

## From Chairman's Desk

Dear colleagues,

We are going through a crisis, unprecedented. The whole mankind is fighting to save the earth from the virus which has spread the seeds of devastation in almost all countries in the world.

As all the nations have turned their attention to contain the spread of Covid-19, and people forced to stay home, the industrial activities have been slowed down and thereby the world economy has been badly hit. It is noteworthy that while compared to other nations, our country, with a population of 1.3 billion has not been severely hit by the pandemic so far, thanks to the timely initiatives by the Govt. of India.

Though most of the industrial establishments and service organisations remain closed due to the lockdown to contain the spread of virus, the port sector - the most important link in the logistic sector, remained functional being an essential service. Cochin Port remained operational during the entire lockdown period by following the SOPs and guidelines of Govt. of India to ensure that the essential supplies to and from this part of the country is not affected. The port facilitated the transport of essential supplies to the Lakshadweep Islands, and also arranged for crew change in international ships in coordination with the statutory organisations.

The non-resident Indians evacuated by Govt. of India in ships are being handled at Cochin Port with due adherence to govt. guidelines. In order to help the logistic sector revive from the severe blow of Covid-19 spread, the Port has already extended various concessions and relaxations to the stakeholders. Though the Port community is gradually limping back to the normalcy, the delay in resumption of international trade in the case of many goods due to industrial slowdown in the our country and in other nations is a matter of concern. Though we hope that the industrial/economic activities in the major trading destinations world over would be back on tracks in few months and our financial situation would improve, currently there is a financial crisis looming large on us. Hence, at this juncture, we are forced to introduce some austerity measures including deferment of certain employee benefits, to tide over the crisis.

I am sure everyone in Cochin Port family would understand the precarious situation and cope with the changing scenario. I urge all my colleagues to stay healthy, adhere to all social outstanding measures, and work towards quick revival from the Covid-19 pandemic.



Best Wishes,  
Dr. M. Beena IAS

## Shri A.K. Mehera assumed the charge of Deputy Chairman



Shri A.K. Mehera assumed the charge of Deputy Chairman, Cochin Port Trust on 10.2.2020. A native of Kolkata, Shri A.K. Mehera is a civil engineer by profession having more than 27 years of service in the port sector. He graduated from Bengal Engineering College, West Bengal in 1986 and completed the masters degree in Civil Engineering in 1989 from Jadavpur University, Kolkata. After six years of service in two private consultancy firms as well as in the State Government of West Bengal for about two years, Shri Mehera joined the port sector in 1992 as Manager (Environment) in Kolkata Port Trust. He held the post of Chief Engineer in Kolkata Port Trust from 2006 to 2015 and in Visakhapatnam Port Trust from 2015 to till 09.02.2020.

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Traffic Growth

*Cochin Port performed gloriously in 2019-20 & achieved*

**TOTAL THROUGHPUT OF 34.04MMT WITH 6.31% GROWTH OVER 2018-19, surpassing Ministry's target of 33 MMT for 2019-20. CRUDE & POL THROUGHPUT rose to 22.35MMT in 2019-20, growing by 4.72% over 2018-19. CONTAINER THROUGHPUT GREW BY 4.28% IN 2019-20 OVER 2018-19 TO REACH 6.20 LAKH TEUS.**

First export tanker of VLSFO



Dr. M Beena IAS, Chairman, Cochin Port Trust waved the green for the first export tanker of Very-Low Sulphur Fuel Oil (VLSFO) from Cochin Port in the presence of Mr. P. Murali Madhavan, Executive Director, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (Kochi Refinery) on 10.02.2020.

Team CFS felicitated



30 TEUs were handled by one gang at Container Freight Station of Cochin Port during the first shift on 09.03.2020. They handled 9x40 and 21x20 TEUs. This is a record high TEUs handled in a single shift at CFS using single gang.

Another record was at CFS on 02.03.2020 with 57 TEUs handled in a day (in 2 shifts). This is the highest in TEUs handled in a day this financial year. Previous record was 54 TEUs handled in a day in December 2019.

Workers associated with the record performances were felicitated by Shri Vipin R. Menoth, Traffic Manager along with senior officials of Traffic Dept., Shri D. Anilkumar, Dy. Traffic Manager, Shri J. Manjunatha, Sr. ATM, Shri Raj Vinod, Sr. ATM, Shri Sureshababu, ATM and Shri Biju, ATM (CFS).



Shri A.K. Mehera, Deputy Chairman



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He was engaged in important projects like Environment Control Measures for both Kolkata and Haldia Dock Complex, dredging related issues of Kolkata Port Trust, Project of 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Oil Jetty at Haldia and Modernization of Storage & Stacking Yard at Kolkata Port Trust. He was also entrusted with the additional charge of the Estate Division at Kolkata Port Trust from 2003 to 2011.

