

Cochin Port bags Sagar Shreshta Award



In an elaborately arranged function at New Delhi on 10.05.2023, to honour the best performing Major Ports of India, the Hon'ble Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal awarded Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority with 'Sagar Shreshtha Sammaan Award' for best performance among all Indian Major Ports for best Turn Around Time in non-Container Port category, during the year 2022-23.

This award is in recognition of the excellent performance of Cochin Port in handling dry bulk and liquid bulk cargo vessels at Cochin. Port recorded 48 hours in turning around vessels of an average parcel size of 43,800 MT that arrived at the Port. The TRT is a performance parameter which is calculated on the basis of the notice of readiness by the vessel till pilot disembark time after operations, of a vessel that arrives at the port.

The function was attended by senior functionaries of the Ministry, Major Ports and Industry leaders, including Shri Shripad Naik, Minister of State, Shri Sudhansh Pant, Secretary (PS&W), Shri Rajiv Jalota, Chairman, Indian Ports Association. Shri Vikas Narwal IAS, Deputy Chairperson, Shri Vipin R. Menoth, Traffic Manager, Capt. Joseph J. Alapat, Deputy Conservator and Shri R. Satish, Sr. Deputy Director of Cochin Port attended the function. (10.05.2023)



Chintan Shivir 2023

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways embarked upon its much-anticipated 2-day Chintan Shivir at Munnar in Kerala. The Shivir which was chaired and inaugurated by Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and AYUSH in the august presence of the Shri Shripad Naik, MoS, MoPSW and Tourism, Shri Shantanu Thakur, MoS, MoPSW, Shri Sudhansh Pant, Secretary, MoPSW and others including Chairpersons of all major Ports, heads and senior officials of the other organizations/PSU's of the Ministry.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Sonowal lauded the commitment and hard work exhibited by MoPSW and each of the organizations in positioning India as a global leader in the maritime sector. Recognizing the significance of enhancing connectivity and fostering new business opportunities, he emphasized the Ministry's goal to educate and create awareness among the common people too by highlighting the impact of the maritime sector in simple language and how it impacts the lives of the common people.

"Under the dynamic leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has achieved a new reputation globally and the Ministry in coordination with all the major organizations are working to further boost and implement the vision of out PM towards making India Atmanirbhar." the Minister added.



Shri Shripad Y Naik, MoS, MoPSW mentioned the excellent performance achieved during the FY-2022-23 in all aspects of port operations. He said, 'The MIV 2030 launched under the leadership of PM Modi has led the blueprint of the actions that would lead us towards making India one of the leading blue economies of the world and we should try to achieve the determined targets'.

On this occasion Shri Shantanu Thakur, MoS, MoPSW stated, 'India is one of the leading economies of the world and the considerable amount of work has been done towards infrastructure documentation in the ports enhancing ease of doing business, increasing the share of renewable energy in the sectors and promoting ship building and ship repair'. He also added that now we should focus on making India a hub for Maritime training and strengthening Maritime institutions.



Chintan Shivir 2023

During the first day of the Chintan Shivir, the achievements and targets set during the previous Chintan Shivir were discussed. An exclusive session with the HoDs of the major ports, chaired by Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, focused on the innovative ideas of the ports. The other session focused on lighthouse tourism and how to become a global player in shipbuilding and enhance India's tonnage. Apart from this, the participants from various organisations shared valuable insights, paving its way for informed decision-making and effective implementation strategies.



The day two of the Chintan Shivir focused on cargo handling by major ports, improving and optimizing port call procedures, digitalization and standardization.

The final session of the Chintan Shivir concluded by emphasizing on Inland waterways and Coastal Shipping along with enhancing good governance, work culture and leadership. The session also suggested completing and executing the Sagarmala projects for improving port efficiency.



Chintan Shivir - Cricket Match/Yoga Session/Nature Walk

During the Chintan Shivir, as a part of team-building exercise, two teams Port XI & Minister's XI participated in an exciting cricket match amidst the scenic beauty of Munnar, Kerala. The event aimed to strengthen bonds and foster a sense of team spirit among the officials. In addition to this Yoga session, nature walk, cultural programmes were also conducted.



