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# From the Desk of Chairman



**T.K. Ramachandran, IAS,**  
Chairman  
V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust

Dear valued customers and partners,

As we navigate through the unprecedented times that face us with the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to be agile in our response to the situation. We are assessing and adapting to evolving situation and take action as a service provider, to facilitate essential trade for not only the country, but the supply chain as a whole.

Amid COVID-19, our Port has handled 16.55 Million Tonnes of Cargo, which is 9.41% less, when compared to the previous year's corresponding month. The cargo handled by 12 Major Ports of the country has nosedived by (-)14.27% during this financial year upto September, 2020.

In the trying times, our Port has achieved remarkable operational landmarks like handling of longest windmill blade consignments, launching of shipping service from Tuticorin to Maldives and commencement of fuel bunkering service through barges.

I would like to personally thank our committed employees, Port users and stakeholders for providing hugely appreciated continuity of business. It serves as a testament to the levels of resilience, courage and resolve of our Port family, who are tackling the present daily challenges head-on.

The only way we can keep doing so is by working together, being careful, and doing our very best. I wish you, your family, friends and colleagues all the very best during the upcoming festival season.

**T.K. Ramachandran, IAS,**  
Chairman

## Message from Trade

"Logistic sector is a key sector as its share of 13-14% to the GDP. Now adapting to a transformed Business Environment and ensuring the continuities of supply chain in this challenging times (COVID-19)".



**D.R. Kodeewaran**  
Secretary  
Indian Chamber of  
Commerce & Industry

"MSME Sector which forms the backbone of economic activity has lost its liquidity and skilled workforce. The Government's effort under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan must carry out its objectives by planning the implementation pragmatically. Infusing liquidity, returning work force and making availability of manufacturing material should be the goal of the Government to bring back the economy to pre Covid-19 productivity."



**GP. Joe Prakash**  
President  
All Indian Chamber of  
Commerce and Industries

"The horrendous effects due to COVID-19 has caused a rippling effect in the Global Merchandise trade affecting industries and the entire logistics supply chain. For the whole world, uncertainty is the only certainty since numerous industries are at a standstill and the shipping sector is navigating uncharted waters with demand falling down and shipping rates reaching five-year low. I take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Maritime fraternity for the whole hearted support extended to us during the hard times and gave us workable solutions and ideas to reach our business objectives".



**L. Anand Morais**  
Secretary  
Tuticorin Ship Agents'  
Association

"Whatever the outcome of the pandemic situation experienced by the Port users in V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust, we the stevedoring fraternity realized the value of time, growth of the Port and our business, our stevedore members team and systems were constantly working to give all our customers to be better than the best in this extraordinary times in establishing our motto of "keep moving the vessels". I personally learned a thought during this lockdown is "The Port users and stake holders can achieve what we want and the Port can achieve what they want, if we both work together."



**J. Jesiah Villavarayar**  
Secretary  
Tuticorin Stevedore's  
Association

"The COVID-19 pandemic is certainly changing the dynamics of International trade and as per the experts it will leave a lasting transformation on how exports and imports is conducted in the coming decades. It will as well revolutionize the way we learn new things and upgrade our skills".



**V. Arjun Sankar**  
President  
Port Handling Association

"The Logistics sector has been at the forefront of its fight against COVID 19 while indeed, being the most severely, directly and immediately impacted. The logistics sector will also necessarily have to lead the way in post COVID 19 recovery, given its bearing as the lifeline of global supply chains."



**J. David Raja**  
Convenor, Logistics Panel,  
CII, & President,  
NACFS, Tuticorin



# Port Performance

## Traffic Performance

V.O. Chidambaranar Port handled 16.55 Million Tonnes of cargo during this financial year upto September, 2020, as against 18.27 Million Tonnes handled during the corresponding period of previous year, registering a decrease of 9.41%.

The Port handled 3,52,939 TEUs. of containers during the current financial year upto the month of September, 2020, as against 4,25,260 TEUs. of containers handled during the corresponding period of previous year, registering a decrease of 17.01%

## Physical Performance Parameters

Sl. No	Description	July to September		% Variation
		2019-20	2020-21	
1	Average Pre-berthing detention (Port a/c in Hrs.)	3.12	2.16	(-)30.77
2	Average Turn Around Time (Port + Non-Port a/c in Hrs.)	50.64	51.84	(+) 2.37
3	Average Output Per Ship Berth day (In Tonnes)	14,338	14,917	(+) 4.04
4	Container Quay Crane Moves / Hr.	27	28	(+) 3.70



## Port handled longest windmill blades ever manufactured in India

On 21.09.2020, V.O. Chidambaranar Port handled windmill blades of length 74.90 metres, the longest of its kind handled through Indian Ports.