During the tenure in Visakhapatnam Port Trust as Chief Engineer, Shri. A.K. Mehera was instrumental in completing 4 new deep drafted berths having dredging depth (-)16.1m to accommodate fully loaded Panamax Vessels. Other projects carried out at Visakhapatnam Port Trust include restoration of Offshore Tank Terminal Jetty, which was tilted and damaged during the Hudhud Cyclone in 2014 and Dredging of the inner harbour and inner harbour entrance channel from (-)12.5m to (-) 16m. He was also involved in the Estate management of Visakhapatnam Port Trust during the period from 2015 to 2019.

**'Port Quiz' - for the employees of Cochin Port Trust**



'Port Quiz' - the quiz programme for the employees of Cochin Port Trust was conducted on 05.02.2020 at Samudrika Hall, Cochin Port Trust, Willingdon Island.

The programme led by famous quiz master Mr. Snehaj Srinivas and team, was inaugurated by Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust. The event was supported by M/s Petronet LNG Ltd. Knowledge support for the program was given by Q-factory, Kozhikode.

The preliminary round was attended by 140 employees from 8 departments of the Port. Final session was conducted jointly by Dr. M. Beena IAS

and Shri Snehej Srinivas in which 6 teams selected from the prelim-session participated. The team comprising Shri Joji Paul K and Smt Anjana N bagged the first prize. Shri Biju B.N. and Shri Bright Antony P. Hormis won the second prize and Shri George Prakash James and Shri M.X. Joseph won the third prize. Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson and Shri Hemant H. Bahura, GM, Petronet LNG distributed certificates to the prize winners. Heads of Department of Cochin Port Trust were also present.

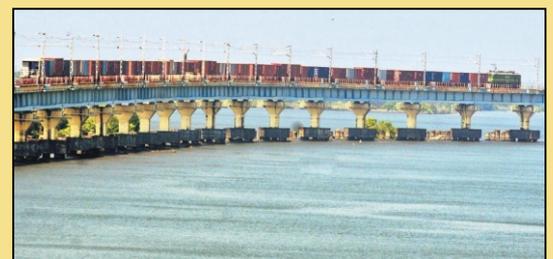
**PortKconnect, the new Port Operations System**



PortKconnect, the new Port Operations System along with the ERP applications to the Government Community Cloud system has gone live. Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust announced the launch of PortKconnect on 01.01.2020. The system with advanced features and facilities is a major IT transformation in Cochin Port replacing the decade-old legacy application.

**Train service from ICTT, Vallarpadam to ICD-Whitefield, Bengaluru**

Train service was launched by CONCOR for transportation of coastal containers from International Container Transshipment Terminal, Vallarpadam (ICTT) to ICD-Whitefield in Bengaluru (23.01.2020).



Visit of Secretary (Shipping)



Shri Gopal Krishna IAS, Secretary (Shipping), visited Cochin Port Trust on 28.01.2020 and held discussions with Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson and Heads of Department.



Secretary (Shipping) also held discussions with Chairman, Marine Products Exports Development Authority (MPEDA) on development of Cochin Fisheries Harbour.

Director General, Tourism



Smt. Meenakshi Sharma, Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India visited tourism infrastructure development projects of Cochin Port and held discussions with Chairperson, Dy. Chairman and Heads of Department (09.03.2020).

Public Accounts Committee



The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of Parliament visited Cochin and held meeting with Cochin Port Trust (07.01.2020).

Parliamentary Committee on Labour



Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour visited Kochi and held meeting with Cochin Port Trust (17.01.2020).

National Commission for Backward Classes



Hon'ble Vice Chairman & Members of the National Commission for Backward Classes visited Cochin Port Trust (03.01.2020).

Joint Project Review Committee meeting



The 7<sup>th</sup> Joint Project Review Committee (JPRC) meeting was held at Cochin Port Trust (17.01.2020).

Corona Virus Infection Alert programme

Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson addressed the Corona Virus Infection Alert programme to enlighten employees & stakeholders on 31.01.2020.

Dr. N.K. Kuttappan, DMO Kochi, Dr. K.A. Shyamini, Port Health Officer, Dr. S. Sreedevi, Addl. DMO, Kochi, Dr. Roy Thomas, CMO, Cochin Port Trust, Dr. Sissy Thankachan, Dr. Sherine and Smt. C. Premakumari, Secretary, Cochin Port Trust were present.



Use of all Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was also demonstrated during the Corona virus Infection Alert programme.



Quarantine Ward set up in the Cochin Port Trust Hospital.



Workplaces and public spaces were sprayed with disinfectants as part of precautionary measures.

