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# From the Desk of Chairman



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

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to inform you that the financial year 2019-20 has been an exciting year for V.O.Chidambaranar Port as our portfolio continued to deliver steady volume, which is encouraging despite the challenging global backdrop caused by disputes between global trade giants and COVID-19 Pandemic.

We handled 36.08 Million Tonnes of cargo in the last financial year, registering an increase of 5.05%. In terms of containers, we have registered the highest ever record throughput of 8.03 Lakh Twenty Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) in the year 2019-20, clocking a growth of 8.72% over previous year's container traffic. It's also a matter of pride that our Port has surpassed the Ministry of Shipping's target of 36.00 million Tonnes after a gap of 3 years. The Port has recorded operating income of 625.08 Crores in 2019-20, up 20 percent as compared to 2018-19, adding the Port's PAT of 161.05 Crores, up 256.85 percent, year-on-year.

We have set a target of 36 Million Tons of throughput for this financial year and have set the ball rolling to accomplish this goal through our multi-pronged strategies.

Of late, the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic has triggered uncertainties around the world. The maritime industry is contributing to its essential role of transporting most-needed items such as food grains, medical supplies & equipment, raw materials and manufactured goods in spite of the Pandemic.

In complete compliance with the measures stipulated by the Indian Government, having the primary objective of protecting public health due to the current medical emergency, the cargo handling operations in VOC Port are being carried out with adequate safety measures.

A big thank you to all our employees, stakeholders and customers for their contributions in 2019-20. We have made and are making major advances in our journey to make V.O. Chidambaranar Port, a gateway to South India.

**T.K. Ramachandran, IAS**

# Message from the Trade



**P. Jeyanth Thomas**

General Manager, Chakiat Agencies Pvt Ltd

Vice President, Tuticorin Ship Agent's Association

Treasurer, Tuticorin Container Yard Association

Immediate Past President & EC, Tuticorin Customs Brokers Association

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" is one of my favorite quotes which was actually uttered when Neil Armstrong set his foot on the moon. Honestly, VOC Port & stakeholders have taken many such steps which may seem small, but are actually giant leaps which contribute significantly to the shipping industry as well as the trade. It is my privilege to share few of such steps by VOC Port & stakeholders.

## **Facilitation by VOC Port for allowing vessels with LOA up to 270 meters.**

Prior to October 2017, the Length overall of the ships which were allowed to call VOC Port was maximum 230 meters. A Bold and timely decision by Port Management & efficient navigation by the Marine team of VOC Port, berthing and un-berthing vessels with LOA up to 270 metres without any hassle during the first few voyages quickly gained the confidence of the Ship owners. This decision paved the way for a weekly Direct Mother Vessel Service resulting in significant economies of scale for the ship owner and the importer. Today, as we look back, more than 200 calls of ships with LOA more than 230 meters (container ships as well as bulk carriers) have called VOC Port Tuticorin since the relaxation in Oct 2017.

## **CODEX by TCFSa**

This is a brilliant initiative by Tuticorin CFS Association partnering Kale Logistics developed India's first Containerised Digital Exchange Platform – CODEX in 2016, to automate and digitally streamline the container movement from CFSs & ICD at Tuticorin to the two container terminals namely DBGT & PSA Sical. This bar-coded pass help to track the movement of shipment right from the port entry to shipment loading point for exports. The implementation of CODEX fulfilled its vision of Safe, Secure and timely movement of export containers from CFS the terminals and got due recognition & laurels at National and International level.

## **EGM Pro by TCBA**

Tuticorin Customs Brokers Association partnering with Inspire came up with a IT enabled solution EGM Pro in 2018 which provided a remarkable solution to the exports to avail IGST refund in a timely manner which no other Indian Port could provide till date.

## **VOC Port Balanced approach COVID -19**

Never in our lifetime we have had faced such an unprecedented challenge. Even in this challenging times, VOC Port and its stakeholders rose up to the challenge. Port Management took the every possible step in the right direction in order to ensure containment of COVID-19 spread. At the same time, since Port , Customs , Transport activities are categorized as "Essential Service" VOC Port management facilitated in every aspect.