International Day of Yoga

As part of the International Yoga Day celebrations on 21.06.2023, yoga session was conducted at Samudrika Hall, Willingdon Island, under the auspices of Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority. Shri Vikas Narwal IAS, Deputy Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority, Shri S.R. Saravanan IPS, Inspector General - CISF, Smt. C. Premakumari, Secretary, Shri V. Thuraipandian, Chief Mechanical Engineer, Shri Malla Srinivasa Rao, Financial Adviser & Chief Accounts Officer, Smt. E. Rema, Chief Engineer, Cochin Port Authority, Shri Neeraj Kumar Patel, Deputy Commandant CISF, Senior officials, employees of Cochin Port Authority and CISF personnel participated.

International Yoga Day was also celebrated onboard vessel MV Lagoons at Ernakulam Wharf of Cochin Port Authority. Capt. Joseph J. Alapat, Deputy Conservator, Dr. K.I. Muthukoya, Chief Medical Officer (i/c), Cochin Port Authority, Capt. Madan Damodaran, Captain of MV Lagoons, CISF personnel and staff of MV Lagoons took part.

The yoga sessions were conducted under the guidance of Yogacharya Shri Johny Jose C. (21.06.2023)



Cochin Port Day-2023

Cochin Port day was celebrated on 26.05.2023 in commemoration of arrival of the first ship to the modern port of Cochin. The first ship, SS Padma entered the inner harbour through the widened and deepened Cochin Gut on 26th May 1928. The events held at Samudrika Hall and Hotel Taj Malabar, Willingdon Island were presided over by Dr. M. Beena, IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority. Shri Vikas Narwal, IAS, Deputy Chairperson delivered the keynote address. Shri T. Prabhu, IOFS, Chief Vigilance Officer, was present during the function. The Chief Guest of the day, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Cabinet Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways & Ayush, Govt. of India, graced the occasion through virtual message. Shri Jaideep P., IRS, Commissioner of Customs, Cochin and Cmde Rajesh Kumar Yadav, Naval Officer-in-Charge, Southern Naval Command were the guests of honour at Samudrika hall.



Awards were given to outstanding employees and also to winners of various competitions held as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav during 2022-23. This was followed by various entertainment programmes by the employees and family members and a music programme by playback singer Ms. Chitra Arun and team.

'MV Lakshadweep Sea', a passenger ship berthed at BTP Jetty was visited by hundreds of the general public.



