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Port Performance

Traffic Performance

V.O.Chidambaranar Port handled 31.40 Million Tonnes of Cargo during this financial year upto January, 2023 as against 28.46 Million Tonnes handled during the corresponding period of previous year registering a increase of 10.32%.

The Port handled 6,15,132 TEUs. of containers during the current financial year upto the month of January, 2023 as against 6,56,259 TEUS.of containers handled during the corresponding period of previous year.

Operational Achievements



On 27.10.2022, V.O.Chidambaranar Port handled 120 number of imported windmill blades, the highest volume in a single consignment, surpassing the previous highest import of 60 windmill blades in a single consignment.

V.O. Chidambaranar Port, with a commendable track record in handling of windmill blades and accessories, had handled 2906 windmill blades during the financial year 2021-2022 and 2386 windmill blades during the current financial year up to January, 2023.

V.O. Chidambaranar Port has handled 36.81 Lakh Tonnes during the month of January, 2023 which is the highest tonnage handled in the month, surpassing the previous record of 36.76 lakh tonnes handled during the month of June 2022.

Mass Plantation Drive



Shri Sarbananda Sonowal Hon'ble Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, inaugurated the Mass Plantation Drive organised by the Port, as a part of 'Sewa Pakhwada' on 01.10.2022. A huge gather of 1500 officials consisting of officers and staff of the Port and Port users actively participated in the event. More than 10,000 Saplings were planted.



Shri Sarbananda Sonowal Hon'ble Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, inspected the Port facilities on 01.10.2022. Shri T.K.Ramachandran, IAS Chairman, VOC Port Authority, elucidated the Ports infrastructure and operational activities to the Hon'ble Union Minister.

Gandhi Jayanti - 2022



Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, Shri Bimal Kumar Jha, Deputy Chairman, and Senior Officers of the Port, paid heartfelt tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, to mark his 153rd Birth Anniversary on 02.10.2022.

Special Campaign 2.0

V.O. Chidambaranar Port organized Special Campaign 2.0, for disposal of pending matters in line with the Special Campaign 2.0, organized across the country in all the Ministries / Departments of the Government of India, from 2nd October to 31st October 2021.



Cleanliness Awareness Pamphlets highlighting the importance of Organic Waste Management & Recycling were distributed by the Fire Division Personnel on 13.10.2022.

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Port embarked on a massive cleaning initiative all along the Port Estate on 14.10.2022.



The Officers and Staff of the General Administration Department involved themselves in cleaning the Port Beach on 18.10.2022.



The Civil Engineering Department officials organized Swachh Bharat Cleanliness drive at the Port's Residential Complex on 18.10.2022.

Events



EV Charging station has been installed at the Port's Administrative Office for charging the e-cars of the Port.



Shri T.K. Ramachandra, IAS, Chairman, chaired the one-day Workshop on 'PPP Grievance Redressal Forum' with all the PPP operators and captive terminals of the Port, on 29.10.2022. Shri Bimal Kumar Jha, Deputy Chairman, Head of the Departments, Officials from Tamilnadu, Thermal Power Station, NLC Tamilnadu Thermal Power Limited, Dakshin Bharat Gateway Terminals Private Limited, Imcola Crane Company, Chennai Radha Engineering Works and Tuticorin International Container Terminal Private Limited (JM Baxi Group) participated in the Grievance Redressal Forum.

Visit of CII Delegation from Madurai



A delegation from CII Madurai Zone visited VOC Port on 18.10.2022. Shri T.K Ramachadran, IAS, Chairman briefed them on the USPs of the Port and invited the CII Madurai Zone Industrialists to start industries in the Port land to save logistics costs.

Events

Award for Best Emerging Port of the Year- 2022

VOC Port has been awarded 'Best Emerging Port of the Year 2022', for its Smart Port Initiatives and Safe Cargo Handling, by Littoral Communications, Mumbai on 19.10.2022.



National Unity Day 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' 2022



The Port observed National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Divas 2022) to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31.10.2022 Shri Bimal Kumar Jha, Deputy Chairman, administered the National Unity day pledge to all the Officers & Staff of the Port.

