

Message from Chairperson

Dear Colleagues,

We have celebrated the Cochin Port Day 2022 last week in commemoration of the arrival of the first ship into the inner harbour of Cochin on 26th May 1928. As Cochin Port enters the 95th glorious year of cargo handling we have a lot to be proud about and a lot to look forward.



We can be proud of the fact that Cochin Port has contributed immensely to the city of Cochin and the state of Kerala. The industrial establishments like the Kochi Refinery, FACT, Cochin Shipyard and many export oriented & seafood processing companies have grown and blossomed thanks to the presence of Cochin Port.

Cochin Port Authority currently has more than 8000 pensioners and more than a thousand employees. This itself gives us the reach to the populace and socio-economic fabric of the district. Apart from this, there are tens of thousands of employees working in the organisations in the ancillary areas of the Port and the logistics sector related to the Port.

Though the Port had undergone severe financial stress followed by the unexpected strike of the Covid pandemic, we could come out of the red through the tight-fistedness and the austerity measures followed in all areas. However, it is noteworthy that we could increase the Pension Fund from 160-cr to 700-cr in 2022.

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Foundation Stone Laid for Ro-Ro facilities



Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Govt. of India laid the foundation stone for the Roll-On/Roll-Off (Ro-Ro) facility at Cochin Port on 30.04.2022.

The function held at Cochin Shipyard premises was attended by Shri Shantanu Thakur, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri V. Muraleedharan, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri M. Anil Kumar, Hon'ble Mayor, Kochi Corporation, Shri Hibi Eden, Hon'ble Member of Parliament – Ernakulam, Shri T.J. Vinod, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly – Ernakulam, Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan IAS, Secretary, MoPSW, Govt. of India and Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority.

The new Ro-Ro facility, under 'Sagarmala' scheme of Govt. of India, is being developed between Q1 berth & South Coal Berth on the Mattancherry Channel in Cochin Port. It will involve the construction of RCC Jetty structure of 615m2 including the strengthening of existing roads leading to this facility and all allied works.



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I thank every employee of the Port and the trade unions functioning in the Port for their cooperation in ensuring a smooth sailing even during the tumultuous times.

The technical expertise of the Civil and Mechanical Engineering Departments of the Cochin Port has always been commendable. The Port has constructed several jetties and marine structures in Cochin for organisations like GIDA, Coast Guard, IWAI, IOCL, UT Lakshadweep etc on deposit work basis. The construction of a jetty for Indian Navy is now being carried out by Cochin Port. The Cochin Port has also taken up the construction of a cruise terminal at Mormugao Port. As requested by the UT Lakshadweep Administration, the Port has recently taken up the operation, management, development and maintenance of Port facilities in the Lakshadweep Islands.

If we take a look at the traffic position, we have grown from 13.89 MT traffic handled in 2005-06 to 34.5 MT in 2021-22. The number of containers has grown from 2,03,112 TEUs to 7,35,577 TEUs during the above period. Though Cochin was envisaged as a transshipment Port, the growth of transshipment volume at ICTT, Vallarpadam was very marginal in the initial years. However, with a deliberate marketing strategy and through constant interaction with the exim and shipping communities we could achieve substantial growth in the number of transshipment containers handled at ICTT during the last two years and in 2021-22 ICTT handled 1.56 lakh TEUs of transshipment containers. This indeed is a very encouraging trend which gives us more confidence to develop and establish Cochin as a transshipment hub in the region to help our Country 'atmanirbhar' by way of facilitating transshipment of containers to and from India in an Indian port itself.

We have greater heights and greater milestones to achieve. The impetus being given by the Govt of India for development of maritime and logistics sectors is tremendous. While PM Gati Shakti programme spearheads the integrated development of multi-modal connectivity infrastructure in the country, the Sagarmala scheme ensures development of the port infrastructure as well as inclusive development of the coastal communities. The projects like re-construction of SCB, development of the new Ro-Ro Terminal at Mattanchery Wharf for coastal movement of trucks, the modernisation proposed at Cochin Fisheries Harbour are supported by the Sagarmala Scheme of Govt of India.

The Cochin Port has enormous potential to grow as a maritime hub of the region. With the visionary approach of the Hon'ble Union Minister for Ports Shipping and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, as well as the generous support and constant follow up by the Ministry, I am sure we will be able to upgrade our infrastructure facilities, improve further on the Ease Of Doing Business and ensure world class service to our customers.

I solicit the continued cooperation and whole hearted support of everyone in the Port fraternity/family.

