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From the Desk of Chairman



T.K. Ramachandran, IAS,
Chairman
V.O.Chidambaranar Port Authority

Dear Friends,

"Once again, I can proudly report that high tide continues to see consistent and significant growth year-over-year and sequentially with every passing quarter, despite a persistently challenging macro environment. V.O. Chidambaranar Port has witnessed a surge in overall cargo traffic and containerized cargo in the first quarter of this fiscal by handling 9.91 Million Tonnes of cargo and 2.12 Lakh TEUs of containers as against 8.53 Million Tonnes of cargo and 2.02 TEUs of containers handled during the corresponding period of last financial year.

The increased cargo handling activity in general cargo, containers and coal has resulted an impressive financial performance at the end of the Q1 with Total Income amounting to Rs. 263.88 Crores, as against Rs. 158.03 Crores, and the Operating Surplus amounting to Rs. 119.05 Crores, as against Rs. 89.33 Crores in the corresponding period of last financial year.

The first quarter has also been an eventful period, since the Port has created an array of records like highest cargo handling in single day and single month, call of two longest Mainline container vessels and call of first Cape Size bulk vessel at the Port.

VOC Port's sustained growth in all sectors of cargo activity demonstrates continuing ability to adeptly meet the needs of consumers and industry throughout southern Tamilnadu and beyond. Considering the influx of gateway cargo and development of various industries in and around Tuticorin, the Port has proposed for development of Outer Harbour with two continuous quays of 1000 metres each at an estimated cost of Rs. 7164 Crores. The Port has already entrusted the work to prepare the DPR to NTCPCW and is in the process of appointing the Transaction Advisor for the project. On receipt of DPR, action will be initiated to submit the proposal to PPAC for approval.

Closing with an optimistic outlook, the Port always stands behind its users, and we will work harder to make VOC Port, the Transshipment Hub of East Coast.

T.K. Ramachandran, IAS,
Chairman

PORT PERFORMANCE

Traffic Performance

V.O. Chidambaranar Port handled 9.91 Million Tonnes of cargo during this financial year upto June, 2022 as against 8.53 Million Tonnes handled during the corresponding period of previous year registering a increase of 16.18%.

The Port handled 2,10,978 TEUs. of containers during the current financial year upto the month of June, 2022 as against 2,02,162 se of 4.36%

Operational Achievements

On 04.05.2022, the Port created a new record by handling 1,90,166 Tonnes of Cargo in a single day, surpassing the earlier single day cargo handling record of 1,89,325 Tonnes on 12.06.2020.



On 19.04.2022, First time ever, 60 numbers of windmill blades of 76.8 metre length were imported. The consignment was handled at Berth-9 through Harbour Mobile Cranes.



On 13.05.2022, the longest ever container mainline vessel to call VOC Port , MV. MSC Petra, with LOA of 300 metres and beam of 40 metres was berthed at the DBGT Container Terminal.



On 26.05.2022, the first Cape Size vessel, 'MV Cape Breeze' with Length of 292 Metres, Breadth of 45.05 Metres and DWT of 1,80,000 Tonnes, was berthed at the Port.

EVENTS

National Maritime Day



As a part of 59th 'National Maritime Day', on 5th April, 2022, Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, placed a wreath on the Memorial for Sailors who sacrificed their lives at sea.

MoU - Developing Renewable Energy & Power Trading

On 05.04.2022, VOC Port signed an MoU with NLC India Limited, for developing Renewable Energy & Power Trading



Women's Day



On 12.04.2022, Women's Day was celebrated at the Port. Smt. Satya Ramachandran, the Chief Guest of the function, distributed the prizes to the winners of the various competitions conducted among the employees of the Port. As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, cultural programme was performed by the students from District Government Musical School, Tuticorin.

Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R.Ambedkar

On 14.04.2022, to mark the Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R.Ambedkar, Shri T.K.Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, garlanded the statue and paid floral tributes to the portrait of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Shri Bimal Kumar Jha, Deputy Chairman, Senior officers of the Port and Union leaders also paid floral tributes to the father of Indian Constitution.



