping visited Cochin Port on 25.04.2019 and held discussion with Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Shri A.V. Ramana, Deputy Chairman and Heads of Department.



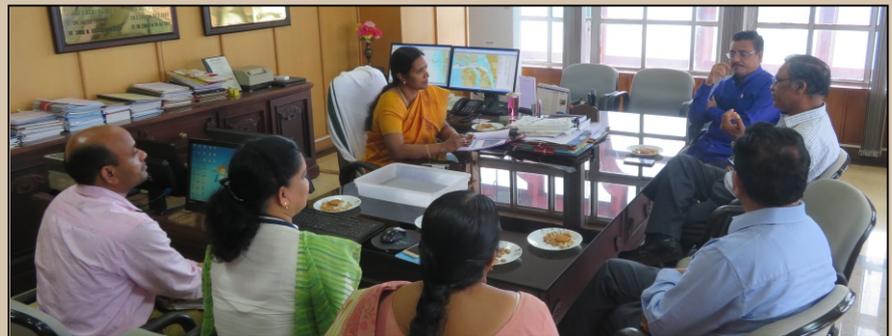
The maiden voyage of China-India Service

The maiden voyage of China-India Service (CI 2) of Wan Hai Lines called at ICTT at Cochin Port. Dr. M Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust were presented Plaques to the Captain of the ship Wan Hai 510, DP World & agent M/s. Omega Shipping at a brief function at ICTT Vallarpadam on 10.04.2019. The direct service to China will greatly benefit the trade in Kerala & Tamilnadu.



Visit of Joint Secretary, Ministry of Shipping

Shri Vanraj A. Chavda, Joint Secretary and Shri Sunil Kumar, Joint Director (OL), Ministry of Shipping visited Cochin Port Trust and held discussion with Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson and Shri A.V. Ramana, Deputy Chairman on 15.05.2019.



Visit of Cruise vessel MSC Splendida

Cruise ship MSC Splendida arrived at Cochin on her maiden call with 3042 passengers and 1295 crew on 07.04.2019. The ship came from Muscat and sailed to Penang. Cochin was the only port of call for the ship in India. Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust exchanged plaque with the captain of the ship at a brief function on board



Visit of Cruise vessel Spectrum of the Seas

Newly built and on its maiden voyage, Spectrum of the Seas, the 4th largest cruise ship in the World arrived at Cochin Port on 11.05.19 with 4007 passengers & 1713 crew members, Built especially for Asia, Spectrum of the Seas features an awe-inspiring three-level main dining room with 1,844 seats. World's most technologically advanced ship offers a variety of fun and adventure activities. Exchange of plaque has been done by captain of the Ship and Shri A.V Ramana, Dy. Chairman, Cochin Port Trust.



Meeting With Corporation of Cochin

Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust held discussions with Municipal Secretary, Cochin Corporation on 06.05.2019 regarding setting up of a Septage Treatment Plant at Willingdon Island.



Trade Meet at Coimbatore

Cochin Port organised a trade meet at Coimbatore on 07.06.2019 in collaboration with ICC, Coimbatore Chapter. The EXIM trade of the region interacted with the Chairperson & other senior officials of the Port and ICTT.



Hindi Workshop

A workshop on Official Language was conducted at conference hall of New Administration building, Cochin Port Trust on 18.06.2019



World No Tobacco Day

'World No Tobacco Day' was observed in Cochin Port on 31.05.2019. As a part of this, an awareness programme was conducted at Cochin Port Trust Hospital conference hall. The pledge was administered in the office premises.



Training Programmes

Two-day training programme on 'ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System Internal Auditor Training' was held in the Conference Hall of the New Administration Building, Cochin Port Trust on 11.06.2019 & 12.06.2019



Two-day training programme on 'Information Security' was conducted by C-DAC at the conference hall of Cochin Port Trust on 16.05.2019 & 17.05.2019.



International Day of Yoga

The fifth edition of the International Day of Yoga was celebrated in Cochin Port Trust on 21.06.2019 in coordination with India Tourism, Kochi at the Samudrika Convention Hall. Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust launched the programme by addressing the gathering. Apart from employees of Cochin Port Trust, members from travel trade representing Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO), Travel Agents' Association of India (TAAI), South India Regional Guides' Association of Kerala (SIRGAK) and Association of Domestic Tour Operators of India (ADTOI) attended the event.

The Yoga session was conducted by a team of instructors from Isha Foundation led by Shri Skanda Das. Smt. Sandhya Haridas, Manager, India Tourism, Kochi was also present.



World Environment Day



Planting of saplings as part of World Environment Day-2019. Dr. M. Beena, IAS, Chairman, Heads of Dept. and employees planted trees in the port area on 05.06.2019.

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