Awareness session for employees



Awareness session for employees of Cochin Port Trust by Dr. Roy Thomas, CMO, Cochin Port Trust (05.02.2020).

Precautionary measures

Hand sanitisers and sufficient number of soaps have been provided in all offices for the employees to clean their hands on entering the office as well as during the office hours as and when required. Hand sanitisation facility has been provided for all visitors who enter the offices/work places. Employees having frequent public interaction have been provided face masks.

Circulars were issued to employees highlighting the importance of personal hygiene and the measures to be taken at personal level to stop spreading of Coronavirus. The e-posters on 'Break the Chain' of spread of Coronavirus issued were circulated through social media accounts of CoPT and displayed on the information screens in the offices.

**'Janata Curfew'**



Employees and families remained within their homes & at 5 PM on 22.03.2020 came out to clap their hands/cheer in appreciation and support of doctors nurses, seafarers, sanitation workers, police and other govt employees who are working tirelessly to contain spread of Covid19.

**Cochin Port remains functional**

Cochin Port Trust remained functional in adherence to the precautionary measures, to ensure uninterrupted supply chain including transport of essential items to Lakshadweep Islands.



**Fight against the darkness of coronavirus by lighting lamps**



Employees of Cochin Port Trust and their family members wholeheartedly responded to the call by Hon'ble Prime Minister to fight against the darkness of coronavirus by lighting lamps, candles, diyas at their homes at 9 PM on 05.04.2020.

**Employees equipped for safe & secure shipping operations and cargo handling**



**TOLIC Award**



Cochin Port Trust was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Official Language implementation, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for Hindi House Journal 'Cochin Lahar' and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for overall position for conducting Hindi competitions as part of Joint Hindi Fortnight Celebration among 35 PSUs in Cochin. Later, Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson and Shri A.K. Mehera, Dy. Chairman, Cochin Port Trust felicitated the TOLIC Award winners (13.02.2020).

**Passing out of the 16<sup>th</sup> batch of trainees at Cochin Port Fire Station**



Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson inspects the Guard of Honour during the passing out of the 16<sup>th</sup> batch of trainees at the Cochin Port Fire Station (10.02.2020).

**National Safety Day Celebration**

The National Safety Day Celebration was observed in the Port with various programmes on 04.03.2020.

Banners and posters depicting the importance of safety, Health & Environment were exhibited at prominent places of Port & Dock area to give wide publicity among the port employees, dock workers and the public.

Safety Flag was hoisted at E/Wharf by Shri. V. Thuraipandian, CME, CoPT and Safety pledge administered to the employees. Safety pledge was also taken at different locations of Port.

Awareness programmes on Handling of Hazardous/Noxious substances were carried out at Conference Hall, New Administrative building by Shri M.P. Ramesh, Chief Fire Officer, CoPT.

The closing ceremony was chaired by Shri V. Thuraipandian, CME, Shri Srinath S.S., Safety Officer presented the Safety Report 2019. In appreciation of the exceptional work carried out in imparting/making arrangements for safety training to the employees of CoPT, mementoes were given to Shri M.P. Ramesh, Chief Fire Officer, Dr. Jiji Thekkath, Sr. Medical Officer, Dr. A.P. Sudheer, Medical Officer, Shri Subrahmanian, Safety Inspector, Shri Moulalikkumar, Sub Officer and Shri N.S. Dinesh (04.03.2020).



**Interactive session with Cashew Importers**



An interactive session was held by the Business Development Team of Cochin Port Trust with Cashew Importers at Kollam (27.02.2020).

**Training programme for cargo handling workers**



Training programme of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, GoI for non-executive workforce in logistics on Recognition of Prior Learning held on 26/02/2020 for cargo handling workers of Cochin Port. Shri S. R. Nair & Dr. Unnikrishnan Nair led the program.

**Traffic Manager**



Shri Vipin R. Menoth joined Cochin Port Trust as Traffic Manager on 27.02.2020.

**Republic Day Celebration**

Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson hoisted the National Flag and addressed the gathering in the Administrative Lawns on the occasion of Republic Day. Cultural programme by CISF personnel and family members were also held.



**International Women's Day**

Celebrating womanhood - Shri A.K. Mehera, Deputy Chairman greets Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson and Smt. C. Premakumari, Secretary on the occasion of International Women's Day. All women employees of Cochin Port Trust were specially greeted by Chairperson (08.03.2020).



**Martyr's Day**



Moment of silence as a part of observance of Martyrs' Day at Cochin Port (29.01.2020).

**Medal winners**



Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, felicitated the medal winners of All India Major Port Athletic Championships held at Paradip from 16-19 Jan 2020 (29.01.2020).

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