EVENTS

National Fire Service Week, 2022



During National Fire Service Week 2022, observed from April 14 to April 20, the Port's Fire division conducted demos, lectures and drills on controlling the fire incidents at various sites.

Cyber Jaagrookta Diwas

On 01.06.2022, Awareness Programme on 'Online Banking Transactions & ATM Fraudulent Activities' was organised for Port users as a part of 'Cyber Jaagrookta Diwas'. Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, V.O.C. Port Authority, inaugurated the session in the presence of Shri Bimal Kumar Jha, Deputy Chairman and other Senior Officers of the Port.



World Environment Day



To mark the 'World Environment Day', tree plantation drive and mass cleaning activities were carried out at the Port on 05.06.2022. Shri Bimal Kumar Jha, Deputy Chairman, Senior officials & staff of the Port actively participated in the plantation drive programme, wherein more than 100 saplings were planted.

Swachh Bharat Activity

On 07.06.2022, as a part of Swachh Bharat initiative, the Officers and Staff of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Department, engaged themselves in planting saplings and cleaning the premises of Electrical Substation.



EVENTS

Annual Oil Pollution Response Seminar & Exercise – 2022



The Port, in association with Indian Coast Guard & Stakeholders, organised Annual Oil Pollution Response Seminar & Exercise – 2022, on 09.06.2022 & 10.06.2022

International Day of Yoga 2022

On 18.04.2022, the Port organized a Yoga lecture & demonstration session and Yoga Break Practice, as a part of 64th day of countdown to International Day of Yoga, Yoga expert from Art of Living, delivered the lecture & performed the demonstration.



On 10.06.2022, as a curtain raiser to International Day of Yoga 2022, the Port organised a lecture & demonstration programme for Officers and Staff of the Port. Sadhvi Jyothi Swaroopini, from The Art of Living, gave a lecture and demonstrated Yoga

On 21.06.2022, International Yoga Day 2022 was celebrated with pomp and gaiety at the Port in the community hall, multi-purpose hall and at the Operational areas. Yoga expert from Art of living made demonstration on yoga.

Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, Shri Bimal Kumar Jha, Deputy Chairman, Head of the Departments, Officers and staff of the Port, CISF, Students and teachers from Port Schools participated in the event.



EVENTS

Commemoratan of 7 years of Sagarmala Program



Port visit and drawing competition were organised for school children. The School children were taken to the Port's Information Centre and were shown the video on the Port. They were also briefed about the cargo handling operations and infrastructure of the Port on 07.04.2022



On 08.04.2022, the Stakeholders of the Port were briefed on the progress, impact, and benefits of the Sagarmala projects by the Chief Engineer, VOCPA. Various stakeholders of the Port attended the session.

On 11.04.2022, the Port organised a Press Conference wherein the initiatives under Sagarmala Programme were made elucidated to the Media by Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman,



EVENTS

Despatch of relief materials donated by the Tamilnadu Government, from VOC Port to Sri Lanka



On 22.06.2022, the ship MV VTC Sun, with relief materials containing 14,700 Tonnes of rice, 250 Tonnes of Aavin milk powder and 50 Tonnes of life-saving medicines, to economically hit Sri Lanka was jointly flagged off by Tamil Nadu Cabinet Ministers Tmt. P. Geetha Jeevan, Minister for Social Welfare & Women Empowerment, Thiru Anitha R. Radhakrishnan, Minister for Fisheries – Fishermen Welfare and Animal Husbandry, Thiru R. Sakkarapani, Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, Thiru Gingee K.S.Masthan, Minister for Minorities Welfare and Non Resident Tamils Welfare at the VOC Port.

Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority, Dr. K. Senthil Raj, I.A.S., District Collector, Thoothukudi District, Shri Bimal Kumar Jha, Deputy Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority and other senior officers of the Port and District Administration participated in the event.

