

Cochin Port records highest-ever cargo handling performance

Cochin Port handled 2.922 million metric tonnes (MMT) of cargo in March 2019, which is the highest-ever monthly cargo handled at Cochin Port. The previous highest was 2.857 MMT, achieved in January 2019. The cumulative handling of cargo during April 2018 to March 2019 is 32.02 MMT, which is 9.89% higher than the cargo handled during April 2017 to March 2018.

The International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) handled 56,598 TEUs in March 2019, which is the highest-ever monthly container handling at the Cochin Port. The previous highest was 55,953 TEUs achieved in January 2019. The cumulative number of containers handled during April 2018 to March 2019 is 5,94,592 TEUs which is 6.98% higher than the containers handled during April 2017 to March 2018.

The Container Freight Station of the Cochin Port Trust handled 451 TEUs in March 2019 which is 3.68% higher than the containers handled during March 2018.

The cumulative number of containers handled at Port CFS during April 2018 to March 2019 is 4,507 TEUs which is 1.69% higher than the containers handled during April 2017 to March 2018. The Cochin Port continues to be the most sought-after destination for international cruise liners. 10 cruise vessels called at the Cochin Port during the month of March 2019. The total number of cruise vessels visited the Cochin Port during 2018-19 is 49, which again is the highest-ever number of cruise calls at Cochin.

MoU with Southern Naval Command

Shri A. V. Ramana, Chairman (i/c), Cochin Port Trust and Cmde. Ishan Tandon, CSO, HQ, SNC signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Reconstruction of North Jetty at Southern Naval Command at Cochin. The project costing Rs.600 cr. will be executed by Cochin Port Trust as a deposit work.



Container Barge Service to Kottayam Port



Creating a landmark in the history of inland movement through National Waterways 3 & 9, the first barge named KPACT-1 with four (40 feet) import loaded containers was flagged off on 08.03.2019 from International Container Transshipment Terminal, Vallarpadam, Cochin by Shri A.V. Ramana, Chairman (i/c), Cochin Port Trust in the presence of Shri Pullela Nageswara Rao, Chief Commissioner of Customs, officials of the Port, DP World, Customs, Shipping Line & Kottayam Port. The barge travelled to Kottayam Port & ICD reducing carbon footprint and congestion on the roads. A regular service between ICTT Cochin & Kottayam Port & ICD will greatly benefit the importers & exporters by way of reduced haulage for the last & first mile connectivity. It is expected that the cost of movement by waterway will be cheaper by 30 to 40% compared to road movement. This was in line with the objective of 'Sagarmala', the flagship programme of Ministry of Shipping, Government of India.

Incidentally, this was the result of the initiative taken by Cochin Port Trust. On 05.03.2019, Shri A. V. Ramana, Chairman(i/c) took a meeting of all the stakeholders to discuss the possibility of early commencement of such a service & to encourage use of National Waterways for inland movement as waterways have always been an important mode of transport in Kerala.



First voyage of CONCOR's coastal service

First voyage of CONCOR's coastal service arrived at International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT), Cochin Port on 15.01.2019. The service was in line with 'Sagarmala', the flagship programme for Ministry of Shipping for the promotion of coastal shipping. The captain of the ship was presented a plaque by Traffic Manager in presence of CEO of DP World Cochin, officials of CONCOR & ICTT, Vallarpadam.



Coastal Shipping



Another step towards realising the objective of Sagarmala, Great Sea Vembanad undertook a voyage from ICTT of Cochin Port to Azhikkal, a non-major port at the northern Kerala, with 27x20' of containers containing rice, marble & ceramic tiles on 25.02.2019.

Incidentally, the containers which originated from Gujarat reached Azhikkal entirely through coastal shipping via Cochin Port. emission & road congestion.

Heritage Steam Locomotive service

Indian Railways conducted a run of heritage steam locomotive with a coach from Ernakulam Junction to Cochin Harbour Terminus in Willingdon Island for tourists on 16.02.2019 and 17.02.2019. This initiative was for promoting Cochin as the most preferred destination for foreign cruise vessels.