Best Wishes

Dr. M. Beena IAS

(31.05.2022)

Foundation Stone Laid for Ro-Ro facilities *(contd. from page -1)*

Once commissioned, the Ro-Ro facility will promote safe and sustainable transport facilities. It will also promote an affordable coastal movement of cargo using Ro-Ro ships and will help in decongesting the roads thereby minimising accidents. It will also be an engine to promote and facilitate an eco-friendly, cost-effective mode of transportation. The project, being constructed at an estimated cost of 11.06 crores with 100% funding from Government of India under Sagarmala Programme, is scheduled to be completed in nine months.

The Ro-Ro facility at Cochin Port will promote coastal movement of cargo, using Ro-Ro ships. It will have the potential to attract 0.6 MMT of cargo carrying vehicles from/to the industrial belts of central and southern Gujarat viz. Hazira, Surat, Bharuch, Ankleshwar, Vapi, Valsad, Vadodara, Anand and Ahmedabad. The service can call at Mumbai and Mangalore en-route to Hazira and vice-versa. The jetty will be capable of taking a Loaded Vehicle Weight of 36 tonnes. Ro-Ro vessels having draft up to 9.14 metre can be berthed at the facility. There is a potential for movement of End of Life vehicles to the Registered Vehicle Scrapping facilities in terms of the policy introduced by Govt. of India, in August 2021.



The new logo of Cochin Port Authority unveiled

The new Logo of Cochin Port Authority was unveiled by Shri Shantanu Thakur, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, during the function held in Cochin Shipyard premises on 30.04.2022 in the presence of Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways along with other dignitaries.

The Cochin Port Trust was renamed as Cochin Port Authority following the adoption of the Major Port Authorities Act, 2021. The first Board of Major Port Authority for Cochin Port held on March 2, 2022 had decided to adopt a new logo for the Cochin Port Authority.

Kochi's rich maritime heritage predates the modern world and is etched in the annals of world history. Cochin Port opened the inner harbour in 1928 and was declared as a Major Port in 1936. In 1964, Cochin Port Trust came under the major Port Trust Act. The first port in the country to handle containers and the first to offer a transshipment terminal in India, Cochin Port has always kept pace with the changing times. From cargo ships to cruise ships, the Port is equipped to cater to all kinds of vessels, and handle all types of ships, the Port is equipped to cater to all kinds of vessels, and handle all types of cargo. Being the maritime gateway to peninsular India, the Port is also popular as a bunkering destination for international ships. With the notification of the Major Port Authority Act, 2021, Cochin Port has been renamed as the Cochin Port Authority.



The story behind the logo

The new logo of Cochin Port Authority is a faithful representation of the rich history of Cochin's core values and open approach. One half represents the unique form of the Chinese fishing nets unique to Cochin Port, or that of a sail, celebrating the heritage of this great port. The other half is a sharp geometric form that connotes a vessel or a cargo container.



Drawn form the unique form of the Chinese nets- the heritage of this great port- also implies the idea of a sail.



A sharp geometric form that connotes a ship/vessel or a cargo container. Linked to Commerce and technology.



The sharp edge and the curve intersect to bring a visually pleasing abstract yet simple graphic. Ideas of tourism, cruises, heritage intersect with commerce, marine, and tech advantages. Technology and environment can also be connoted.



New logo of Cochin Port Authority

Hon'ble Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush travels in the Ro Ro Facility



Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, travels in the Ro Ro service between Willingdon Island and Bolgatty Island in Cochin Port accompanied by Secretary, Additional Secretary, MoPSW and Chairperson, Cochin Port. This RoRo service offers a green connectivity to ICTT Vallarpadam helping the container lorries to skip the city roads and save about 30 km of travel. About 100 trucks avail this service daily. (30.04.2022)



Review of Green Port initiatives

Cochin Port has taken up a slew of green initiatives under Maritime Vision 2030 that includes aiming for 100% solar electricity powered cranes in future, shore based power supply to all ships/vessels at all the berths in Willingdon Island, Vallarpadam ICTT, COT, NTB, STB & LNG terminal and utilise available vacant land/waterfront area for solar power generation under PPP or other suitable mechanism.

In a meeting held on 29th January 2022, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways reviewed the progress on various green port initiatives being implemented in Major Ports as per Maritime India Vision 2030 for the development of Green Ports and Green Shipping in India. The green port initiatives taken by Cochin Port were also reviewed during the meeting. The meeting was attended by Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority.

In the first phase, shore based power supply will be provided to Cruise ships visiting Cochin Port. This initiative is being taken up as per the directive of Hon'ble Union Minister of Port, Shipping & Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal.

