

Chairman's message



Dear Colleagues,

Though the economic downturn due to the pandemic had its repercussions in the logistics sector during the last financial year, the trends indicate the revival of the logistics and transport industry in the current financial year.

This is greatly reflected in the cargo handling in Cochin Port too. The port registered a total throughput of 10.10 MMT in 2021-22 (Apr-Jul), attaining a growth of 30.10% over the corresponding period of 2020-21, when the COVID-19 pandemic had seriously impacted the throughput. POL registered a 5.92 MMT throughput and Container, 2.20 Lakh TEUs in 2021-22 (Apr-Jul), growing by 30.23% and 31.65% respectively over the corresponding period of 2020-21. This growth is indeed very encouraging and we hope to achieve the targeted throughput by the end of the financial year.

During the pandemic period we were able to help the health care sector in their efforts to fight the Covid-19 by ensuring speedy handling of liquid medical oxygen (LMO) that reached Cochin Port by ships and trains for onward distribution in the state of Kerala. The handling charges of LMO (including vessel related charges, storage charges etc) were exempted as per the directions of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. The Covid-19 hospital with 102 oxygen beds set up at Samudrika Hall of Cochin Port in coordination with Corporation of Cochin continues to function for the benefit of the Covid patients in the City.

The pandemic turned out as an opportunity for organisations to accelerate the pace of innovation, transformation and reconfiguration with a view to optimise the cost and efficiency of the processes and functioning for survival. We at Cochin Port are doing our best to improve the efficiency at work by imbibing increased use of information technology. But we need to strive harder to offer cost effective services by optimising productivity in order to attract more business.

The efforts taken by the frontline workers of Cochin Port to keep the port services uninterrupted throughout the pandemic period are remarkable. I heartily commend the commitment shown by them during the difficult times.

Let us usher in the New Year of Malayalam Era with greater optimism for a robust year ahead and deeper commitment to achieve new milestones.

I wish you all a Happy Onam.

Best Wishes,
Dr. M. Beena IAS

Our Hon'ble Ministers



Shri Sarbananda Sonowal

assumed charge as the Minister (Cabinet Rank) of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Govt. of India. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, the Hon'ble Cabinet Minister hailing from Assam, is also the Minister of AYUSH. He is a former Chief Minister of the State of Assam prior to joining the cabinet of ministers and has served the country in various capacities.



Shri Shripad Naik

assumed charge as the Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, belongs to Goa, and is also the Minister of State for Tourism. Prior to this, he was the Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare.



Shri Shantanu Thakur

assumed charge as the Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways. A West Bengal native, he holds various other charges including member of Standing & Consultative Committees.

(July 2021)

Maiden Voyage of Coastal Service connecting Beypore and Azhikkal Ports



Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (I/C) for Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, inaugurated the loading operation on the maiden voyage of Coastal Shipping Service "Green Freight Corridor-2" from Cochin Port to Beypore and Azhikkhal ports during a virtual event held on 29.06.2021.

The function was attended by Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan IAS, Secretary, Shri Sanjay Bandopadhyay IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (at New Delhi) and Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Dr. Cyril C. George, Deputy Chairman, Cochin Port Trust, Shri Praveen Joseph, Chief Executive Officer, DP World–Cochin (at ICTT Vallarpadam, Cochin Port).

Green Freight Corridor service is operated by Round The Coast Pvt. Ltd., which will connect Kochi-Beypore-Azhikkhal ports, and later Kollam port will be added to this service. This regular service will help reduce the logistic costs to northern Kerala, considerably.



The operators have deployed a River Sea Vessel, Class IV, M.V. Chougule-8, which will be rechristened as M.V. Hope Seven (LOA – 67.2 m, Beam – 13.30 m, Draft 3.2 m) for this service. The vessel has a designed capacity of 106 TEUs, and can carry 50-60 TEUs of laden containers and has 20 reefer plug points. The vessel will call at Cochin Port twice a week and will feeder exim and coastal boxes to the ports of Beypore and Azhikkhal. M/s JM Baxi is the general agent for the service.

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has accorded high priority to building greater synergies between the major ports and non-major ports in a state in order to promote coastal trade and to improve logistics efficiencies through its flagship programme–'Sagarmala'. By doing so, the Ministry aims to provide seaborne connectivity to the trade and industries in the hinterland, reduce road and rail congestions besides bringing down logistics cost.

