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From the Desk of Chairperson



Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE
Chairperson

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the second quarter edition of our Port's newsletter for the financial year 2025–26. The past three months have been a period of steady progress and notable achievements, which I am delighted to share with you.

Up to the second quarter of this financial year, our Port handled 21.29 million tonnes of cargo, registering a growth of 1.32% compared to 21.01 million tonnes handled during the same period last year. Our container operations also witnessed steady growth, with 4,28,096 TEUs handled, marking a 6.52% increase over the 4,01,902 TEUs handled during the corresponding period of the previous financial year.

A major highlight during this period is the dedication of North Cargo Berth–III to the Nation by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister, on 26.07.2025. The terminal has already crossed the 2 million tonnes mark during its trial operations. The Port is now set to undertake significant infrastructure developments, including the creation of a new multi-cargo Berth No.10, construction of North Cargo Berth-4 for bulk cargo, strengthening of Berths 3, 4, and 7, and widening of the Port's entrance channel. Further, plans are underway to establish an Outer Harbour with a capacity of 4 million TEUs, along with shipbuilding and repair facilities, paving the way for VOC Port to emerge as a comprehensive maritime hub.

As part of our sustainability initiatives, the Port is expanding its renewable energy capacity with works in progress for an additional 1 MW ground-based solar facility and a 6 MW wind farm. Another major achievement in this quarter is the commissioning of the state-of-the-art Green Hydrogen Pilot Plant, inaugurated by Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. With a production capacity of 10 Nm³/hr, this pioneering initiative marks a historic milestone, making our Port the first Port in the country to produce Green Hydrogen.

Additionally, a pilot green methanol bunkering and refuelling facility with a storage capacity of 750 m³ is under development and expected to be completed by January 2026. This facility will further enhance investor confidence and strengthen the green fuel ecosystem in the shipping sector.

As we move forward, Port remains committed to excellence, sustainability, and innovation. I extend my sincere appreciation to all employees, stakeholders, and partners for their continuous support and dedication in driving the Port's growth and success.

Together, let us continue to build a greener, stronger, and more vibrant Port.

Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE
Chairperson

Port Performance

Traffic Performance

Port has handled 21.29 Million Tonnes of cargo up to the end of the second quarter of this financial year 2025–26, registering a 1.32% growth compared to the 21.01 Million Tonnes handled during the same period of the last financial year.

Port also recorded a 6.52% increase in container traffic, handling 4,28,096 TEUs up to the end of the second quarter of this financial year 2025–26, compared to the 4,01,902 TEUs handled in the corresponding period of the previous financial year.

Operational Achievements



On 19.08.2025, Port has loaded 24 windmill blades, each measuring 59.18 metres in length, in a single shift, marking the highest number of windmill blades handled in a single shift at the Port.

On 21.08.2025, Port exported 101 windmill blades in a single ship, surpassing its previous record of 75 blades exported on 25.03.2025.

Green Cell Initiatives

Solar and Wind Energy



Port has generated 79,00,033 units of renewable energy during the second quarter of this financial year 2025-26. This shows a 28.57% rise compared to the 61,43,737 units produced during the same period last financial year.



More specifically, Port has achieved its highest-ever monthly renewable energy generation, generating a record-breaking 16,23,461 units of renewable energy in July 2025. This remarkable performance surpasses the previous best of 15,30,614 units, achieved just a month earlier in June 2025.



This renewable energy is generated through Port's 5 MW ground-based solar power plant, 2 MW wind turbine, and 1.04 MW rooftop solar power system.

Green Cell Initiatives

Van Mahotsav Plantation Drive at Port's Orchard



On 10.07.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, along with the senior officers of the Port, participated in a tree plantation drive organized in the Port's Orchard, as part of Van Mahotsav (The Festival of Trees), a nationwide campaign started in 1950 by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Launching of Port's in-house developed Capacity Building videos

On 07.08.2025, Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, launched the Port's in-house developed capacity building videos and the compendium on sustainability, showcasing Port's commitment to sustainability and green Port initiatives, at New Delhi.