Among the future initiatives, Cochin Port propose to install additional roof top solar power plants of 350kW capacity in next two years and installation of grid connected floating solar panel under RESCO model. Cochin Port is also encouraging consumers for installing solar power plants at their premises. Port users have already installed solar power plant of 190kW capacity. Cochin Port has generated 3.27lakhs units electricity in the year 2020 resulting in a saving of Rs.22.50 lakhs. The Port has already installed smart electrical meter and smart street lighting resulting in reduction of electricity consumption.

Green Port initiatives already taken up by Cochin Port include Bio gas plant using food waste and other biodegradable waste 75 to 90 Kg of food waste that can generate 3 to 4 Kg gas per day/plant and a Septage Treatment Plant within the Port area having a capacity of 100 cu.m/day.

Cochin Port has already installed mechanized cargo handling infrastructure for hazardous cargo like cement, chemicals, fertilizer etc.

The Port has finalized a strategy and road map for recycling/gainful utilization of dredged materials. The segregation of dredged sand from silt and clay is being done without additional cost and Cochin Port has sold dredged sand to the tune of 2.20 lakhs cubic meters and earned more than Rs.12 Crores during the period from April to Dec. 2021.

The Port utilizes the dismantled materials for land filling and land development purposes after necessary processing of the dismantled materials and also encourages planting of trees within the Port area. In fact, total plantation area of Cochin Port is much more than the mandated percentage of the area of the total Port land.

Monitoring of Air Quality, Noise Levels, Water Quality - Ground and Surface, Marine/Estuarine Water quality, Sediment Quality etc are also being carried out round the year. (29.01.2022)



Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister for Ports Shipping & Waterways and Ayush being welcomed on arrival at Cochin airport by Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port on 29.04.2022



Shri Shantanu Thakur, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Ports Shipping and Waterways being welcomed at Cochin Port by Heads of Departments of Cochin Port Authority on 29.04.2022

Review of projects under Gati Shakti National Master Plan

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Cabinet Minister, Ports, Shipping and Waterways took a comprehensive review of initiatives taken by the various ports for facilitating Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) and Operational Efficiency Through Technology (OETT) to boost growth under PM Gati Shakti National Plan on 09.02.2022 in presence of Shri Shantanu Thakur, Hon'ble Minister of State for Ports Shipping and Waterways, Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan, Secretary (Ports Shipping and Waterways) and Chairmen of All Major Ports, Inland Waterways Authority of India representatives and senior officials. The meeting was attended by Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port.



During the meeting, the future roadmap of Major Ports to achieve world-class infrastructure and to lead the growth journey of India on the pillars of the ambitious PM Gati Shakti National Plan was discussed. PM Gati Shakti is driven by seven engines of growth - roads, railways, airports, ports, mass transport, waterways and logistics, with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways set to play a major role in the realisation of the National Master Plan, a multi-modal connectivity master plan launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to ensure seamless connectivity, economic growth and delivery of good governance to the citizens.



Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said, "Integrated efforts which are being taken by ports and others will add speed to development works around the country. PM Gati Shakti will help the people, farmers, fishing community and strengthen India's economy. Shri Sonowal further urged the officials to put emphasis on promotion of Atma Nirbhar Bharat mission and skill development so that the youth of the country can be benefited.

Union MoS Shri Shantanu Thakur said, "Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is committed towards PM Gati Shakti and today's meeting is a step towards it."

Secretary (PS & W), Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan spoke on multi-modal connectivity, highlighting the seven pillars of growth under PM Gati Shakti, Smart, Mega and Green Ports, EoDB and Maritime India Vision (MIV) 2030.

In the day-long meeting on PM Gati Shakti initiatives, vehicle scrapping policy, implementation of MIV 2030, on going, completed and futuristic projects by ports chairmen were also discussed.

Cargo Handling April - May 2022

Cochin Port registered the total throughput of 5.70 MMT in 2022-23 (Apr-May), a growth of 10.22% over the corresponding period of 2021-22. POL throughput registered 3.21 MMT and Container throughput, 1.32 Lakh TEUs in 2022-23 (Apr-May), growing respectively by 11.04% and 20.44% over the corresponding period of 2021-22.



Media Briefing on PM Gati Shakti

A media briefing on PM Gati Shakti programme was conducted by Cochin Port Authority on 15.03.2022. The construction of Multi User Liquid Terminal (MULT) jetty at Puthuvype in Kochi has been completed and will be opened after completing dredging works in August, said Cochin Port Authority Chairperson Dr. M. Beena. Briefing media persons, she said that the opening of the new jetty will help the state achieve self-sufficiency in LPG distribution. This will reduce backlog in LPG refill cylinder supply and reduce road accidents.

The MULT jetty has been constructed at an expense of `180 crore and it can handle ships with a dead weight tonnage of 10,000 to 80,000. Ships with an overall length of 230 m and draft up to 13 m can dock here. The capital dredging work to increase the depth of the jetty basin is in progress and the work with an estimated cost of Rs 72.68 crore is expected to be completed by August, 2022.