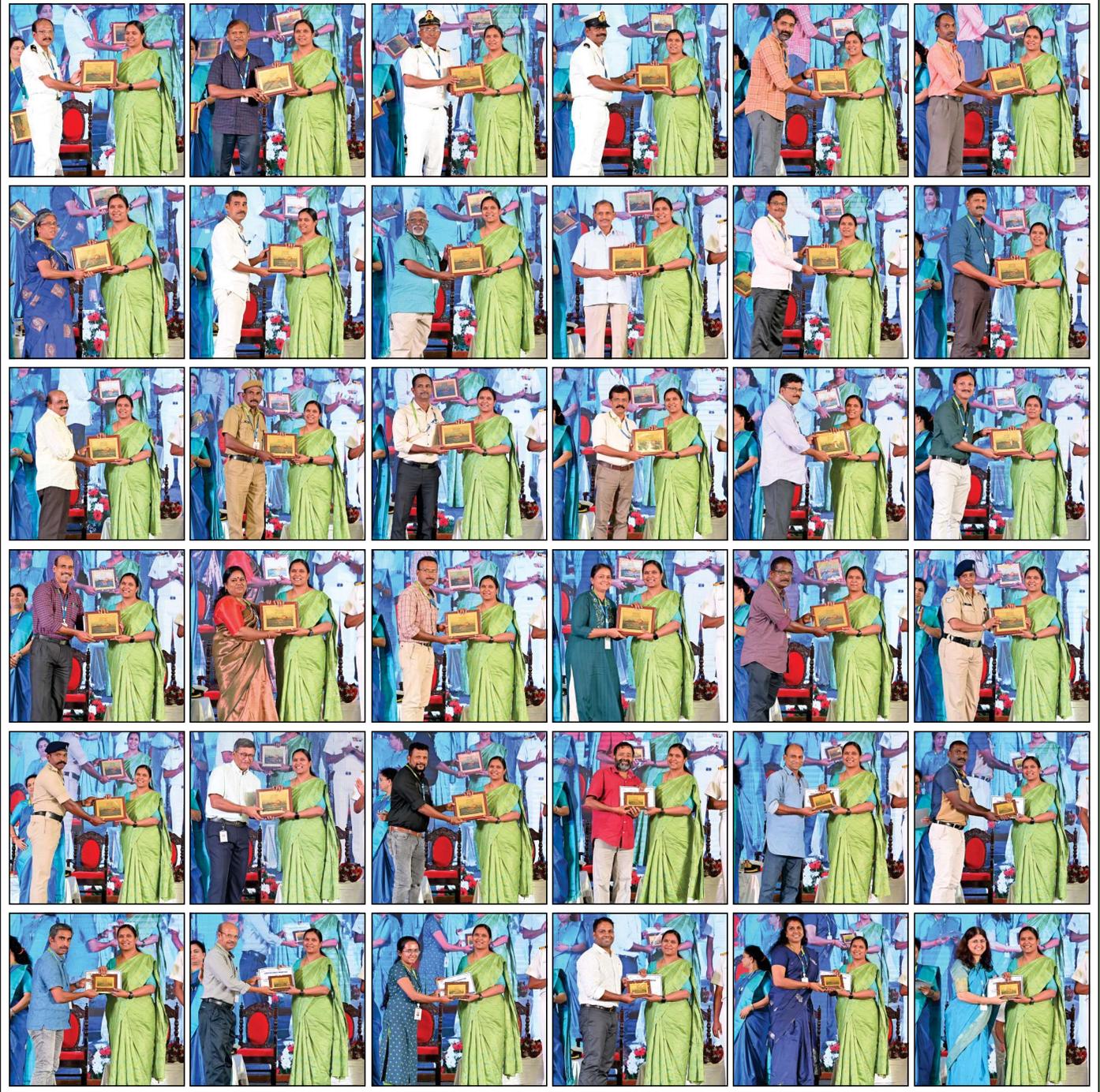
A Business session held at Hotel Taj Malabar at 6.30 pm was honoured by Shri Binu K.S., President, Kerala Steamer Agents' Association and Shri Suraj Muraleedharan, President, Cochin Customs Brokers' Association. Major import/export performers were honoured during the function.



The functions were attended by Capt. Joseph J. Alapat, Deputy Conservator, Shri Vipin R. Menoth, Traffic Manager, Smt. C. Premakumari, Secretary, Shri V. Thuraipandian, Chief Mechanical Engineer, Smt. Rema E., Chief Engineer, Shri Malla Srinivasa Rao, FA & CAO, Dr. K. I. Muthukoya, Chief Medical Officer (i/c), Cochin Port Authority, Shri Neeraj Kumar Patel, Deputy Commandant, CISF, representatives of the trade Unions, employees and pensioners of the port and their families.(26.05.2023)

Cochin Port Day-2023

Awards were given to outstanding officers/employees during the Cochin Port Day celebrations held at Samudrika Cruise Terminal.(26.05.2023)



Awards were given to the winners of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) competitions conducted in 2022-23, during the Cochin Port Day celebrations held at Samudrika Cruise Terminal. (26.05.2023)



Cochin Port Day-2023

Major import/export performers were honoured during the Business Session held at Hotel Taj Malabar during the Cochin Port Day celebrations



Foundation Stone laid for the Project of Modernisation and Upgradation of Cochin Fisheries Harbour

Shri Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and Shri Sarbananda Sonowal (through Video Conference), Hon'ble Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Ayush, laid the Foundation stone for the Project of 'Modernization and Upgradation of Cochin Fisheries Harbour, Thoppumpady' in an august function held at the Samudrika Hall of Cochin Port Authority on 11.06.2023.



The Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority, Dr. M. Beena welcomed the gathering. The Hon'ble Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, Shri Parshottam Rupala addressed the gathering. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Ayush addressed the gathering virtually. Shri Hibi Eden, MP, Ernakulam, Shri K.J. Maxi, MLA, Kochi, Shri T.J. Vinod, MLA, Ernakulam, Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi, OSD, Dept. of Fisheries, Govt. of India, and Shri. K.S. Srinivas, Principal Secretary, Fisheries, Govt. of Kerala, felicitated the function. Shri Vikas Narwal, Deputy Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority delivered the vote of thanks. The Cochin Fisheries Harbour was established by Cochin Port Trust, now Cochin Port Authority, in 1978 as a Grant-in-Aid project of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Government of India. The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying had accorded approval to the proposal of Cochin Port Authority for the project of 'Modernisation and Upgradation of Cochin Fisheries Harbour' in March, 2022 at a total cost of Rs.169.17 crore with a central financial assistance of Rs.100 Crore under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), in convergence with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways under Sagarmala. The function was attended by Fishermen and allied workers, Trade Unions, members from the Seafood Trade, members from the Trade Associations, Steamer Agents' Association and Custom Brokers Association, the Chambers of Commerce, Officials from the Coast Guard and Navy, and the Cochin Port community. (11.06.2023)



Modernisation and Upgradation of Cochin Fisheries Harbour

The Cochin Fisheries Harbour has an area of 27.86 acre with a wharf length of 350 meter. More than 700 fishing vessels operate from the harbour which witnesses 10 months of fishing activity in a year with peak season during August to November. On an average, there are about 40 to 60 boats landing at the harbour which contribute to a catch of 250 Tons per day. The catch includes Shrimps, Cuttlefish, Carangids, Ribbon Fish, Seer Fish, Tuna and Marlins, which earn precious foreign exchange for the country through exports.

The Modernisation and Upgradation Project of Cochin Fisheries Harbour through Public Private Partnership (PPP) involves setting up of infrastructural facilities on par with International standards such as temperature controlled auction centres, packing units, mechanical retrieval and conveyance of fish from the fishing vessel, chilled room for storage, ice plants, water supply, fuel outlets, net mending yards, mooring facilities for the boats, vehicle parking stations, canteen facilities, etc. On completion of the project, the harbour will have four (4) large temperature-controlled Auction Halls with mechanical retrieval and conveyance for 415 Tons of Fish per day. The investment by the PPP operator amounts to Rs.55.84 Crore with the scope of creating Cold Storage, Slurry & Tube Ice Plants, Multi-level Car Parking Facility, Reverse Osmosis Plant, Dormitory (Furnishing & Finishing), Food Court (Furnishing & Finishing) and Retail Market.

The modernisation of Cochin Fisheries Harbour will better the lives of the thousands of Fishermen and allied workers who depend on the harbour for their livelihood. The modernisation and value-addition activities will also generate new employment opportunities of skilled and unskilled nature.

The modernisation of the harbour will also help in improving the unit value realization for the fish caught. There is an estimated loss of 20% to 25% of the fish catch during the post-harvest operations. With modernization of infrastructure facilities, professional management, mechanized and hygienic handling process, etc., the traffic flowing through the Harbour will be increased and the post-harvest loss will be reduced. Consequently, there will be better price realization from domestic and export markets, earning precious foreign exchange for the country.

On completion of the Modernization Project, it is envisaged that the earnings at Cochin Fisheries Harbour from export of fish and fish products will be in the range of Rs.1,500 Crore per annum. In addition, with substantial improvement in hygiene, higher level of employment of fishermen and allied workers on a continued basis can be ensured.

The project is a vindication of the several novel initiatives in Blue Economy taken under the visionary leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. (11.06.2023)

South East View of Fish Harbour



Traffic updates

Cochin Port registered a total throughput of 8.78 MMT in 2023-24 (Apr-Jun), a growth of 0.51% over correspondent period of 2022-23. POL throughput registered 5.39 MMT and Container throughput registered 1.73L TEUs in 23-24 (Apr-Jun), a growth of 2.78% & decline of 4.84% respectively over corresponding period of 2022-23.