Green Cell Initiatives

One day conference on 'Green Ports & Shipping - Chartering Sustainable Maritime Future'



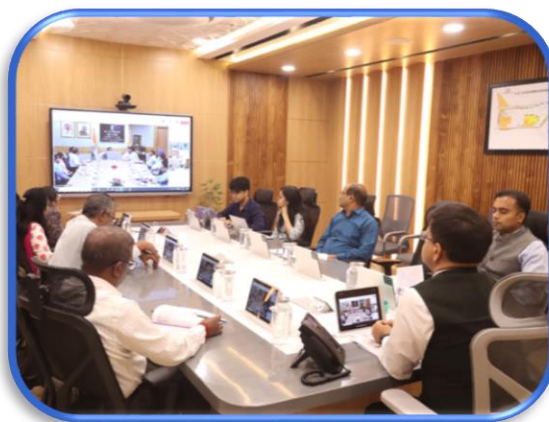
On 01.08.2025, Port organized a one day conference on 'Green Ports & Shipping - Chartering Sustainable Maritime Future' at Tuticorin, as a curtain-raiser to India Maritime Week 2025. The event brought together key policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, and maritime stakeholders to discuss on sustainable, and environmentally responsible practices across the entire maritime ecosystem.



As part of the proceedings, Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, virtually unveiled the event's commemorative souvenir and launched a special video highlighting the green initiatives of the Port.

Green Cell Initiatives

Joint review meeting on Green Hydrogen initiatives



On 13.08.2025, Port participated in a joint review meeting on Green Hydrogen initiatives, chaired by Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, and Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.

NAVIC Cell-3 Workshop on Green Initiatives and Pollution Control at New Delhi



On 21.07.2025, Shri Vijay Kumar, IAS, Chairman, Inland Waterways Authority of India and Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, presided over the NAVIC Cell-3 Workshop on Green Initiatives and Pollution Control at New Delhi.

Events

Skill Development Training Programme



On 07.07.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, inaugurated the Skill Development Training Programme, organised by Centre of Excellence in Maritime and Shipbuilding (CEMS), an initiative by Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways, for youth from local community at Tuticorin.

Visit of Delegation led by Shri Madhu S Nair, CMD of Cochin Shipyard Limited



On 07.07.2025, a delegation led by Shri Madhu S Nair, Chairman & Managing Director of Cochin Shipyard Limited, Cochin, visited the Port.

Events

“Dynamic Trade Facilitator in the Port Sector” award



On 09.07.2025, Port was conferred with the "Dynamic Trade Facilitator in the Port Sector" award by EXIM India - Shipping Times, at the 16th edition of the South East CEO Conclave & Awards 2025, held in Chennai. Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, along with senior officials of the Port, received the award on behalf of the Port.

Launching the QR code-based feedback system for the Port Hospital

On 14.07.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, launched the QR code-based feedback system for the medical treatment given in the Port Hospital in the presence of Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson, and Dr. P. Naresh Kumar, Chief Medical Officer.



Ground-breaking ceremony for construction of 4-lane concrete road



On 16.07.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, participated in the ground-breaking ceremony for construction of 4-lane concrete road from TTPS Roundana to Check Post No.2, spanning 3.37 km, in the presence of Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson and the senior officials of the Port.

Events

Visit of Dr. Radhakrishnan, IAS, CMD, TNPDC



On 18.07.2025, Dr J. Radhakrishnan, IAS, Chairman and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (TNPDC), along with senior officers of Tuticorin Thermal Power Station, visited the Port.

Dedication of North Cargo Berth-III by Hon'ble Prime Minister



On 26.07.2025, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, dedicated the North Cargo Berth-III to the nation, during a grand event of the inauguration of the new terminal building at Tuticorin Airport.

Events

Tamil Nadu Junior Men State Hockey Championship 2025



On 27.07.2025, Shri Vimal Bhargavan, Traffic Manager, and Shri Srinivasa Rao Chilli, Chief Engineer, graced the occasion as Chief Guests of the Tamil Nadu Junior Men State Hockey Championship 2025, sponsored by the Port.

Performance review meeting

On 03.08.2025, Shri R. Lakshmanan, IAS, Joint Secretary (Ports, PPP, CS, Sagarmala-I & IT), Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, chaired a performance review meeting at the Port.



Honouring outstanding sporting achiever



On 05.08.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, and Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson, congratulated Shri B. Suganthan, son of Shri S. Balakrishnan, Supervisor and Board Member, for representing India in Basketball at the FISU Summer World University Games 2025 held in Dusseldorf, Germany, from 16 to 27 July.

Events

THUDITSSIA Industrial Exhibition, Tuticorin



On 08.08.2025, Port proudly showcased its seaport services, green initiatives, and future expansion plans at the THUDITSSIA (Thoothukudi District Tiny and Small Scale Industries Association) Industrial Exhibition, at Tuticorin.



On 09.08.2025, Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson, inaugurated the Buyer-Seller Meet 2025 at the THUDITSSIA Industrial Exhibition in Tuticorin.