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Cargo Handling - April-July 2021

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Maiden Voyage of Coastal Service connecting Bepore and Azhikkal Ports (contd.)



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The commodities that would be shipped would include rice, wheat, salt, construction material, sanitary wares, cement, etc. unloaded at Cochin from Gujarat. On the return leg, the operators are targeting to move exim cargo such as plywood, footwear, textiles, coffee, etc. Similarly the imported cashew containers would also be moved from Cochin to Kollam at a later stage.

In order to promote coastal shipping of containers, Cochin Port is offering 50% rebate in vessel related charges for the River Sea vessels. Similarly, the Government of Kerala has also offered an operational incentive @10% above the road transportation cost as per the NATPC study report for coastal shipping in the minor ports in the state for a period of one year from 23.01.2021. These hand-holding measures would help the sustenance of the service during the initial period and would encourage introduction of more services of this kind on regular basis.

This service is expected to bring about a marked modal shift of transportation of containers and ease the congestion on the road and reduce carbon footprint. This also augurs well to connect the hinterlands of northern Kerala, particularly the exim trade in Calicut and Kannur region.

Seaplane Bunkering

In a first of its kind event at a Major Port, SpiceJet seaplane berthed at Cochin Port at 1130 hrs on 18.04.2021 for refueling enroute to Male, Maldives. This paves way for Cochin Port to position itself as a seaplane bunkering port. The seaplane which arrived from Goa, left for Maldives at 1245 hrs after bunkering 975 lts of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF), besides stocking essential items on board. Indian Oil Aviation supplied the bunker (ATF) for the seaplane.

From being the leader in bunkering ocean going crafts, Cochin Port has now forayed into seaplane bunkering business also. Cochin Port was, incidentally, the first Major Port in India to start LNG Bunkering in February 2015.

With this, Cochin Port firmly establishes itself as an integrated logistics service provider with capabilities to serve road, sea and air mode of transportation.



Transportation of Tank containers via coastal shipping

The first coastal consignment of two tank containers carrying acrylic acid from BPCL-Kochi Refinery for Hazira port, Gujarat were loaded on board m.v. SSL Vishakhapatnam from ICTT Vallarpadam of Cochin Port on 18.04.2021. The coastal shipping of hazardous cargo like acrylic acid, marks the modal shift of transportation of tank containers from road to sea mode. This is a major step towards promotion of Coastal shipping being encouraged by Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt of India under the Sagarmala scheme. The consignees are Visen Industries - Silvassa and Rossari Biotech – Bharuch, Gujarat. Avana Logistek Ltd, a Transworld Group company was the logistics partner.





Handling of Liquid Medical Oxygen

Cochin Port has handled 513.76 MT of medical liquid Oxygen by train and 160.9 MT by ship, since the second wave commenced in the country.

First Oxygen Container Express Train for Kerala carrying six 20ft Cryogenic Containers with 118 MT Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) reached at Vallarpadam Terminal on 16.05.2021. Second Oxygen Express to Kerala, carrying seven 20ft cryogenic containers with 128.6 MT LMO from Rourkela reached at ICTT on 22.05.2021. The third Oxygen Express train carrying seven 20ft cryogenic containers with 133.64 MT of LMO reached on 27.05.2021 and another consignment of 133.52 tonnes of LMO arrived at ICTT from the Rourkela steel plant in Odisha on 02.06.2021. Immediate transfer of Liquid Oxygen (LMO) from trains to Road Tankers was facilitated at the Container terminal.

Cryogenic containers with LMO were unloaded from Indian Navy vessel INS Shardul at ICTT Vallarpadam Terminal on 27.05.2021. The ship brought 87tonnes of medical oxygen from Kuwait and containers were handed over to Kerala Govt. Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) (73.9 MT) was also arrived at ICTT via SSL Gujarat on 24.05.2021.



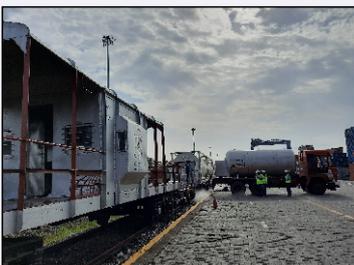
First Oxygen Container Express with LMO at ICTT (16.05.2021).



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Second Oxygen Express Train with LMO from Rourkela at ICTT (22.05.2021).



Handling of Third Oxygen Express train carrying LMO from Rourkela at Vallarpadam Terminal



Handling of Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) for Kerala from INS Shardul berthed at ICTT Vallarpadam (27.05.2021).