Events

Vigilance Awareness Week - 2022



The Vigilance Awareness Week was observed by the Port from 31st October to 6th November 2022 with the theme of 'Corruption Free India for a Developed Nation'.

Shri Bimal Kumar Jha, Deputy Chairman, administered the Vigilance Awareness Pledge to all the Officers & Staff of the Port.

Valedictory function of Vigilance Awareness Week - 2022



The valedictory function of Vigilance Awareness Week – 2022 was held at Port on 16th November, 2022.

Shri S. Murali Krishnan, IDAS, Chief Vigilance Officer, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority, welcomed the gathering and underscored that the Information Technology (IT) and computerized Land Record Management initiatives taken by the Port has enabled transparency in decision making process.

Shri. T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, the chief guest of the event, distributed the prizes to the winners of various competitions in the presence of Shri Bimal Kumar Jha, Deputy Chairman, and Shri S. Murali Krishnan, IDAS, Chief Vigilance Officer.

During the week-long Vigilance Awareness Week observed from 31st October to 06 November 2022, more than 400 school / college students actively took part in the competitions organised by the Port.

Events

Resumption of Mainline Service



On 16.11.2022, Wan Hai Lines has resumed its weekly Mainline (China – India II) services connecting Far East, and China, at DBGT Terminal, Tuticorin. Vessel 'Delaware Trader' with 2200 TEU Capacity called VOC Port, Tuticorin.

INMARCO Green Shipping Conclave - 2022



Shri T.K. Ramachandran IAS Chairman, VOCPA, participated in the INMARCO Green Shipping Conclave 2022 in Mumbai on 18.11.2022. As part of the Maritime Conference, Ministry for Ports, Shipping and Waterways signed a MoU between The Energy and Resources Institute and VOC, Paradip and Deendayal Ports and Cochin Shipyard Limited for setting up of the 1st National Centre of Excellence in Green Port and Shipping. This Centre of Excellence will help on policy and regulatory support to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, for developing regulatory framework and alternate technology adoption roadmap for Green Shipping to foster carbon neutrality and circular economy.

Events

Constitution Day - 2022



On the occasion of Constitution Day 2022, the preamble of the Constitution was read by Officers and Staff along with Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman on 26.11.2022.

World Pollution Prevention Day - 2022



As a part of observance of 'World Pollution Prevention Week', a seminar on Green Port initiatives of V.O. Chidambaranar Port was organised for school students at the Port's Information Centre on 02.12.2022. The various initiatives of the Port like Renewable Energy Projects, 100% LED illumination, Shore Power Supply to Ships, deployment of e-cars, greenery development and pollution prevention measures were presented to the school students. In addition, the school students were also taken to the Port to have exposure on the various renewable energy & pollution prevention installations.

Greentech Award - 2022



VOC Port won the prestigious "Greentech Environment Award 2022" on 23.08.2022. On behalf of the Port, Smt. D.Sheba, Executive Engineer, Civil Engineering Department, VOC Port Authority, received the 'Greentech Environment Award 2022' from Shri Kamleshwar Sharan, Managing Director & CEO Greentech Foundation, Ravi S. Prasad, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of Assam & Ved Prakash Mahawar, Former Director (Onshore), ONGC.

World AIDS Awareness Day -2022



The 'World AIDS Day' was observed at V.O.Chidambaranar Port Authority on 14.12.2022. Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority, flagged off the Aids Awareness Rally which started from V.O. Chidambaranar Port Administrative office and concluded at Port's Green gate complex. The rally was enthusiastically participated by Officers & Staffs of the Port and CISF unit of the Port.

Anchorage Bunker Fuel



On 21.12. 2022, a new bunkering service was flagged off at Port for supplying bunker fuel to the ships at Anchorage. Barge MV Sreeprakash supplied 250 MT of Indian Oil Corporation Bunker Fuel through barge to the ship MV.OEL Shravan

Visit of Dr. Mwate Mulenga to VOC Port Authority



Dr. Mwate Mulenga, Counsellor of Agriculture and Technical Specialist at High Commission of Canada in India, met the Senior officials of the Port to gain a better understanding of the Port operations at the VOC Port Authority, Tuticorin on 21.12.2022.

