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From the Desk of Chairperson



Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE
Chairperson

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to welcome you to the first quarter edition of our Port's newsletter for the financial year 2025–26. It is with great pleasure that I share with you the exceptional progress and achievements we have accomplished over the past three months.

In the first quarter, our Port handled 10.73 million tonnes of cargo, marking a growth of 3.50% compared to 10.37 million tonnes in the same period last year. Our container operations also saw robust performance, with 207,707 TEUs handled, reflecting a 6.12% increase over the previous year.

A significant infrastructure milestone during this period was the commencement of trial operations at the JSW Tuticorin Multipurpose Terminal on May 7, 2025. With a draft of 14.20 metres and two Harbour Mobile Cranes, the terminal has surpassed the one million tonne mark. Furthermore, we completed dredging works at North Cargo Berth-III, enhancing the draft to 14.20 metres. The expansion of the Turning Circle diameter in the inner harbour from 488 metres to 550 metres has also significantly improved navigational efficiency.

We take pride in being the first Indian port to introduce a comprehensive Green Port Policy. Under this initiative, we successfully completed a pilot project for 10 Nm³/hr green hydrogen production, positioning VOC Port as a pioneer in green hydrogen technology in the Indian port sector. As part of our commitment to green energy, we are upgrading our administrative offices to green certification standards and have implemented 'No Plastic' and 'No Smoking' policies across Port premises.

In our commitment to scale up renewable energy, a 1 MW Solar Power Project is currently underway, with a 2 MW Battery Storage System under active consideration. Additionally, we are in the tendering process for a 6 MW Wind Power Project. These initiatives underscore our dedication to sustainability and our mission to lead by example in the maritime industry. Furthermore, in collaboration with the Shipping Corporation of India, we are preparing to launch the first Coastal Green Shipping Corridor between Kandla and Tuticorin Ports, paving the way for sustainable coastal logistics.

I extend my sincere gratitude to all employees, Port users, and stakeholders for their steadfast support and invaluable contributions. With our collective efforts, I am confident that we will achieve new milestones and further strengthen our position as one of India's foremost seaports.

I eagerly anticipate our continued journey of progress, innovation, and excellence.

Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE
Chairperson

Port Performance

Traffic Performance

Port has handled 10.73 Million Tonnes of cargo up to the end of the first quarter of this financial year 2025–26, registering a 3.50% growth compared to the 10.37 Million Tonnes handled during the same period of the last financial year.

The Port also recorded a 6.12% increase in container traffic, handling 2,07,707 TEUs up to the end of the first quarter of this financial year 2025–26, compared to the 1,95,728 TEUs handled in the corresponding period of the previous financial year.

Operational Achievements

Single Day Record



On 27.06.2025, Port has created a new record by handling 2,05,650 Tonnes of cargo in a single day, surpassing the previous single day cargo handling record of 2,05,500 Tonnes, set just the day before (26.06.2025).



The gas carrier MV Gas Al Negeh, with a record parcel size of 28,378 tonnes, was berthed at the Port's Oil Jetty on 12.06.2025, marking a significant increase from the previous highest parcel size of 23,000 tonnes.

Green Cell Initiatives

Solar and Wind Energy



Port has generated 35,62,839 units of renewable energy during the first quarter of this financial year 2025-26. This shows a 30% rise compared to the 27,36,229 units produced during the same period last financial year.



More specifically, Port has achieved its highest-ever monthly renewable energy generation, producing 15,30,614 units in June 2025. This surpasses the previous record held in July 2024, which saw a generation of 11,29,235 units.



This renewable energy is generated through Port's 5 MW ground-based solar power plant, 2 MW wind turbine, and 1.4 MW rooftop solar power system.

Green Cell Initiatives

Green Hydrogen



Port has successfully completed a pilot project for Green Hydrogen production (10 Nm³/hr capacity), making it the first Indian Port to generate green hydrogen as a technology demonstrator.

Electric Conversion of Harbour Mobile Crane

A 120 Tonne capacity diesel operated Harbour Mobile Crane has been made operational on electric mode with inhouse modifications. This transition eliminates the need for approximately 68 litres of diesel consumption per hour, resulting in carbon emission reduction of around 182 kg/hr.