Now we have come closer to one month of lockdown. While all other Ports and Terminals are having huge pile of cargo and containers causing congestion and having a mountain of a problem, both the import and the export traffic at VOC Port Tuticorin is still moving seamlessly without any issue. That's the magic of VOC Port Tuticorin.

**P. Jeyanth Thomas**, a proud logistician @ VOC Port for the past 2 decades.



## Maintaining the flow of goods is essential work in the battle against COVID-19

The shipping industry, which operates container ships and other carriers, have continued to move the cargo on which the world relies despite the global pandemic. As Governments, companies, individuals, and institutions respond to the COVID-19 crisis, the first focus is and must be on protecting health and human life.

Both activities – meeting basic human needs and supporting global economic activity – depend heavily on international maritime supply chains, and those supply chains are dependent upon the movement of ships and the cargo they carry. The range of items moved through ship is incredibly varied, from fresh and frozen food, agricultural products, clothes, medicines and finished electronics, to chemicals, paper and industrial supplies that support manufacturing around the world. The front-line colleagues that keep the ships moving and delivering supplies to populations around the world are the seafarers who serve on the industry's ships. In many cases these men and women have extended their contracts onboard to keep ships moving, making it possible to keep store shelves stocked and essential supplies moving. Shipping companies know that seafarers are the backbone of international supply chains, and companies are working to keep seafarers safe and to find ways amidst travel restrictions and quarantine requirements to plan for rotating ships' crews as it becomes safe to do so.

Seafarers and the ships they guide across the oceans are essential to the delivery of critical consumer products and industrial goods; however, they do not deliver those goods by themselves. In order for cargo to get from its origin to the port and from the port onto the ship – and at the end of the sea voyage to be unloaded and moved to its ultimate destination – there are many essential professionals that form what we refer to as the “supply chain.”

That supply chain is made up of multiple businesses and individuals, each of which has a hand in making sure the goods get where they are going. These people include warehouse workers, truck drivers, train operators, longshore workers, customs officers, documentation specialists, and many more. These people are as critical as seafarers to keeping goods moving, and they must also continue to be recognized as “essential workers” and provided with the appropriate workplace protocols and supplies to allow them to continue to work as safely as possible.

In many parts of the world, back-ups at warehouses, shortages of truck drivers, and scheduled deliveries of goods that importers cannot sell are causing cargo owners to leave cargo at the ports. A delay or disruption in one part of the supply chain becomes a bottleneck and will trigger another delay or disruption elsewhere – ultimately affecting the movement of critical food and supplies. The integrity of the international supply chain is dependent upon the continuous flow of goods. Recognizing that the solutions to these problems are physically difficult and economically costly for everyone involved, the fact remains that if the ports become congested, then the entire system breaks down.

The world and every part of society are being tested in ways that we have not seen in many decades. What does not change is that each of us engaged in this collective maritime transportation enterprise must remain focused on two things: (1) protecting and supporting the people that keep goods moving, and (2) keeping cargo moving through the world's ports so that food, medicine, and supplies can reach their destination.