Siddha Day - 2023



As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Port organised a free Siddha Medical camp on the occasion of 6th Siddha Day, 2023, for the public. Shri.T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, inaugurated the camp wherein more than 100 people got benefited. The doctors from Siddha Department of Thoothukudi Government Medical College Hospital, also gave free consultation and distributed free medicines to the public.

International luxury Cruise ship calls VOC - 2023



International luxury Cruise ship 'MS Amera' made her first call to VOC Port, Tuticorin, on Wednesday the 11th January, 2023, carrying 698 passengers and 386 crew members on-board.

To Honour the maiden call of the Cruise vessel, Shri. T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, VOC Port Authority, and the Captain of the vessel 'MS Amera', Capt. Hubert Flohr, exchanged the commemorative plaques in a function at the Berth.

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The passengers were predominantly from Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland.

The guests onboard 'MS Amera' were traditionally welcomed with 'Nathaswara Mangala Isai' and folk dance, at the Additional Berth of the Port.



Around 70 tourists went to Tirunelveli to visit Holy Trinity Church and Nellaiappar Temple and more than 200 tourists visited Lady of Snows Church and other places of interest at Tuticorin. Local Guides were also arranged through Ministry of Tourism.

The Vessel Agent M/s. JM Baxi, thanked the Port Authorities and officials for ensuring a well co-ordinated and smooth dis-embarkation and embarkation of the tourists and for safe handling of the cruise vessel on par with international standards.



Child Abuse Awareness - 2023



As a part of AzadiKa Amrit Mahotsav, a session on 'Child Abuse' was organised for children of Ports Schools. Smt. Sornalatha and Mrs. Rajeevi, from Spark Social Organisation handled the session. Students participated with enthusiasm.

74th Republic Day - 2023



The 74th Republic Day has been celebrated by V.O.Chidambaranar Port in a grand manner at Port's School ground on 26.01.2023. Shri T.K. Ramachandran, I.A.S, Chairman, unfurled the National flag and took salute from the contingent of CISF, Port Fire Service and Port School's NCC cadets.

Shri T.K. Ramachandran, I.A.S, Chairman, inaugurated the new Beach Volleyball court at the Port's school ground on 26.01.2023.



Traffic Performance Award 2021-22

M/s. Finesse shipping Lines Pvt Ltd



Handled highest number of Break Bulk Vessels as steamer Agent

M/s.Seaport Shipping Pvt Ltd



Handling highest number of Dry Bulk vessels as Steamer Agent

M/s. Atlantic Global Shipping Pvt Ltd



Handled highest number of Liquid Bulk Vessels as Steamer Agent

M/s. Transworld Shipping Agencies Pvt Ltd



Handling highest number of Container Vessels as Steamer Agent

M/s.Seaport Logistics Pvt Ltd



Handling Highest volume of Cargo including Thermal Coal, Fertilizer & Fertilizer Raw Materials as Stevedore

M/s. Raja Agencies



Handling Highest volume of finished Fertilizers as stevedore

M/s. PSTS Shipping Services



Handling highest volume of Fertilizer Raw Materials as Stevedore

M/s. Aasian Shipping Agencies



Handling highest volume of Machineries / Project Cargo / Windmill Blade as Stevedore

M/s. A.M.Ahamed & Co



Handling highest volume of other Break Bulk Cargo as Stevedore

M/s. Transworld Shipping Agencies Pvt Ltd



Handling highest volume as Container Vessel Operator

M/s MSC Agency(India) Pvt Ltd



Handling highest volume as Container Liner

M/s. Raja Agencies



Handling highest volume of Exports Containers as CFS Operator

Traffic Performance Award 2021-22

M/s.ALS Tuticorin Terminal Pvt Ltd



Handling highest volume of Import Container as CFS Operator

M/s. L.M Wind Power Blades (India) Pvt Ltd



Exporting highest volume of Machineries / Project Cargo / Windmill Blade Cargo as Consignee