Visit of Shri. Ashwin C Muthiah, Chairman, SPIC



On 10.08.2025, Shri Ashwin C Muthiah, Chairman, SPIC visited the port and held discussion with Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson.

Events

Launching of QR-based customer feedback form



On 13.08.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, launched a QR-based customer feedback form for Port users, in the presence of Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson and the senior officers of the Port.

Har Ghar Tiranga

On 14.08.2025, the CISF unit of the Port organised 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign at the Port colony to create awareness among public.



Inauguration of a new ICU Ventilator at the Port Hospital



On 15.08.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, inaugurated a new ICU Ventilator at the Port Hospital, contributed by M/s NSDSL through their CSR initiative.

Events

Independence Day celebrations



On 15.08.2025, Port celebrated the 79th Independence Day in a grand manner. Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, hoisted the National Flag, delivered an inspiring Independence Day message, and presented meritorious awards to Port officers, staff, students, teachers, and children of Port employees.



Events

Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 celebration



On 18.08.2025, Port kickstarted Vigilance Awareness Week - 2025 with a curtain raiser event on the theme “Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility.” The initiative marked the beginning of a three-month Preventive Vigilance campaign running from 18.08.2025 to 17.11.2025.

On 11.09.2025, as part of Vigilance Awareness Week, a training programme on GeM and public procurement was inaugurated by Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson. Professional trainer Shri Ramanathan Venkatakrishnan, stressed the importance of using the latest procurement tools to ensure transparency and fairness.



On 17.09.2025, as part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2025, Port organized essay writing and slogan competitions on the theme “Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility”.

Events

Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 celebration



On 26.09.2025, a specialised training programme on “Investigation and Report, Conducting CTE Type Intensive Examinations, and Framing of Charge Sheet” was organised to enhance the knowledge and skills of officials in handling vigilance matters effectively.

Events

Sadbhavana Diwas



On 20.08.2025, Port observed Sadbhavana Diwas. Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson administered the Sadbhavana Day Pledge in English, Shri B.Vimal Bhargavan, Traffic Manager, in Hindi, and Shri S.P.Mohan Kumar, Secretary, in Tamil, to all officers and staff of the Port.

ChemConnect conference

On 21.08.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson inaugurated the fourth edition of the ChemConnect conference on the theme 'Disruption, Innovation, & Resilience' organised by Indian Chemical News at Mumbai.



National Space Day



On 23.08.2025, on the occasion of the 2nd National Space Day, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, along with senior officers of the Port, viewed the video message of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, which highlighted this year's theme "From Aryabhata to Gaganyaan".

Events

Workshop-cum-Roadshow at Chennai



On 25.08.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, along with Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson, and senior officers of the Port, took part in the Workshop-cum-Roadshow organised by Chennai Port Authority at Chennai, on the theme 'Catalyzing Maritime Excellence: People, Infrastructure & Opportunities.'

Participation in the MAR-a-THON 2025, a Thematic Workshop

On 25.08.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson alongwith Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson, participated in the MAR-a-THON 2025, a Thematic Workshop on: 'Research, Innovation Startup and Entrepreneurship as a part of Maritime Sector Roadshow on 'India Maritime 2025 Week, at IITM Chennai.



Distribution of nutritional kits to TB patients through Port's CSR initiative



On 25.08.2025, Dr. P. Naresh Kumar, Chief Medical Officer and his team distributed nutrition kits to 10 TB patients through Port's CSR initiative. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Sundaralingam, Deputy Director, District TB Centre, Tuticorin.

Events

Congratulating the Medical Department



On 25.08.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, congratulated the Medical Department of the Port, as the Port received a Certificate of Appreciation from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, for registering as a 'Ni-Kshay Mitra' under the 'Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan'.

Groundbreaking ceremony for the development of Multi-Cargo Berth No.10



On 29.08.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, and senior officers of the Port took part in the groundbreaking ceremony for the development of Multi-Cargo Berth No.10.

Events

Hon'ble Union Minister of MoPSW felicitating the outstanding Port users



Events

Visit of Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister, MoPSW



On 05.09.2025, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, paid tribute to the architect of Swadeshi Shipping, V.O. Chidambaranar, on his 154th Birth Anniversary.



The Minister led a special plantation drive at the Port premises, inaugurated the state-of-the-art Green Hydrogen Pilot Plant, launched several other projects, and laid the foundation stone for various upcoming Port initiatives. In his presence, Port also signed MoUs with SIPCOT, Government of Tamil Nadu, IPRCL and NTPC.