Water Barge service commissioned in Cochin Port

Shri. Vikas Narwal IAS, Deputy Chairperson inaugurated the water barge operations for the supply of fresh water to the ships. The contract has been awarded to M/s. Amrut Dredging and Shipping Ltd. under Revenue Share Model for the hiring of water barge with an aggregate capacity of 250 MT for the supply of fresh water to the ships. Shri S.K. Sahu, Financial Adviser & Chief Accounts Officer, Shri Vipin R. Menoth, Traffic Manager, Capt. Joseph J. Alapat, Deputy Conservator, Shri V. Thuraipandian, Chief Mechanical Engineer, Smt. Rema E., Chief Engineer, Dr. K.I. Muthukoya, Chief Medical Officer (i/c) and officers of Cochin Port Authority were present at an event organised at the BTP Jetty of Cochin Port Authority. (17.04.2023)



Meeting on Development of State's Cruise Tourism

Meeting held on development of State's cruise tourism chaired by Shri K.S. Srinivas IAS, Principal Secretary, Tourism Dept, Govt of Kerala in the presence of Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority. The meeting was attended by the senior officials from Tourism Dept, District Administration, Kerala Maritime Board, etc.



The Principal Secretary and Tourism department officials visited Cochin Port Authority's Sagarika International Cruise Terminal and allied facilities. (08.06.2023)



Union Minister's Meeting with Seafood Exporters Association at Cochin Port office

The Hon'ble Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, Shri Parshottam Rupala held meeting with the seafood exporters association at Cochin Port Authority office. The members of the association shared concerns related with rising ocean pollution, effluent treatment in the seafood processing plants, diesel prices etc (11.06.2023)



Fourth G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting

Dr. M. Beena, IAS Chairperson, Cochin Port presented a paper on 'Developing India as Hub of Cruise Tourism' in the 4th G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting held at Goa on 19.06.2023. The event deliberated the strategies to promote Cruise Tourism as a Model for Sustainable and Responsible Travel. Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority briefed the audience about the several policy measures taken by Govt. of India for development of India as a cruise tourism hub including infrastructure development, regulatory and fiscal measures and development of river cruise. (19.06.2023)



LPG Terminal visit

Cochin Port officials visited shore based LPG Terminal of Indian Oil, which is nearing commission, to gauge the operational preparedness required for full scale operations. (15.06.2023)



Shri Malla Srinivasa Rao New FA & CAO



Shri Malla Srinivasa Rao, Sr. Deputy Chief Accounts Officer, V.O. Chidambaranar Port appointed as new Financial Advisor & Chief Accounts Officer in Cochin Port Authority (03.05.2023)

Student of School of Nursing CoPA achieves 1st Rank in Ernakulam district

Ms. Shageena V.C., student of School of Nursing, CoPA secured 1st Rank in Ernakulam district for the General Nursing & Midwifery Exam, 2022. She was felicitated by Dr. M. Beena IAS Chairperson and Shri Vikas Narwal IAS, Deputy Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority in a function held at Cochin Port Hospital. (16.05.2023)



Training Programme on 'Safety, Health & Environment'

Half-day training programme on 'Safety, Health & Environment' was organised for Dock Workers from various departments of Cochin Port Authority, Stevedores & Tank-farms. Shri Sasidharan K.S., Deputy CME (Retd.), Cochin Port curated the session. (14.06.2023)



Awareness talks on Nutrition and Exercise

Dr. K.I. Muthukoya, Chief Medical Officer (i/c), Cochin Port Authority conducted awareness talks on Nutrition and Exercise for the employees of CoPA, as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (28.04.2023)



79th Fire Services Week at Cochin Port

79th Fire Services Week observed at Cochin Port Authority from 14.04.2023 to 21.04.2023. As part of this an awareness class, live demo of fire fighting equipments, Fire drills and Rescue drills were conducted. (17.04.2023)



National Maritime Day

Hon'ble Justice Chaly, High Court of Kerala and Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority were guests of honour at the public function held at Cochin Port on 05.04.2023. Walkathon, Painting competition, Blood Donation camp, Radio talk show, flag hoisting and honouring of seafarers who lost their lives at sea, and ship visit for the public were also organised as part of the celebrations held from 30.03.2023 to 05.04.2023.



Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's 132nd birth anniversary celebrated in Cochin Port. Capt. Joseph J. Alapat, Deputy Conservator, Shri S.K. Sahu, FA & CAO, Shri V. Thuraipandian, Chief Mechanical Engineer, office bearers of SC/ST associations paid floral tributes to the architect of the Indian Constitution. Employees took part in the function. (14.04.2023)



World Environment Day celebration

Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Shri T. Prabhu IOFS, CVO & Heads of Departments planted tree saplings at the Cochin Port Avenue Walkway as part of the World Environment Day Celebration (05.06.2023)



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