“The commissioning of MULT jetty, which is intended primarily for LPG import by Indian Oil Corporation, will reduce dependency on Mangaluru port for LPG supply. This will help avoid road movement of bulk LPG and the subsequent road mishaps. The jetty with a capacity of 4.1 million metric tonnes per annum will also be utilised for handling petroleum oil lubricant products including bunker fuels. Commissioning of the Jetty will also open scope to handle other petroleum products,” she said.

The Chairperson said that the reconstructed South Coal Berth would be commissioned in April 2022. It was commissioned in 1953 and was used for handling ammonia imported by FACT Ltd. The berth was in a dilapidated condition and was reconstructed at a cost of Rs 19.19 crore with 50 per cent funding from Union government and 25 per cent each from FACT and Port Trust.

The new jetty is 110 m long and can cater to vessels up to 35,000 dead weight tonnage, 183 m length and 9.14 m draft. The foundation stone for the project was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 14, 2021. The berth is primarily meant for handling ammonia and other cargo for FACT and will be utilised for handling chemicals and liquid cargo for other users also, she said. The berth will have the capacity to handle 1.3 million metric tonnes per annum (MMPA). The FACT has a requirement of 5 lakh million tonnes of ammonia per annum for its new fertilizer plant under implementation. An additional 1.25 lakh MTPA ammonia is required for the new plant within a span of two years.

Officers from Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N) and representatives from other infrastructure Ministries including FACT, IOCL, BPCL-KR, IWAI and Railways were also present. A presentation was made by Shri Vinay Takur, Additional Director General, BISAG-N. Presentations were also made by Shri Vipin R. Menoth, Traffic Manager, Cochin Port, Shri Ajith Kumar T.P., Executive Director, FACT, Shri R. Rajendran, Chief General Manager, IOCL and Shri T.V. Karunanidhi, General Manager, BPCL-Kochi Refinery. (15.03.2022)



Projects in Cochin Port under PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan

Cochin Port taking inspiration from the PM Gati Shakti scheme and with the able guidance of Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways in its own way is going to participate in the development of infrastructure of India.

(I) Development of Multi-User Liquid Terminal (MULT) – Capital dredging:

The construction of MULT jetty at Puthuvypeen, to handle ships of upto 80,000 DWT, LOA-230m, Draft-13m, has been completed (at a cost of about Rs.180 crores) except for the capital dredging of jetty basin (at a cost of Rs.72.68-cr.) which has now been taken up and targeting for completion by Aug./Sept. 2022.

The commissioning of MULT jetty, which is intended primarily for LPG import by IOCL, will surely benefit the public as LPG has now become an essential commodity for all. With the commissioning of such a facility in Kerala, the road movement of bulk LPG and the consequential road mishaps can be avoided. This jetty with a capacity of 4.1 MMTPA will also be utilised for handling POL products including bunker fuels. Commissioning of the Jetty will also open scope to handle other petroleum product.



(ii) Re-Construction of South Coal Berth (SCB):

SCB, which was commissioned in 1953 and all along being used for handling FACT's Ammonia was in a dilapidated condition and so, its reconstruction at a cost of 19.19 cr. with 50% funding from Central Govt. under Sagarmala and 25% funding each from FACT (advance as per MoU executed on 28/07/2020) and CoPT, was taken up.

This project including dismantling of the existing jetty and construction of a new jetty of size 110m x 12m with all ancillary structures, to cater to vessels upto 35,000 DWT (183.60m LoA, 27.60m Beam and 9.14m draft and 1.3 MMTPA capacity), is underway. The foundation stone for this project was laid by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 14/02/2021 and is expected to be completed by April, 2022.

Though this dedicated berth for chemicals, is primarily meant for handling Ammonia and other cargo for FACT, it will be utilized for handling chemicals/liquid cargo for other users also. (15/03/2022)



Media briefing on Seven Years of Sagarmala

Cochin Port Authority conducted a press meet on 7years of Sagarmala at Cochin on 13.04.2022. Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson addressed the media and detailed about the spectacular success of Sagarmala – the flagship programme of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. A presentation on the Sagarmala Scheme and the Sagarmala projects in Cochin Port were made during the event.



Speaking to the media, the Chairperson said that establishing a Ro-Ro handling facility between Q-1 berth and South Coal Berth at Cochin Port is one among the two major projects taken up by the Cochin Port Authority for the financial year 2022-23 under the Sagarmala Project. The proposed project comprises construction of a 615m² Reinforced Concrete (RC) jetty and includes the strengthening of the existing road surface up to Indira Gandhi Road as an auxiliary work.