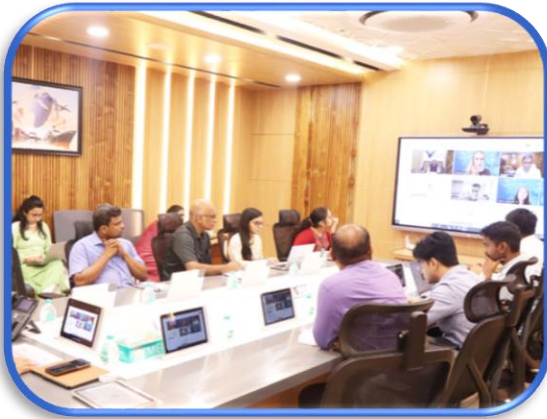
Unveiling the 'Green Policy' of the Port



On 22.04.2025, to mark the 'World Earth Day', Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, unveiled the 'Green Policy' of the Port and 'Green brigade' jacket, for the marshals, in the presence of senior officers of the Port.

Green Cell Initiatives

Participating in IMO's Green Voyage 2050 Virtual Meeting



On 06.05.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, joined the IMO's Green Voyage 2050 virtual meeting to advance near-zero GHG emission technologies and fuels for ships by 2030, aiming for net-zero GHG emissions by 2050.

Beach cleaning drive



On 15.06.2025, Port organized beach cleaning drive. Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, along with senior officers and staff, and their family members actively participated in the drive.

Green Cell Initiatives

World Environment Week Celebration



On 01.06.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, flagged-off the 'Go Green Walkathon' event at the Port to mark the start of the World Environment Week observance.



On 02.06.2025,, Green Pledge was administered by Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, in English, and Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson, in Tamil, to all the officers and staff of the Port



On 03.06.2025, the Port organized a "Best Out of Waste" competition and a slogan writing competition on the theme "Declaring VOCPA as a Plastic Free Zone", for Port employees and staff.



On 04.06.2025, Rangoli competition was organised by the Port, on the theme 'Plastic free Nation', to mark the observance of World Environment Week.

Green Cell Initiatives

World Environment Day Celebration



On 05.06.2025, a plaque declaring the Port as a 'Plastic Free Port' was jointly unveiled by Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, and the Chief Guest of the event, Shri B. Kasiviswanathan, IRSME, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority, as part of the World Environment Day celebrations.



The Chief Guest, Shri B. Kasiviswanathan, IRSME, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority, gave an address and distributed the prizes to the winners of various competitions organised by the Port, as part of the 'World Environment Week'.

EVENTS

New Chief Vigilance Officer assumed charge



On 01.04.2025, Shri P. Kavin Maharaj, IOFS, assumed charge as Chief Vigilance Officer of the Port.

New Deputy Chairperson assumed charge

On 02.04.2025, Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, assumed charge as the Deputy Chairperson of the Port.



Award of Concession for Mechanisation of North Cargo Berth-3



On 02.04.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, handed over the Date of Award of Concession to Shri Rinkesh Roy, Joint Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, JSW Infrastructure Limited, for mechanization of North Cargo Berth-3 for handling dry bulk cargo.

Events

National Maritime Day



On 05.04.2025, 62nd National Maritime Day was celebrated at the Port. Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, hoisted the National Maritime Day flag and took the salute of the sail past of Port crafts.



Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson, placed a wreath at the memorial dedicated to sailors who sacrificed their lives at sea.



Shri K. Thangavel, Former Chief Mechanical Engineer, Chief Guest of the event, delivered a special address and along with the Deputy Chairperson distributed prizes to the winners of various competitions.

Events

Unveiling the Digital Newsletter



On 06.04.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, unveiled the digital newsletter of the Port for the 4th quarter of 2024-25, in the presence of Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson, and the senior officers of the Port.

World Health Day

On 07.04.2025, the Port observed World Health Day. Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, launched a Bulletin on the 100-Day National TB Elimination Programme in the presence of senior officers of the Port.



Visit of Shri Manoj Kumar Semwal, MD, IPRCL



On 10.04.2025, Shri Manoj Kumar Semwal, MD, IPRCL, visited the Port's operational areas. Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, presented the various capacity augmentation projects of the Port.