M/s. Yentop Manickavel Sons Edible Oils Pvt Ltd



Importing highest volume of Edible Oil as Consignee

M/s. Agarwal Coal Corporation Pvt Ltd



Importing highest volume of Coal and Coke as Consignee

M/s. Greenstar Fertilizers Limited



Importing highest Volume of Fertilizer Raw Materials as Consignee

M/s. Eastern Bulk Trading



Importing highest volume of Other Dry Bulk cargo as Consignee

M/s. Sripathi Paper & Boards Pvt Ltd



Importing highest number of Container as Consignee

M/s.ATC Tires Ltd



Exporting highest number of Containers as Consignee

M/s. A.M.Ahamed & Co



Handling highest volume of Cargo at Zone - B as Stevedore

M/s. Mohan Mutha Trans Logistics Pvt Ltd



Handling highest number of Barges at Zone - B as Steamer Agent

M/s. Villavarayar & Sons



Filing highest number of Liquid Bulk Cargo Applications as Customs House Agent

M/s.TVTS Associates



Filing highest number of Dry Bulk Cargo Applications as Customs House Agent

Traffic Performance Award 2021-22

M/s.Chakiat Agencies



Handling highest number of EXIM export containers as Customers House Agent

M/s.Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited



Excellence as Business Support Partner

M/s. Southern Petrochemical Industries Corporation Limited



Excellence as Business Support Partner

M/s. DCW Limited



Excellence as Business Support Partner

M/s. PSA SICAL Terminals Limited



Excellence as Business Support Partner

M/s. Dakshin Bharat Gateway Terminal Private Limited



Excellence as Business Support Partner

M/s. JM BAXI Group



Excellence as Business Support Partner

M/s. Central Warehouse Corporation



Excellence as Business Support Partner

M/s. Coir Board



Excellence as Business Support Partner

M/s. Apparel Export promotion Council



Excellence as Business Support Partner

M/s. Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited



Excellence as Business Support Partner

M/s. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd



Excellence as Business Support Partner

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Events

All India Major Ports Volleyball & Beach Volleyball Tournament - 2023



The All India Major Ports Volleyball & Beach Volleyball Tournament - 2023 was conducted by V.O.C Port Sports Council at Tuticorin from 29.01.2023 to 31.01.2023, at the Port's School ground. Shri Bimal Kumar Jha, Deputy Chairman, inaugurated the Tournament.

In the valedictory function of the 44th Volleyball and 15th Beach Volleyball All India Major Ports Tournament held under the aegis of Major Ports Sports Control Board, the Chief Guest of the finals, Shri Bimal Kumar Jha, Deputy Chairman, distributed the trophies and medals to all the prize Winners.

Teams from VOC, Chennai, Visakhapatnam, Paradip, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority (Kolkata), Cochin (Beach Volleyball), New Mangalore, Goa and Mumbai Ports participated in the Volleyball and Beach Volleyball All India Major Ports Tournament. VOC Port emerged as the Champions in both Volleyball and Beach Volleyball.

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Observance of Silence in memory of those who sacrificed their life in the struggle for India's freedom



On 30.01.2023, the Officers and Staff of the Port observed 2 minute silence from their respective work spots, in memory of those who sacrificed their life in the struggle for India's freedom.

Retirements

#	Name & Designation	Department
October 2022		
1	K. Velayudham, Winchman	Cargo Handling Division
2	S. Muniasamy, Mazdoor	Cargo Handling Division
November 2022		
1	P. Mohamed Ekbal, Superintendent	General Administration Department
2	T. Rigoldwin Fernando, Tally Clerk	Cargo Handling Division
December 2022		
1	K. Kasi, Winchman	Cargo Handling Division
2	M. Senthoo Pandi, Mazdoor	Cargo Handling Division
January 2023		
1	P. Panneer Selvam	Marine
2	D. Chandrasekar, Winchman	Cargo Handling Division
3	P. Shunmugavel, Winchman	Cargo Handling Division
4	J. Anto Fernando, Tally Clerk	Cargo Handling Division
5	V. Murugan, Winchman	Cargo Handling Division
6	V. Mookiah, On Board Supervisor	Cargo Handling Division
7	S. Thangamariappan, Mazdoor	Cargo Handling Division