The Panama flagged vessel 'M.V. Ginkgo Arrow' was berthed at 23.30 Hrs on 15.09.2020 and loaded 50 windmill towers and 33 windmill blades. The Vessel completed loading and sailed from the Port on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2020 to the Port of New Orleans, USA.

The Port has handled 881 windmill blades and 397 Windmill blade towers during this Financial year upto 21<sup>st</sup> September. During the last financial year, the Port had handled 1667 windmill blades and 648 windmill blade towers making V.O. Chidambaranar Port, a premier gateway Port for export of Windmill blades.



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To,  
The Traffic Manager,  
VOC Port,  
Tuticorin.  
21<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

**Subject: 75 Meters Windmill blades**

Dear Sirs,

Greetings from DSV India.

It gives us immense pleasure in writing to you and thanking for all the support we have been accorded over the last six months. Since the start of the initial phase itself we have been regularly having calls with your teams TM/DTM/ATM and various other depts within the port for planning and ensuring to make this project a huge success. As a first lot of movement we exported 36 blades on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 to New Orleans in the USA on G2 Ocean carrier.

This was the first time ever in the history of India a 75 Mtrs blade has been manufactured and the same moved on roads. This was mammoth task by itself considering the huge size and nature of the blade and was carefully transported to Tuticorin port. The local transportation was carried out by Gangotri freight carriers and the local handling agents at port for the vessel was Pearl shipping. These blades were manufactured by TPI Composites on behalf of Vestas wind and the full door to door logistic solution was supplied by DSV a global logistics service.

We take this opportunity to once again thank each one of you and your teams in extending with all the required timely support during this very initial phase of this critical project given the constraints due to corona and unavailability of various other resources. We also look forward for the same support in future.

Thanking you,

Stalin Lawrence  
Head - Projects- Operations  
India Subcontinent



The letter of appreciation by M/s. DSV Air & Sea Pvt Ltd, the Global Logistics Partners of Vestas Wind System, on 21.09.2020, in recognition of VOC Port's capability and efficiency in handling windmill blades and towers.

## Port Created Single Day Container Handling Record



On 31.08.2020, V.O.Chidambaranar Port created a record by handling 5628 TEUs of Containers in a single day, bettering the previous best of 4524 TEUs handled on 25.08.2019.

## For the first time in Port's history, Bunker fuel supplied through barge to ship



For the first time in the history of the Port, Bunker fuel was supplied to ship through Bunker Barge on 26.07.2020.

The self-propelled Bunker barge 'M.V. Shree Prakash' that has 5 tanks in Starboard side and Port side, with a capacity of carrying 1054 Tonnes, filled bunker fuel at Coal Jetty-1. Thereafter, it pumped 270 KL of fuel to the vessel M.V.Aeschylus Gracia, at berth No.4, conforming to the Safety, Security and Environment protocols. The bunker barge is capable of pumping bunker fuel at Berths and Anchorage.

It is notable that V.O.Chidambaranar Port, strategically located in the midst of East-West International sea route, has the right environment to provide fuel Bunkering services considering the calm sea, low waves and currents.



# Direct cargo shipping service between Tuticorin-Kochi-Kulhudhuffushi-Male

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Shipping & Minister of State for Chemical & Fertilizers and Ms. Aishath Nahula, Hon'ble Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation of Maldives, Republic of Maldives, jointly launched the Cargo ferry service from India (Tuticorin and Cochin) to Maldives (Kulhudhuffushi and Male) through Video Conference on 21.09.2020



# Events

## Independence Day 2020



Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS., Chairman, V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust, hoisting the National flag during the Independence Day Celebrations on 15.08.2020

Shri Bimal Kumar Jha, Deputy Chairman, receiving the first copy of COVID Manual of V.O.Chidambaranar Port from Shri T.K.Ramachandran, IAS., Chairman, V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust, on 15.08.2020



The Officers and Staff who rendered meritorious services during this ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic being appreciated by giving standing ovation on the occasion of Independence Day celebrations on 15.08.2020





# Events

149<sup>th</sup> birth Anniversary of Shri V.O.Chidambaranar



Shri T.K. Ramachandran, I.A.S., Chairman, V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust, garlanding the Statue of V.O.Chidambaranar to commemorate the 149<sup>th</sup> birth Anniversary of Shri V.O.Chidambaranar on 05.09.2020.

## Distribution of 'COVID Manual' of VOC Port to the residents of Port Colony

In order to create awareness and inculcate the 'New Normal' measures to be followed during the 'COVID-19' Pandemic, COVID Manual of VOC Port was distributed by the Port to the Officers & Staff of the Port, CISF and residents of Port Colony.