The upgradation and modernisation of the Cochin Fisheries Harbour at Thoppumpady, the other major Sagarmala project taken up in the current fiscal was approved by the Ministry of Ports and Shipping in March this year. The Fisheries Department and the Shipping Ministry have offered a grant of 50 crore each for the harbour modernisation programme, of which 25 crore has already been released by the Fisheries Department. The modernisation of one of the biggest fisheries harbours in the State will involve establishment of state-of-the-art facilities on par with international standards like Temperature-controlled auction halls and mechanical retrieval and conveyance systems for 418 tonnes of fish per day. The modernisation initiative will help create hygienic conditions at the harbour and boost seafood exports. The construction of the new facility is expected to generate around 14,000 man-days of work.



Meetings with Stakeholders held by Cochin Port Authority as part of 7 Years of Sagarmala (12.04.2022)



The students of SBOA Public School, Kochi had a delightful visit to the Ernakulam Wharf & Sagarika – the new International Cruise Terminal of Cochin Port. The visit was facilitated as part of commemoration of 7 Years of Sagarmala. (14.04.2022)

Cruise Calls

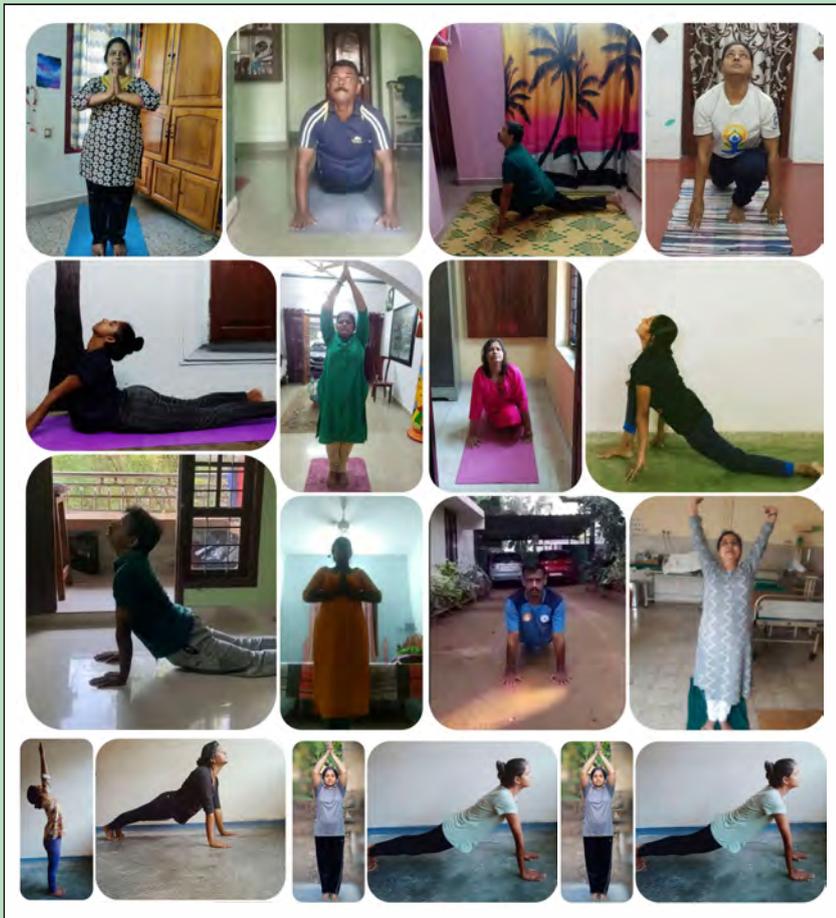
Luxury cruise liner MV Empress of Cordelia Cruises called at Cochin Port with 579 passengers & 534 crew 798 passengers & 6 crew members embarked from Cochin while 356 pax & 4 crew disembarked. The cruise vessel returned with 1021 and 536 crew onboard on 23.02.2022. The Cruise vessel called at Cochin Port with 466 tourists & 555crew, 1046 tourists & 2 crew members embarked from Cochin while 231 pax & 1 crew disembarked. The cruise vessel returned with 1281 tourists and 556crew onboard on 06.04.2022. The MV Empress of Cordelia Cruises also called at Cochin Port on 19.05.2022 with 1891 tourists & 606 crew. 1460 pax & 13 crew embarked from Cochin while 1350 pax disembarked. The cruise vessel returned with 2001 tourists and 593 crew members onboard. Embarkation procedures were carried out at Sagarika -the new International Cruise Terminal at Ernakulam Wharf.



Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - Iconic week celebrations in Cochin Port



Dr. M. Beena, IAS, Chairperson awarded cash prizes to the winners of Elocution Competition conducted in continuation with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. On this occasion, Smt. C. Premakumari, Secretary was present (25.01.2022)



Employees of Cochin Port participated in the Surya Namaskar event as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (14.01.2022)



A Yoga session was conducted for the employees of Cochin Port as part of the celebrations of Iconic week of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on 04.05.2022. Shri. Johny Jose, a professional yoga instructor and former port employee, conducted the yoga session. The Yoga session was inaugurated by the Chief Medical Officer (i/c), CoPA. Employees of the Cochin Port and the Nursing Students of Cochin Port Hospital attended the event.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - Iconic week celebrations in Cochin Port



As part of celebration of Iconic week of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav an exhibition on 'Growth and development of Cochin Port' is being held at the Maritime Heritage Museum. Photographs, videos & information panels on evolution and development of the modern port of Cochin are on display. (05.05.2022)



As part of celebration of Iconic Week of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Cochin Port conducted Quiz competition on 'National Freedom Movement, India's Rich Culture and Heritage' among the employees of Cochin Port. The Secretary, CoPA appreciated the winners and rewarded the in 1st, 2nd & 3rd prize winners. (04.05.2022)



Interactive session and Quiz program were held for higher secondary students on 2nd day of Photo Exhibition on 'Freedom Struggle & Freedom Fighters of Kerala' at Tripunithura as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. (11.05.2022)

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - Iconic week celebrations in Cochin Port



As part of Azadi Ka Amrit 3-day Photo Exhibition on Freedom Struggle & Freedom Fighters of Kerala was organised at Thrippunithura town. The exhibition arranged in coordination with the Regional Outreach Bureau was inaugurated by Shri V. Palanichami IIS. Smt. C. Premakumari, Secretary, Cochin Port Authority was present. Caricatures of 75 Freedom Fighters drawn by the differently-abled national award-winning artist Shri Anjan Satish were also displayed during the exhibition (10.05.2022)



As part of the celebrations of Iconic week of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, in Cochin Port Authority, the students from Indian Maritime University visited Cochin Port. The students were taken to the Maritime Heritage Museum, where exhibition on development of Cochin Port, was going on and also to the Wharves and Sagarika cruise terminal. The students were briefed about the functions and operations of the port. (06.05.2022)

Client outreach program for awareness on FSSAI procedures



As part of client outreach program and bringing an Ease of Doing Business environ, Cochin Port in association with FSSAI and Cochin Customs Brokers' Association organized an Awareness Program on Import of Fresh Fruits on 16.03.2022 at Conference Hall of Cochin Port.

The session on the topic 'General Overview on Import of Fresh Fruits' was taken by Authorised Officer, FSSAI Cochin.

The session inaugurated by Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port, was attended by Importers, Custom Brokers and senior officials of Cochin Port.

In the inaugural address, while exhorting the members of Trade to ensure compliance of regulatory provisions, the Chairperson emphasized the need for a proactive disposition by all the Participating Government Agencies (PGAs) to facilitate the promotion of trade. She further urged all the officials, including the Port officials, to not work in silos and improve the communication with the port users in order to give an impetus to integrated port development. She also congratulated FSSAI for coming forward for the interactive session to enlighten the members of the trade about the procedures to be followed for the importation of fresh fruits. The session was organized in order to generate awareness among the members of importing fraternity on the compliance requirements for faster clearance of cargo. The meeting was well received and there was fruitful and positive interaction. Chairperson assured the members present that Cochin Port would continue to organize such interactive sessions with various PGAs at regular interval to address the concerns of the trade. (16.03.2022)

Inauguration of Coast Guard Jetty



Indian Coast Guard Jetty was inaugurated by DG V.S. Pathania, PTM, TM DGICG at Kochi on 03.05.2022. Cochin plays a paramount role in providing safety and security in sea areas of Kerala and Lakshadweep Islands. Port of Kochi being strategically located demands ICG presence for safeguarding Indian maritime interest and accordingly Cochin Port has constructed an ICG jetty in the harbour as deposit work for Indian Coast Guard. The Jetty (220 Mtrs X 15 Mtrs) is located in the harbour of Kochi with a maintained depth of 7m.(03.05.2022)

Study visit of Parliamentary Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes



The Hon'ble Chairman and Members of the Parliamentary Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes held a meeting with Chairperson & senior officers Cochin Port Authority and the representatives of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on 23.04.2022.

