

Cochin Port Day 2026 Celebrated

Willingdon Island: Cochin Port Day celebrations were held on Tuesday (26-05-2026) at Samudrika Hall, Willingdon Island, in commemoration of the arrival of the first ship to Cochin Port.

Shri B. Kasiviswanathan, IRSME, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority, presided over the function. Former Chief Secretary to the Government of Kerala and former Chairperson of Cochin Port Authority, Shri Paul Antony, IAS (Retd.), was the Chief guest of the function. Shri Satish Honnakkatte, Dy. Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority, delivered the keynote address.

Shri Varghese K. George, President, Kerala Steamer Agents Association, and Shri Andrew Antonio Fernandez, President, Cochin Customs Brokers Association, felicitated the gathering.

During the function, Shri B. Kasiviswanathan IRSME announced the organising committee for the centenary celebrations of Cochin Port and kicked off the year long centenary celebration activities starting on 2028.

As part of the celebrations, Lakshadweep passenger vessel MV Lakshadweep Sea was arranged for the public to visit, attracting a large number of visitors.

Trade awards were presented to organisations that excelled in cargo and ship handling operations during the previous financial year. Port employees who rendered outstanding service were also honoured, and cash awards were distributed to children of employees who secured high marks in the SSLC and Plus Two examinations.

The celebrations concluded with cultural programmes presented by port employees and their family members.

Dr. Cyril C. George, Former Dy. Chairperson CoPA, Shri K.G Nath, Former Dy. Chairperson, New Mangalore Port Authority, Former FA & CAO, CoPA, Dr. C. Unnikrishnan Nair, Former Dy. Chairperson, CoPA, Capt. Himanshu Shekhar, Traffic Manager, CoPA, Shri Joydeep Ghosh Dastidar, Secretary, CoPA, Capt. T. Muthukumar, Deputy Conservator, CoPA; Shri B. Bhagyanath, Financial Adviser & Chief Accounts Officer, CoPA; Col. Jassar S.M., Chief Engineer, CoPA; Dr. Jayalakshmi R. Kurup, Chief Medical Officer (i/c), CoPA; Shri P. Muniyasamy, Chief Mechanical Engineer (i/c), CoPA; representatives of trade unions; and employees of the Cochin Port Authority were present.

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