## Contribution of relief to contract workers of V. O. Chidambaranar Port



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In order to recognise and appreciate the dedicated services rendered by the Port's 267 frontline contract workers, groceries worth Rs.1000/- were distributed through Port's Welfare Club and Cash Relief of Rs.1000/- was credited to the Contract workers' Bank account directly by the Port.

## Shri C. Selvam, V.O.C. Port Canteen, renders meritorious service during this ongoing COVID-19

Motoring around the residential colony of VOC Port, serving Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner every day to the staff and their family member isolated / infected with COVID, Mr. C. Selvam from Port canteen has won the hearts of residents of the port colony.

Mr. C. Selvam's day starts with receiving the delivery list from medical department every morning. On collecting the food packs prepared at Port canteen, he promptly delivered the food packs right to the door-steps of the needy people of the port colony.

He has been in isolation right from the start of the food delivery service that started on 12.07.2020 to till date. He has isolated himself in a small room available in the administrative office. Grateful Colony residents shared their praise for the services rendered by Mr. C. Selvam.

The scheme of delivery of food to the COVID infected / isolated residents of Port colony was initiated by Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, to lend a helping hand to the residents of Port colony.



# Retirements & Promotions

S.No.	Name & Designation	Department
<b>July - 2020</b>		
1	Shri M. Murugan, Superintendent	General Administration
2	Shri E. Sudalai, Operator (E & M)	Civil Engineering
3	Shri R. Sivasoorian, Operator Special Grade	Mech. & Elec. Engineering
4	Shri V. Rajendran, Signal Man	Marine
<b>August - 2020</b>		
1	Shri K.P. Paulson, Assistant Traffic Manager Gr-II	Traffic
2	Shri Nigida Immanuel, Senior Pharmacist	Medical
<b>September - 2020</b>		
1	Shri S. Ponnusamy, Winchman	Traffic



Smt. S. Shanthi, Financial Advisor & Chief Accounts Officer, V.O.C. Port Trust was relieved on 07.08.2020 to join as Financial Advisor & Chief Accounts Officer at Vishakhapatnam Port Trust.



# Hindi Corner

वीओसी पत्तन न्यास में हिन्दी पखवाडा बड़े ही रम्य रूप में दिनांक 1 सितंबर, 2020 से 14 सितंबर, 2020 तक, हरेक विभाग के लिए अलग अलग से हिन्दी प्रतियोगिताएँ आयोजित करते हुए मनाया गया। पत्तन के विभागाध्यक्ष, अधिकारी, कर्मचारी एवं कॉन्ट्राक्ट कर्मचारियों ने बड़ी उत्सुकता से हरेक प्रतियोगिताओं में भाग लिया। कोविड 19 महामारी के कारण, भारत सरकार द्वारा दिए गए निदेशों के अनुसार, सामाजिक दूरी बर्करार रखते हुए, ऑन लाइन द्वारा गीत गान/वाक्चता/टंकण प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन करना, हिन्दी पखवाडे का मुख्य आकर्षण रहा।

हिन्दी पखवाडा का समापन, 14 सितंबर, 2020 को हिन्दी दिवस के रूप में हुआ। हरेक विभाग के विशिष्ट स्थलों पर, हिन्दी उद्धरणों के स्टिकर प्रदर्शित किए गए।

यांत्रिक एवं इलक्ट्रीकल विभाग के लिए, हिन्दी कार्यशाला दिनांक 18.09.2020 को आयोजित किया गया।



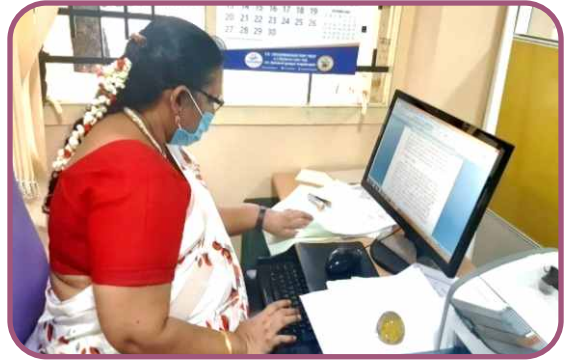
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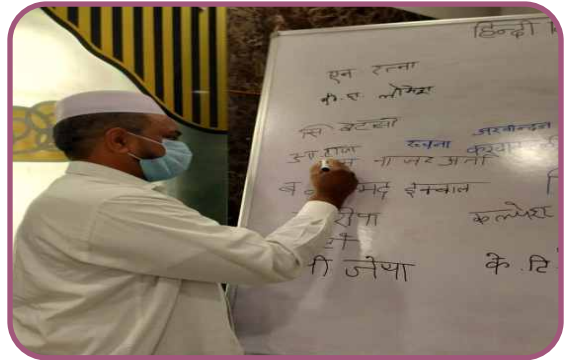
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हिन्दी टंकण प्रतियोगिता - 08-09-2020



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