Events

Visit of Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister, MoPSW



On 05.09.2025, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, interacted with women employees of the Port during his visit. The Hon'ble Minister also honoured the Port's women green brigades who ensures swachhata.



The Hon'ble Union Minister, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, also released the compendium on Green Hydrogen plant and Port's Coffee Table Book, on 05.09.2025.

Events

National Sports Day



On 29.08.2025, on the occasion of National Sports Day, commemorating the birth anniversary of legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, administered the pledge to the officers and staff of the Port. As a part of the event, Port has organised Badminton, athletic events, Tug of war, sack race etc.



On 31.08.2025, on the concluding day of National Sports Day, the Port organised a cycle race for school students. Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson distributed the prizes to the winners of the competition and delivered the chief guest address.

Events

Valedictory function of the Data Entry Operator skill training programme



On 10.09.2025, the valedictory function was held at the Port to mark the completion of the Data Entry Operator skill training programme as a part of Port's Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives, through Centre of Excellence in Maritime and Shipbuilding.

Trade Meet, Coimbatore

On 12.09.2025, the Port organised a Trade Meet at Coimbatore, in association with Dakshin Bharat Container Terminal, Tuticorin International Container Terminal and the EXIM trade fraternity of Tuticorin



Engineers' Day



On 15.09.2025, Engineers' Day was celebrated at the Port in honour of Bharat Ratna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya. Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson, and Shri P. Kavin Maharaj, IOFS, Chief Vigilance Officer, joined the engineers of the Port in marking the occasion and paying tribute to the legendary engineer.

Events

Swachhata Pakhwada 2025



On 16.09.2025, as part of Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 and Special Campaign 5.0, a rally was organized from the Green Gate to the Administration Office. Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson, administered the Swachhata Pledge to all officers and staff.



On 17.09.2025, Port conducted a seminar on cleanliness awareness with the active participation of around 50 sanitation staff.

Swachhata Pakhwada 2025



On 26.09.2025, Port employees actively participated in a collective cleanliness drive under “Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath” (One Day, One Hour, Together) initiative, carrying out a cleaning activity in front of the Administration Office near the beach area.

Events

Global Infrastructure Cooperation Conference 2025



On 16.09.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, participated in the Global Infrastructure Cooperation Conference 2025, held from 16th to 18th September 2025 at Seoul, South Korea.

Meeting with Shri Nishi Kant Singh, IFS, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India

On 16.09.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, had a meeting with Shri Nishi Kant Singh, IFS, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, at Seoul.



World Patient Safety Day



On 17.09.2025, Port observed World Patient Safety Day. Shri P. Naresh Kumar, Chief Medical Officer, highlighted the guiding principles of patient safety in healthcare delivery while addressing Doctors, Nurses, and Pharmacists.

Events

Blue Economy Summit-Tamil Nadu



On 18.09.2025, Shri Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson, participated in the Blue Economy Summit-Tamil Nadu, held at Chennai.

Participation in Nationwide Live Streaming of 'Samudra Se Samriddhi' event



On 20.09.2025, Port joined the nationwide live streaming of the Samudra Se Samriddhi event, where Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated transformative Port projects worth thousands of crores at Bhavnagar, Gujarat.

Events

Study visit of the Parliamentary Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, and Law and Justice



On 22.09.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, participated and presented the grievance redressal system of the Port before the study visit of the Parliamentary Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, and Law & Justice, headed by Shri Brij Lal, Hon'ble Member of Parliament at Madurai.

Meeting with officials from the U.S. Consulate General, Chennai

On 23.09.2025, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, chaired a meeting with Ms. Jordan E. Lasker, Vice Consul, and Ms. Greeta S. Dhas, Consular Assistant, American Citizen Services, U.S. Consulate General Chennai.



Ayurveda Day



On 23.09.2025, Port's Medical Department observed the 10th Ayurveda Day at the Port Hospital, by organising a special guest lecture for the medical and paramedical staff.

Events

Awareness session as part of “Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan”



On 29.09.2025, as part of the nationwide “Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan”, a flagship health initiative inaugurated by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, the Port organised a special awareness session for women employees and staff on health and well-being.

Retirements

July 2025



Smt. N. Rathna,
Assistant Secretary,
Mechanical and Electrical
Engineering Department.



Shri V. Piramanayagam,
Chargeman,
Mechanical and Electrical
Engineering Department.



Shri M. Kanthan,
Senior Mechanic,
Mechanical and Electrical
Engineering Department.