

Visit of Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Shipping to Cochin Port



Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of State for Shipping (Independent Charge) visited Cochin Port on 20.09.2019 and attended various programmes of Cochin Port Trust.

The Hon'ble Minister formally inaugurated Swachhta Pakhwada & Swachhta Hi Seva (SHS) programme of Cochin Port Trust at a function held at Kendriya Vidyalaya Port Trust.

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'Rajabhasha Kirti Puraskar' to Cochin Port Trust

Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port received the Rajabhasha Kirti Puraskar (3rd prize) among boards/trusts from Shri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Minister for Home Affairs during the Hindi Day celebration held at New Delhi on 14.09.2019.



Swachhta Pakhwada & Swachhta Hi Seva programmes

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During the meeting the Hon'ble Minister highlighted the importance of maintaining a clean environment and urged everyone to make it a habit from the childhood itself so that it will ultimately create a healthy and disciplined society. Swachh life style ensures swasth life to everyone. Cleanliness should be a habit in everyone's life, as followed by Mahatma Gandhiji. Our Prime Minister has taken a lot of initiative to implement the idea of cleanliness and simplicity in life. The Hon'ble Minister also encouraged all the citizens to take part in the cleanliness activities initiated by our Prime Minister.



Hon'ble Minister distributed the prizes to the winners of various competitions conducted by the Port in Govt. High School, Willingdon Island and Kendriya Vidyalaya Port Trust as part of Swachhta Pakhwada. The Minister also awarded the best performers of the Nursing School, Cochin Port Trust Hospital.

The Hon'ble Minister felicitated the members of 'Swachh Sena', a club of 50 students of Kendriya Vidyalaya Port Trust engaged in the upkeep of the school, during the function. He administered the Swachhta Pledge to the gathering comprising the students of the KV and employees of Cochin Port. He also planted saplings in the premises of Cochin Port Trust and KV.



Cycle Rally to promote 'Fit India Movement' & 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'

Hon'ble Minister led a Cycle Rally with more than 100 participants from Muziris Cyclists' Club, CISF personnel of CoPT Unit, employees of CoPT and students of Kendriya Vidyalaya Port Trust to promote 'Fit India Movement' and 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' with the motto "Burn Carbohydrates, Not Hydrocarbons".



Hon'ble Minister visited various Port infrastructure in Cochin Port by boat and inaugurated battery operated Buggies being introduced by Cochin Port Trust for the cruise passengers at Samudrika - the Cruise Passenger Facilitation Centre. The Cochin Maritime Heritage Museum of Cochin Port was also visited by him.



The Hon'ble Minister held discussions with the representatives of the Trade on the issues being faced by them.

The Hon'ble Minister also held a meeting with Leaders of Trade Unions functioning at Cochin Port Trust and discussed various labour issues.

The Hon'ble Minister reviewed the functioning of Cochin Port with the Chairperson and the Heads of Department.



'Cochin Lahar 2019' the Hindi Magazine of Cochin Port Trust was released by the Hon'ble Minister during the visit.

Two internationally acclaimed sportsmen of Cochin Port Trust were honoured during the programme.



Swachhta Pakhwada & Swachhta Hi Seva 2019 activities

Swachhta Pakhwada & Swachhta Hi Seva 2019 programme as part of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was organized in Cochin Port Trust during 11th September to 02nd October, 2019 with various cleaning activities and awareness programmes. Employees of Cochin Port Trust were engaged in cleaning of work places, office premises and public spaces within the Port area in Willingdon Island during the above period. Shramdan was conducted by Cochin Port Trust employees at places outside the Port area such as heritage area near Fort Kochi Beach and sides of National Highway / CoPT promenade in Willingdon Island.



100 truckloads of garbage, vegetation, wooden logs etc were removed from different places in Willingdon Island to the designated dumping ground during the Pakhwada period. Cleaning activities were also carried out in small boats, tugs etc. of Cochin Port Trust. Various awareness classes on importance of cleanliness and steps to be taken to reduce Single Use Plastic (SUP) were conducted by the departments.

Swachhta Pakhwada & Swachhta Hi Seva 2019 activities

Under the leadership of Chairperson and the heads of department, employees from all departments of Cochin Port carried out a cleaning drive at the main junctions and sides of National Highway in Willingdon Island, Cochin as part of the Swachhata Pakhwada and Swachhata Hi Seva campaigns (27 Sep 2019).



Street Play

Swachhata Hi Seva 2019 - employees of Cochin Port Trust staged the street play on 'the menace of plastic waste' at St. Sebastian's High School, Thoppumpady and Kendriya Vidyalaya Cochin Port Trust.



Graffiti

Graffiti on Swachhata theme with high public visibility was painted on the walls of Mattancherry Wharf, Willingdon Island by Civil Engineering Dept.



'Ecostudio' A space for the Ecologically Inspired!

'Ecostudio' was inaugurated in the Administration building of Cochin Port by Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson on 25.09.2019. Employees who lead very good example towards reducing and re-using plastic waste place their eco-friendly alternatives and works of art made of plastic waste at the studio to inspire others.



Distribution of paper seed pen & Jute bag to the employees

In order to encourage employees to reduce use of plastic pen "Paper pen with Seed" were procured and distributed to all employees of Cochin Port Trust.

In order to discourage use of Single Use Plastic (SUP) shopping bags, very good quality cloth bags were procured by Cochin Port Trust and distributed to employees at a very discounted price.



Plogging Activity

To mark the conclusion of Swachhta Pakhwada & Swachhta Hi Seva 2019, on the Gandhi Jayanthi day (02-10-2019), Day (02-10-2019), Cochin Port Trust in coordination with CISF and Kendriya Vidyalaya Port Trust organized Plogging activity (Jogging and picking plastic waste) on the roads within Willingdon Island on 02-10-2019.

Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson flagged off the Plogging activity at a function held at Kendriya Vidyalaya Port Trust on 02-10-2019 at 8.30 a.m.



Plogging Activity

About 500 participants including employees of Cochin Port Trust, CISF personnel and students of KV Port Trust attended the event.



Valedictory Function of Swachhta Pakhwada & Swachhta Hi Seva 2019

At the valedictory function held at Samudrika Convention Centre, Cochin Port Trust at 9.30 a.m, the Chairperson distributed prizes to the following prize winners:

Best maintained and clean office of lessees of Cochin Port Trust-First Prize - M/s. Ambuja Cements, Second Prize - M/s. Penna Cements.

Best maintained and clean offices in Cochin Port Trust- First Prize - Office of the Traffic Manager, Second Prize - Office of the Chief Engineer, Third Prize - Office of the Chief Medical Officer.

Employee who lead very good examples towards reducing plastic waste by re-use of Single Use Plastic (SUP)- Sri. Sudheer. S, Traffic Dept.

Best 3 minutes short film on Swachhta theme, shot on mobile phone camera-First Prize - Sri. K.B. Abigosh, Accountant, GAD, Second Prize - Sri. O.B. Gineesh Kumar, PS to Chairman, Third Prize - Sri. P.B. Subrahmanian, Fireman, Marine Dept.



PCS 1x Road Show held at Cochin Port 17.07.2019

Indian Ports Association (IPA) in collaboration with M/s Portall, Logistics Software Company organized a road show on Port Community System (PCS 1x) for the stake holders of Cochin Port Trust on 17.07.2019. PCS is an ease of doing business initiative of Government of India and PCS 1x is the upgraded cloud version of PCS. The Road show was conducted with the objective of sensitizing & creating awareness amongst the maritime community and taking the Stakeholders on-board.

PCS 1x was rolled out in December 2018 simultaneously at 12 Major Ports of India. Today, over 1400 users exchange the messages including customs, payments, vessel, cargo for their business transactions with the stake holders.

Adoption of PCS 1x would result in marked improvement for the ease of doing initiatives. It will help improved visibility, reduction in time & cost along with documentation work. The digital solution also aids in improving the payment facility and e-delivery in maritime trade.

While inaugurating the road show Dr M.Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust informed that PCS 1x is a platform that facilitates the Port users to transact business with their stake holders irrespective of the size or technical capability of the user. Also stated that wide spread use of similar platforms like PCS 1x will help the India's economic growth and sought the help of all stake holders. The road show helps the stake holders to speed up on-boarding by the rest of the maritime ecosystem since the platform is designed to handle 27 stakeholder categories and is able to meet any changes requested by stakeholders. All Major Trade associations are working along with M/s IPA and M/s. Portall for seamless adoption and accommodating additional requests from the stakeholders.

IPA presented the updates on usage and upcoming technical aspects for users. Representatives from M/s Portall presented to the trade community the benefits and features of PCS 1x and indicated additional functionalities in the pipeline.

Around 100 participants including Shipping agents, Custom House Agents, Terminal & Container Freight Station Operators and officials from Cochin Port Trust attended the road show.

An interactive discussion on the way forward and live on-boarding of new users onto PCS 1x was also held.



7th edition of the Coastal Shipping & IWT Business Summit 2019

Dr. M Beena, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust addressed the gathering at the 7th edition of the Coastal Shipping & IWT Business Summit 2019 held at Cochin.

Mr. Ashish Kumar Singh IAS, Principal Secretary (Transports & Ports) and Dr. Ramaswami N; IAS, CEO, Maharashtra Maritime Board & team held discussion with Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson & senior officials of Cochin Port on 31.08.2019.



Visit of Sharda Prasad IAS, Advisor, Sagarmala

Shri Sharda Prasad IAS, Advisor, Sagarmala, Ministry of Shipping and Shri Harikishore IAS, Executive Director, Kudumbashree, Govt. of Kerala held discussion on 08.08 2019 with Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust on setting up of Multi-Skill Development Centre at Cochin.



3rd edition of CII Port Conclave 2019

Dr. M Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust addressed the gathering at the 3rd edition of CII Port Conclave 2019, Chennai on 23.09.2019.



Visit of Delegates from Japan

Delegates from Japan met Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust and held discussions on 29.08.2019 about the setting up of a cryogenic warehouse adjacent to Petronet LNG's terminal at Puthuvypeen.



Visit of Delegates from Netherlands

Mr. Joost Geijer, Head of Eco. Affairs, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, N Delhi, Ms. Caroline Rietveld, Dy. Consull, Ms Vera Bakker, Inetern, Consulate General, Mumbai, Mr Vijay Kumar, Spl Advisor, Consulate General, Bengaluru held meeting with Dr. M Beena IAS, Chairperson on 29.08.2019.



Independence Day celebrations

Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson hoisted the National Flag in the lawns of administrative building and addressed the gathering. CISF personnel and their family members performed various cultural programme and demonstrations during the event.



Official Language Seminar

Official Language Seminar for progressive implementation of Hindi was inaugurated by Smt. C. Premakumari, Secretary, Cochin Port Trust on 9.8.2019. Shri O. Ramesh, Manager (OL), Hindustan Organic Chemical Ltd. (HOCL), Kochi had conducted the seminar on 09.08.2019.



Hindi Workshop

Hindi Workshop for the employees of Civil Engineering Department with special attention to "Spoken Hindi" was inaugurated by Shri G. Vaidyanathan, Chief Engineer, Cochin Port Trust on 9.8.2019.



Onam Celebration 2019

'Onam' has celebrated on 11.09.2019 with traditional gaiety by employees of Cochin Port Trust