Covid Hospital

Covid Hospital with 102 Oxygen beds set up at Samudrika Hall of Cochin Port Trust with the support of Kochi Municipal Corporation being inaugurated by Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust. The Hall for the hospital was given by Cochin Port Trust under CSR (01.06.2021).



Shuttle Badminton Court

Renovated Shuttle Badminton Court was inaugurated by Dr. M.Beena IAS, Chairperson in the presence of Dr. Cyril C. George (Dy.Chairman, CoPT & Chairman, Major Ports Sports Control Board) HODs & sports persons. Facilities at the indoor court were renovated as part of Fit India initiative (28.07.2021).



Distribution of Televisions

As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav programme at Cochin Port, Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson handed over two television sets for the inmates of Government Old Age Home, Thevara (11.06.2021).



Medical Camp

As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav programme Cochin Port Trust Hospital conducted a medical camp at Palluruthy Village, Ernakulam. Medicines, masks, sanitisers, pulse oximeters etc were distributed (11.06.2021).



Distribution of Mobile phones

As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav programme at Cochin Port, Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust distributed mobile phones to the needy students of Govt. High School, Willingdon Island with the support of Cochin Port Officers Association (03.07.2021)



Visit of Raksha Mantri

Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairman, Cochin Port Trust welcomed Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, who arrived at Ernakulam Wharf of Cochin Port to visit the Indigenous Aircraft Carrier being built by CSL for Indian Navy (25.07.2021).



Study Visit of Parliamentary Standing Committee

Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism & Culture during the study visit to Cochin held a meeting with Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Cochin Port Trust & Kerala Maritime Board on Promotion of Infrastructure in India's Maritime Sector (15.07.2021).



Visit of Minister of Ports, GoK

Shri Ahammad Devarkovil, Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Govt. of Kerala visited Cochin Port Trust and held discussions with Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Dr. Cyril C. George, Deputy Chairman and senior officers of the Port. The meeting was attended by representatives of Kerala Maritime Board, DP World, Steamer Agents, Custom Brokers and other stakeholders of the Port (13.07.2021).



Meeting of Major Ports Sports Control Board



Meeting of Major Ports Sports Control Board (MPSCB) was chaired by Dr. Cyril. C. George, Deputy Chairman, Cochin Port Trust & Chairman MPSCB (28.07.2021).

Visit of Niti Aayog Team



Officials of Niti Aayog visited Cochin Port Trust to understand the Port infrastructure, ongoing infrastructure project and proposed infrastructure projects (22.07.2021).

Visit of ITS probationers

Indian Trade Service (ITS) probationers (2020 batch) visited Cochin Port Trust and interacted with Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairman Cochin Port Trust (28.07.2021).



Visit of Mayor of Kochi Corporation

Shri M. Anilkumar, Mayor of Kochi Corporation and Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairman, Cochin Port Trust with Shri Cyril C. George, Dy. Chairman and officials of District Administration and Cochin Port Trust inspected the Samudrika Hall of Cochin Port in Willingdon Island for setting up a First-Line Treatment Centre (FLTC) for Covid-19 patients (27.04.2021)



Quiz Competition

An Official Language Quiz Competition was conducted virtually for the officials with special attention on OL Act, Rules, Regulations, Provisos on 27.07.2021 and the winners were awarded.



Distribution of food kits

Free food kits to the needy families living in Vathuruthy area of Willingdon Island by the Central Govt SC-ST Employees' Federation Cochin Port Trust Unit were disbursed by Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust in a function on 08.06.2021.



World Environment Day

World Environment Day was observed at Cochin Port. Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson was joined by Dr. Cyril C. George, Dy. Chairman, Smt. S. Uma Venkatesan IRS, CVO and heads of departments in planting of tree saplings at different locations of Cochin Port (07.06.2021).



Anti-Terrorism Day

Anti-Terrorism Day was observed in Cochin Port. Pledge was administered at workplaces, adhering to the Covid-19 protocols. Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Heads of Departments and employees participated (21.05.2021).



International Day of Yoga

International Day of Yoga was observed by the employees and families of Cochin Port Trust and CISF CoPT Unit by performing yoga at their work places and homes (21.06.2021).



Ambedkar Jayanti

On the occasion of 130th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Dr. M Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust paid tributes and spoke on the occasion. HoDs and senior officials were present (14.04.2021).



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