EVENTS

Activities under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

On 05.04.2022, a Workshop on 'Importance and Benefits of Energy Conservation' was organised. Mr. Jayan Senthilkumar, from PCRA, Chennai, delivered a lecture on Energy Conservation



On, 29.04.2022, the Port hosted a Thematic Bharatanatyam based presentation performed by Kalakshetra foundation, Chennai, at the Port's School Open Auditorium, portraying the commemoration 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of it's people, culture and achievements.



Iconic Week from 02.05.2022 to 05.05.2022



- ✦ The Photo exhibits on the Port's evolution over the years were open for the visitors.
- ✦ Essay Writing, Singing and Quiz competitions were organised at the Port.
- ✦ Around 50 students studying in Port's School visited the Information Centre and Operational areas of the Port.

SPORTS

All India Major Ports Volleyball & Beach Volleyball Tournament - Paradip

V.O.Chidambaranar Port Volleyball Team won the All India Major Ports Beach Volleyball & Volleyball Tournament held at Paradip Port on 15.04.2022.



All India Major Ports Chess Tournament - Chennai



Shri S. Balamurali, AEE, Covil Engineering Department, secured the board prize in the All India Major Ports Chess tournament organised by Chennai Port Authority & Kamaraj Port Limited, at Chennai, from 19.04.2022 to 21.04.2022

All India Major Ports Basketball Tournament - Tuticorin



The All India Major Ports Basketball Tournament was conducted by V.O.C. Port Sports Council at Tuticorin from 22.04.2022 to 24.04.2022, at the Port's School ground. Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, inaugurated the Tournament. Teams from Chennai, Visakhapatnam, Paradip and the host VOC Port participated in the Tournament. VOC Port emerged as the Champions.

RETIREMENTS

#	Name & Designation	Department
April 2022		
1	Dr. Joseph Sunder, Dy.CMO (Gen. Duty)	Medical
2	Mrs. N.Prema , Accounts Officer Gr.II	Finance
3	Mr. M. Kandaswamy , Assistant Secretary	Mechanical & Electrical Engineering
4	Mr.G . Harikumar, Senior Mechanic	Mechanical & Electrical Engineering
5	Mr. Kaisinth , Driver Gr. I(A)	Marine
6	Mr. V. Shunmugaiah , Winchman	Traffic
7	Mr. K. Kadarkaraiyandi , Winchman	Traffic
8	Mr. A. Moses, Winchman	Traffic
9	Mr. M. Chandra Sekaran, Mazdoor	Traffic
10	Mr. A. Ramakrishnan, Mazdoor	Traffic
May 2022		
1	Mrs. B. Mary Jaquin, Accounts Officer Gr.II	Finance
2	Mr.G.Ravi Mahalingam	Traffic
3	Mr. P. Paramasivan, Winchman	Traffic
4	Mr. J. Bravianton Fernando, Tally Clerk	Traffic
5	Mr. E. Sagayam, Tally Clerk	Traffic
6	Mr. K. Muthupandi, Winchman	Traffic
7	Mr. M. Karuppasamy, Winchman	Traffic
8	Mr. J. Raja, Winchman	Traffic
9	Mr. M. Balakrishnan, Winchman	Traffic
10	Mr. O. Thangavelu, Mazdoor	Traffic
11	Mr. P. Nagaraj, Mazdoor	Traffic
12	Mr. T. Santhanaselvan, Mazdoor	Traffic
June 2022		
1	Mrs. M. Mariammal, Maistry	Civil Engineering
2	Mr. D.M.L. Jesiah Basker , Assistant Store Keeper	Mechanical & Electrical Engineering
3	Mr.B. Samsudden , O.D.C.	Traffic
4	Mrs. I.Annalakshmi, Dresser	Medical
5	Mr. R. Joseph Sahaya Jesiah , Mazdoor	Traffic
6	Mr. P. Duraimani, Mazdoor	Traffic