Maiden voyage under China-India service

Representatives of Wan Hai lines & their Agent had discussion with Traffic Manager & senior officers of Traffic Dept, Cochin Port Trust on 20.02.2019 in connection with their maiden voyage under China-India Service scheduled to call at ICTT Cochin Port on 09.04.2019.



Visit of Vice President, Almond Board, California

Officials from M/s. Almond Board, California visited Cochin Port Trust on 11.02.2019 and interacted with Shri A.V. Ramana, Chairman(i/c), about the procedures and regulations related to imports. HoDs and senior officials of the Cochin Port Trust were present.



Basic training on CBRN Emergency Management

Five-day basic training on CBRN Emergency Management for Seaport Emergency Handlers was inaugurated by Shri A.V. Ramana, Chairman (i/c), Cochin Port Trust on 11.03.2019. Training classes were conducted by Dr. Mitra Basu Chillar & Dr. Kunel Sharma from National Disaster Management Authority and Dr. Himanshu Ojha from the Institute of Nuclear Medicines & Allied Sciences. Officers from BPCL, IOCL, Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, FACT and CISF had also participated.

As a part of the training programme, introduction to emergency equipments and mock drill were conducted at Cochin Port under the guidance of National Disaster Response Force. The training programme concluded on 15.03.2019.



Road Safety Awareness Programme

Shri A.V. Ramana, Chairman (i/c), Cochin Port Trust inaugurated an awareness programme on 'Road Safety' conducted in Cochin Port by the Kerala Motor Vehicles Department on 08.02.2019. Shri Shaji Madhavan, Joint RTO & Shri Vinod Kumar N, MVI conducted awareness sessions.



Republic Day Celebration

Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust hoisted the National Flag and addressed the gathering in the lawns of the New Administrative building on the occasion of Republic Day 2019. CISF personnel and family members performed cultural programmes.



National Safety Day Celebrations

The National Safety Day was observed in the Cochin Port Trust with various programmes on 05.03.2019. Shri. A.V. Ramana, Chairman (i/c), hoisted Safety Flag at Ernakulam Wharf and administered Safety pledge. Banners and posters depicting the importance of safety, health & environment were exhibited at prominent places of port and dock area and wide publicity was given among the port employees and dock workers and the public. HODs, senior officers, workers and staff attended the function. Safety pledge was also taken at identified locations of the port premises. Awareness programmes on handling of hazardous/noxious substances were carried out at conference hall of new Administrative building by Shri. M.P. Ramesh, Chief Fire Officer, Cochin Port Trust. A video clip on safety was played. Shri. Srinath. S.S; Safety Officer presented the Safety Report 2018. HODs distributed the mementoes.



New Year Day Celebration

New Year Day at Cochin Port was celebrated on 01.01.2019 with the representatives of Trade Unions.



Martyrs' Day

On the observance of Martyrs' Day an integrity pledge was taken on 30.01.2018.



All India Major Ports Chess Championship 2018-19

The All India Major Ports Chess Championship 2018-19 was held Cochin Port Trust from 14.01.2019 to 16.01.2019 at Samudrika Hall. The championship was inaugurated by Shri A.V. Ramana, Dy. Chairman, Cochin Port Trust on 14.01.2019. About 60 players from Mangalore Port Trust, Tuticorin Port Trust, Chennai Port Trust, Chennai Port Trust, Mormugao Port Trust, Mumbai Port Trust, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, Kandla Port Trust, Paradip Port Trust and Cochin Port Trust participated. Visakhapatnam Port Trust won the team championship with Chennai Port Trust & JNPT as 1st and 2nd runners-up respectively. The valedictory function was held at Samudrika Hall on 16.01.2019. Shri A.V. Ramana, Dy. Chairman gave away the trophies. Shri G. Vaidyanathan, Chief Engineer, Smt. C. Premakumari, Secretary and Dr. Roy Thomas, Chief Medical Officer of Cochin Port Trust awarded medals to winners 1st & 2nd runners up of individual championship. Shri Goutam Gupta, Traffic Manager & Vice President Cochin Port Sports Control Board distributed trophies & medals to the board winners.



All India Major Port Volleyball Tournament

Cochin Port won the All India Major Port Volleyball Tournament defeating Mumbai Port in the final held at Mumbai on 15.03.2019.



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