Events

Inauguration of the Direct Port Entry facility



On 11.04.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, and Shri Yogendra Garg, IRS, Member, Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, jointly inaugurated the Direct Port Entry facility (DPE) at the Port and flagged off the first truck into the DPE facility.

Workshop on 'Safety in Dock Work and Handling of Hazardous Chemicals'

On 11.04.2025, the Port in collaboration with Directorate General Factory Advice Service & Labour Institutes (DGFASLI), conducted a workshop on 'Safety in Dock Work and Handling of Hazardous Chemicals'. The workshop was inaugurated by Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson.



Women's Day celebrations



On 24.04.2025, Women's Day celebrations were held at the Port. Smt. Shephali Purohit, W/o. Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, and Chief Guest of the event, addressed the gathering and distributed prizes to the winners of various competitions.

Events

Birth Anniversary celebrations of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar



On 14.04.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, paid tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar by garlanding his statue and offering floral respects. The Chairperson along with the senior officers and staff, CISF and trade union leaders paid their respects by offering flower tributes to the portrait of the visionary leader.



The celebrations continued on 15.04.2025 at the Port, where Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson, delivered the chief guest address, reflecting on Dr. Ambedkar's legacy. and distributed prizes to the winners of various competitions.

Events

Trade meet, Hosur



On 25.04.2025, the Port, in association with Dakshin Bharat Container Terminal and Tuticorin International Container Terminal, organized a trade meet at Hosur, the emerging industrial hub of Tamil Nadu.

In-house training session on Stress Management

On 28.04.2025, Port organized an in-house training session on Stress Management, Leadership in Action, and Working Together for Organizational Excellence.



Vigilance Review Meeting, Madurai



On 02.05.2025, Vigilance Review Meeting, chaired by Shri Rajesh Kumar Sinha, IAS, Special Secretary & Chief Vigilance Officer, MoPSW, was held at Madurai. The Chief Vigilance Officers of all the organizations under MoPSW participated in the meeting.

Events

Visit of Senior MoPSW Officials



On 03.05.2025, Shri Rajesh Kumar Sinha, IAS, Special Secretary, MoPSW, and Shri Mandeep Singh Randhawa, IPS, Director (Shipping) visited the Port and the pilot Green Hydrogen plant.

New Chief Engineer assumed charge

On 05.05.2025, Shri Srinivasa Rao Chilli assumed charge as Chief Engineer of the Port.



Meeting with Shri Sushil Kumar Singh, IRSME, Chairperson, Deendayal Port Authority

On 05.05.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, along with senior officers of the Port held discussion with Shri Sushil Kumar Singh, IRSME, Chairperson, Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla for commencing the first Coastal Green Shipping Corridor between Kandla & Tuticorin, in partnership with Shipping Corporation of India.



Events

Flagging-off the trial cargo operations at North Cargo Berth -3



On 07.05.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, flagged-off the trial operations at North Cargo Berth -3, operated by JSW Tuticorin Multipurpose Terminal.

Civil Defence Mock Drill



On 09.05.2025, a comprehensive civil defence mock drill was conducted at the Port's Administrative office, simulating air raids.



On 10.05.2025, a Civil Defence Mock Drill simulating an enemy naval missile strike on port infrastructure was conducted, with a in coordination with the District Administration, Fire & Rescue, Police, Health Department and the Coast Guard.

Events

Visit of Shri Sandeep Gupta, JS (PHRD, Genl, Establishment, Cash & CR), MoPSW



On 11.05.2025, Shri Sandeep Gupta, JS (PHRD, Genl, Establishment, Cash & CR), MoPSW, visited the Port and the pilot Green Hydrogen Plant.

Visit of Shri B.Kasiviswanathan, IRSME, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority

Shri B.Kasiviswanathan, IRSME, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority, visited the Port on 12.05.2025.



International Nurses Day



On 12.05.2025, Port observed 'International Nurses Day'. Smt. G.Jayanthi, Principal, School of Nursing, Thoothukudi Medical College and Hospital, delivered a lecture on 'Caring for Nurses Strengthens Economies', highlighting the critical role of nursing care in healthcare systems.