Hindi Corner

राजभाषा की कहानी

भारत के न्यायालयों में भाषाओं के उपयोग के संबंध में यह व्यवस्था दी गई थी कि आरंभिक 15 वर्षों में अंग्रेजी का प्रयोग जारी रहेगा और साथ ही अनुच्छेद 384 में यह उपबंध कर दिया गया कि यदि संसद सर्वसम्मति से यह निर्णय कर ले कि आगे भी अंग्रेजी का प्रयोग जारी रहे, तो उसका उपयोग आगे भी किया जाता रहेगा और उसी व्यवस्था के अंतर्गत अभी भी न्यायालयों में अधिकांशतः अंग्रेजी का ही प्रयोग हो रहा है।

भाषायी अल्पसंख्यकों के हितों की सुरक्षा को दृष्टिगत करते हुए संविधान में कुछ विशेष उपबंध निर्दिष्ट किए गए हैं। संविधान के अनुच्छेद 350 में वर्णित है कि किसी भी व्यक्ति को संघ अथवा राज्य के किसी अधिकारी के समक्ष अपनी शिकायतों को दूर करने के लिए संघ में अथवा राज्य में प्रयुक्त की जाने वाली किसी भी भाषा में आवेदन-पत्र देने का अधिकार है।

वैसे संविधान में हिन्दी भाषा के प्रयोग पर कुछ विशेष बल दिया गया है, अर्थात् हिन्दी भाषा के विकास और अभिवृद्धि के लिए भी निर्देश दिया गया है, ताकि यह भाषा भारत की समन्वित संस्कृति की अभिव्यक्ति का माध्यम बन सके। परंतु इस भाषा की अभिवृद्धि के लिए सर्वप्रथम संस्कृत भाषा तत्पश्चात् अन्य भाषाओं में प्रचलित शब्दों को ग्राह्य बनाना होगा।

संविधान के अनुच्छेद 347 में भी भाषा-संबंधी एक उपबंध वर्णित है। इसके अनुसार, यदि किसी राज्य की जनसंख्या का अधिकांश भाग यह मांग करता है कि उसके द्वारा बोली जाने वाली भाषा को संबद्ध राज्य द्वारा मान्यता प्रदान की जाए, तो राष्ट्रपति उस राज्य को यह निर्देश देगा कि उस भाषा को संबधित राज्य में या किसी क्षेत्र विशेष में शासकीय मान्यता प्रदान करें।

यह भारत जैसे विशाल लोकतांत्रिक देश का दुर्भाग्य ही है कि देश में सर्वाधिक उपयोग में लायी जाने वाली भाषा हिन्दी को अभी तक राष्ट्रभाषा के रूप में स्थान नहीं दिया गया है। स्वाधीनता प्राप्ति के तत्काल बाद कोई भी राष्ट्र अपने विकास के लिए सर्वप्रथम अपने देश की राष्ट्रभाषा को ही राजभाषा के रूप में स्थापित करता है।

आज संविधान लागू हो जाने के 72 वर्ष बाद भी भारत में ऐसी परिस्थिति नहीं बन सकी है कि हिन्दी देश की प्रमुख राजभाषा बने। देश का सबसे बड़ा दुर्भाग्य तो तब प्रकट होता है, जब यह ज्ञात होता है कि भारत के मूल संविधान का हिन्दी अनुवाद भी नब्बे के दशक के उत्तरार्द्ध में प्रकाशित हुआ। यदि हम यह कहें कि भारत के कुछ लोग अंग्रेजी व्यवस्था के अनूदित रूप हैं, तो इसमें कोई अतिशयोक्ति नहीं होगी, क्योंकि यहाँ कोई भी प्रमुख कार्य मूल रूप से अंग्रेजी में ही होता है और बाद में उसका हिन्दी अनुवाद प्रस्तुत किया जाता है।

राजभाषा के रूप में हिन्दी की समृद्ध परंपरा को देखते हुए उसे प्रमुख राष्ट्रभाषा के रूप में मान्यता दी जानी चाहिए।

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