Visit of Parliamentary Committee on Subordinate Legislation



The Hon'ble Chairman and Members of the Parliamentary Committee on Subordinate Legislation, Lok Sabha held a meeting with the Chairperson & senior officers Cochin Port and the representatives of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on 22.04.2022

Visit of Joint Secretary (Ports)



Shri Vikram Singh IAS, Joint Secretary (Ports), Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways visited Cochin Port and held a meeting with the Chairperson & senior officers of Cochin Port Authority on 01.05.2022

Visit of US Consul-General



Dr. M. Beena, IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port hosted Ms. Judith Ravin, Consul General of the United States of America, US Consulate General, Chennai on 04.04.2022 at Cochin Port along with Senior Officials of the Port.

Welcoming the Consul General, Dr. M. Beena, IAS, explained the strategic importance of Cochin Port as a maritime gateway to the peninsular India and the prominent role of Cochin Port in contributing to the economy of the State of Kerala. She also shared the infrastructural development initiatives of Cochin Port taken up under the aegis of Sagarmala project of the Government of India and the potential that Cochin Port offers for the investors in the United States to partner the port development projects in India under Sagarmala scheme and Maritime India Vision 2030.

It was highlighted during the meeting that Cochin Port is offering zero tariffs to Vessel Related Charges for mainline container vessel services to the US East Coast. The growth of transshipment volume at ICTT, Vallarpadam and the potential of Cochin Port to grow as the transshipment hub of the region was also apprised to the Consul General.

Her Excellency Ms. Judith Ravin appreciated the strategic development initiatives and the business model of Cochin Port and assured to share the information with relevant stakeholders. She also conveyed the willingness of the Consulate in associating with the port development project through private partners from the United States. She has also agreed to promote the cruise tourism potential of Cochin/Kerala among the stakeholders/ cruise lines in the United States.

The Consul was accompanied by Mr. Scott Hartmann, Cultural Affairs Officer (US Consulate General, Chennai) and Mr. Nelson K. Paul, Press and Media Coordinator (Malayalam) US Consulate General, Chennai. The senior officials of Cochin Port – Shri Vipin R. Menoth, Traffic Manager, Shri S.K. Sahu, Financial Adviser & Chief Accounts Officer, Shri Paritosh Bala, Chief Engineer and Shri Goutam Gupta, Advisor (Cruise Facilitation & Business Development) were also present.

The Consulate General also visited 'Sagarika' the International Cruise Terminal at Ernakulam Wharf, Cochin Port. (04.04.2022)

Visit of Consul-General of Japan in Chennai

Mr. TAGA Masayuki, Consul-General of Japan in Chennai along with heads of four Japanese companies visited Cochin Port and held discussion with Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson and senior officers. The delegates were briefed on the investment & business opportunities in Cochin Port. (27.05.2022)



Visit of IURC Asia, Australasia

Mr. Dino and Ms. Beatrice, Messina, Italy and Dr. Panagiotis Karamanos, IURC Asia, Australasia visited Cochin Port and held discussions with the Chairperson & senior officers of Cochin Port Authority (25.05.2022).



Visit of Kerala Administrative Service officer trainees



The first batch of Kerala Administrative Service officer trainees at Cochin Port as part of their 'Keraladarshan' (16.05.2022)

All India Major Ports Shuttle Badminton Championship winners



Chairperson facilitates the Cochin Port Shuttle Badminton Team who won the All India Major Ports Shuttle Badminton Championship held at Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla in April, 2022.



Shri Joy T. Antony won the Individual Singles event and doubles event partnering with Shri E. J. Shivasankar. (09.05.2022)



Port Quiz 2022



The final round of 'Port Quiz 2022' – the quiz competition based on the Major Port Authorities Act, 2021 held among the employees of Cochin Port. Renowned quiz master Mr Snehaj Srinivas, from Q-Factor, lead the programme, which was participated by 6 teams. (20.05.2022)

All India Major Ports Athletics Winners



Dr.M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, CoPA facilitates the medal winners of Cochin Port employees in All India Major Ports athletics held at VOC Port Authority in April 2022 (24.05.2022)

Celebration of Cochin Port Day 2022



The Message by the Chief Guest Shri Arif Mohammad Khan, Hon'ble Governor of Kerala being screened.

Commemoration of arrival of the first ship to the modern port of Cochin was celebrated on 26.05.2022 as 'Cochin Port Day'. The first ship-SS Padma entered the inner harbour through the widened and deepened Cochin Gut on 26th May 1928.