Events

Summer Coaching Camp



On 19.05.2025, Summer Coaching Camp for Swimming, Football, Volleyball, and Shuttle Badminton kicked off at the Port School Ground. The participating young school children were trained by professional coaches for 10 days in both morning and evening sessions.

On 29.05.2025, the valedictory function of the 10-day Summer Coaching Camp for school students was held at the Port School and Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson, distributed sports kits and certificates to all participants of the camp.

Donation of three battery operated wheelchairs

On 02.06.2025, as a welfare initiative, the Port donated three battery operated wheelchairs to lend its support to the differently abled employees and staff.



Events

Stakeholders workshop



On 04.06.2025, Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson, inaugurated the Stakeholders Workshop to familiarize on the National Centre of Excellence on Green Ports and Shipping Portal, organised by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), at the Port.

Inauguration of a new concrete approach road, constructed for TICT

On 05.06.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, inaugurated the new concrete approach road, constructed for the Tuticorin International Container Terminal.



New Traffic Manager assumed charge



On 05.06.2025, Shri Shri B.Vimal Bhargavan assumed charge as Traffic Manager of the Port.

Events

Inter-Department women's throwball tournament



An inter-department women's throwball tournament was held at the Port School Ground from 04.06.2025 to 06.06.2025. The Port School team emerged as champions, while the Finance Department and the General Administration Department secured second and third places, respectively.

Inauguration of new State Bank of India

On 12.06.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, inaugurated the new State Bank of India branch at the Port.



Visit of Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax, Madurai

On 25.06.2025, Shri A. Govindaraj, I.R.S., Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax, Madurai, visited the Port. He delivered an insightful presentation on "Understanding TDS and Income Tax Deductions: A Guide for Employers and Employees."



Events

Awards



On 12.06.2025, Port was honoured the 'Winner' award for 'Environment Protection' during the '24th Global Greentech Environment Award 2025' event organised by the Greentech Foundation in New Delhi.



On 14.06.2025,. Port was conferred with the Winner Award for outstanding achievements in the Promotion of Health Care, by the Greentech Foundation, during the 11th Greentech CSR India Awards 2025, in New Delhi.



On 23.06.2025, Port was awarded First Place for Excellence in Cost Management for the year 2024 by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India, under the category 'Transportation and Logistics'.

Events

Global Freight Forum – Tuticorin 2025



On 20.06.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, graced the Global Freight Forum – Tuticorin 2025 as the Chief Guest. Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson, joined as a panelist in the session on "Challenges in Expanding Port Capacity", sharing insights on capacity enhancement and operational excellence.

Events

11th International Day of Yoga



On 21.06.2025, the 11th International Day of Yoga was observed at the Port. The event commenced with virtual participation in the International Yoga Day led by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India from Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.



Employees, staff, and the CISF contingent gathered at the Port's Community Centre for a yoga session, conducted under the expert guidance of professional yoga instructors from 'The Art of Living'.



Yoga demonstrations were held by the flotilla crew, Port Fire Service personnel near the entrance channel, DBGT terminal operator at their container terminal, and ship crew, including foreign nationals aboard ships docked at the Port.

Retirements

April 2025



Shri R. Ravi,
Assistant Executive Engineer,
Civil Engineering Department.

May 2025



Shri Jimmy George,
Traffic Manager.



Smt. Santhi Kamala,
Personal Secretary to
Chairperson.



Shri N. Kannan,
Operator,
Mechanical & Electrical
Engineering Department.



Shri A. Seenivasan,
Supervisor,
Traffic Department.



Shri A. Santhana Sankar,
Senior Assistant,
Cargo Handling Division.



Shri K. Subramanian,
Supervisor,
Traffic Department.

Retirements

June 2025



Shri B. Saravanan,
Accounts Officer,
Finance Department.



Smt. S. Shunmugakumari,
Superintendent,
Traffic Department.



Shri Ramesh Gomez,
Maistry (E&M),
Mechanical Department.



Shri S. Arumugam,
Driver,
Marine Department.



Shri C. Shanmugavel,
Fireman Driver,
Marine Department.