The event held at Samudrika Hall, Willingdon Island was presided by Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority. The message of Chief Guest of the Day Shri Arif Mohammad Khan, Hon'ble Governor of Kerala was screened during the event. Shri. P.K. Mohammed Yousaf IRS, Commissioner of Customs, Cmde Rajesh Kumar Yadav, Naval Officer-In-Charge were guests of honour. The function was attended by Capt. Joseph J. Alapat, Deputy Conservator, Shri S.K. Sahu, FA & CAO, Shri Paritosh Bala, Chief Engineer, Shri V. Thuraipandian, Chief Mechanical Engineer, Smt. C. Premakumari, Secretary, Shri Jimmy George, Traffic Manager (i/c), Dr. K. I. Muthukoya, Chief Medical Officer(i/c) of Cochin Port Authority, Shri Neeraj Kumar, Deputy Commandant, CISF, representatives from the Trade, Trade Unions, employees and pensioners of the Port & their families were present.

Awards were given to the Best Performing Port Users and Outstanding employees of the Port. This was followed by variety entertainment program presented by the employees and family members and students of Cochin Port Nursing School.



"MV Kavaratti", passenger ship berthed BTP Jetty was visited by thousands of general public.

Cochin Port Day 2022



Awardees from the Port Users with Chairperson, Guest of Honour and Heads of Departments



Awardees from the Port Employees with Chairperson, Guest of Honour and Heads of Departments



Glimpses for the Cultural Programme by employees, family members of employees and students of Cochin Port Nursing School

Ambedkar Jayanthi



Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority paid floral tributes at the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, as part of the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar on 15.04.2022.

World Hindi Day



Capt. Joseph J. Alapat, Dy. Chairman (i/c), Shri R. Rajendran, Chief Vigilance Officer and all OLIC members inaugurated World Hindi Day by lighting the lamp. On this occasion, a virtual lecture was also organised by the Secretary, Kochi TOLIC (PSU) on the title 'Role of Hindi in Global integration' (10.01.2022)

Hindi Kavi Sammelan



Dr. M. Beena, IAS, Chairperson inaugurated the valedictory function of Hindi Kavi Sammelan by lighting the lamp and honored the poets with shawl and Sharda Kavi Samman. On this occasion Shri R. Rajendran, Chief Vigilance Officer and members of Official Language Implementation Committee (OLIC) were present. (18.02.2022)



Gyandeeep Yojana



Under "Gyandeeep Yojana" for promotion of Hindi, students of Bristow Government School, W/Island were felicitated with trophies by the Chairman and Hindi books were distributed to the school's library. (18.03.2022)

Republic Day Celebration



Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson hoisted the National Flag and addressed the gathering in the administrative lawns of Cochin Port on the occasion of Republic Day. CISF contingent presented the Guard of Honour. Shri K. Rajendran, Chief Vigilance Officer, Capt. Joseph J. Alapat, Deputy Chairman (i/c), Heads of Department, senior officers of Cochin Port and CISF CoPT Unit attended the event by adhering to the social distancing norms in force.

Event was telecast live through Facebook page (facebook.com/PortofCochin) of Cochin Port Authority.

National Maritime Day



Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson speaking at the public function organised by the National Maritime Day Celebration Committee, Kochi. Ships berthed at the Port were decked up as part of National Maritime Day. The ship made available at UTL berth was visited by public in large numbers on 05.04.2022



National Safety Day

The National Safety Day was observed at Cochin Port with various programmes on 4th March 2022. Safety Flag was hoisted at Ernakulam Wharf by Shri. V.Thurai Pandian, Chief Mechanical Engineer and Safety pledge was administered.

Heads of Department, Asst. Director, Inspectorate of Dock Safety, senior officers, workers and staff were present during the function. Safety pledge was also administered at different locations in the Port. The closing ceremony was chaired by Dr. M. Beena, IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port. Shri. Rajesh Pillai, Safety Officer presented the Safety Report 2021 during the function. Banners and posters depicting the importance of Safety, Health & Environment were exhibited at prominent places in the Port area. (04.03.2022)



International Womens Day



Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port was felicitated by all Heads of Departments on the occasion of International Womens Day. Women employees in all departments were also greeted by HoDs.



Smt. N. Sreelatha & Smt. C.B. Jayasree, the only two women crane operators, working on board the dredger–Nehru Shatabdi of Cochin Port for the last 28 yrs & 22 yrs respectively, were honoured. (08.03.2022)

Screening Camp

A screening camp for early detection of breast cancer was organised at the Cochin Port Hospital by Dr. Sindhu Mahesh, Sr. Medical Officer. (08.03.2022)



Cyber Jaagarooka Diwas



Cyber Jaagarooka Diwas was observed in Cochin Port. A session on Information security and Awareness on cyber security was conducted for the benefit of the employees. (04.05.2022)

Countdown to the International Yoga Day 2022



As part of countdown to the International Yoga Day 2022, a yoga demonstration by Shri Johny Jose, Yoga Instructor (a retired employee of Cochin Port) was conducted for the employees and nursing students. (18.04.2022)

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