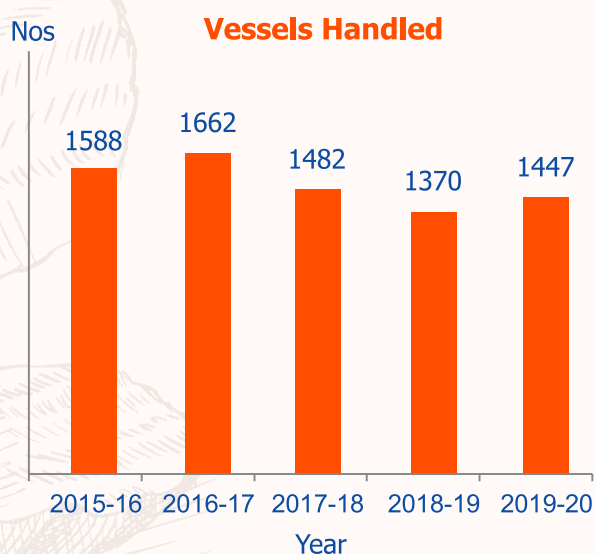
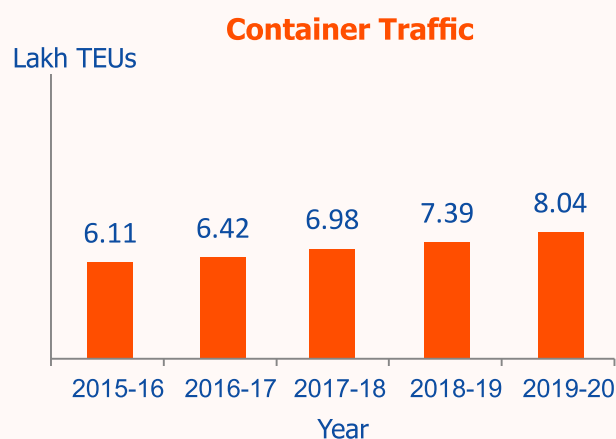
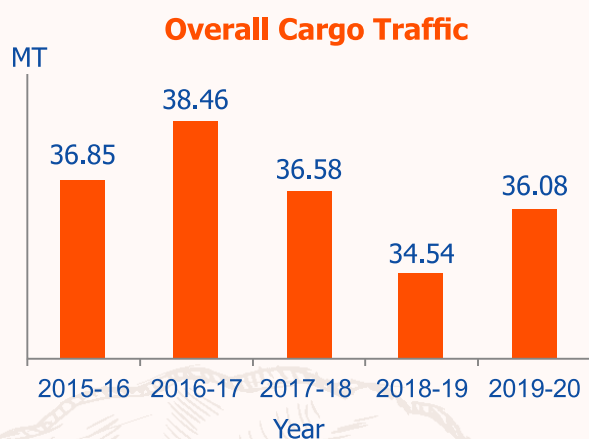
Source : World Shipping Council



# Port Performance

## during the Financial Year 2019-20

Traffic handled	:	36.08 Million Tonnes
Cargo volume growth	:	5.50%
Achieved highest ever Container volume	:	8.04 Lakh TEUs
TEUs Container volume growth	:	8.72%
Last 5 years CAGR for Containers	:	7.06 %
Ships handled	:	1447
Container moves / hr.	:	29
Operating Income	:	Rs. 625.08 Crores
Net Surplus after tax	:	Rs. 161.05 Crores
Operating Ratio	:	39.89%



## Record Operational Performances 2019-20



The Port created a new record by handling a vessel of parcel size 93,353 Tonnes which was docked at the Berth-9 on 19.01.2020.



The Port created a record by handling 7.41 Lakh TEUs of containers on 02.03.2020, surpassing previous year container traffic of 6.76 Lakh TEUs.

Sl. No	Description	Unit	Record		Earlier Record	
1	Unloading of Coal in 24 Hours	Tonnes	55,105	10.04.2020	55,020	03.02.2020
2	Highest Container Traffic	Lakh TEUs	8.04	2019-20	7.39	2018-19
3	First transshipment of dry bulk Cargo (Coking Coal)			30.03.2020		
4	Vessel with Highest Parcel size	Tonnes	93,353	19.01.2020	89,777	16.09.2019
5	Vessel with Highest DWT capacity	DWT in Tonnes	1,06,355	19.01.2020	95,708	16.09.2019
6	Highest Container Handled in the single month	Lakh TEUs	80,474	August 2019	73,027	July, 2019
7	Highest tonnage Handled in single day	Tonnes	1,80,597	27.07.2019	1,77,639	16.11.2017
8	Highest single day record for Rock Phosphate	Tonnes	27,546	24.06.2019	26,527	08.09.2012
9	Highest volume for Thermal Coal Cargo single day	Tonnes	59,839	27.01.2019	51,413	14.06.2018

# Events



Shri T.K. Ramachandran, I.A.S., Chairman, V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust, unfurled the National flag during the Republic Day Celebrations on 26.01.2020



Shri T.K. Ramachandran, I.A.S., Chairman, V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust, released the Port's Digital Newsletter 'Korkai' in the presence of the Heads of Departments on 26.01.2020



Shri Bimal Kumar Jha assumed charge as Deputy Chairman on 07.02.2020



# Training Programmes



Shri C. Balakrishnan, Executive Engineer, Civil Department, attended 17th Annual Conference on 'Ports in India' at Mumbai organized by Infrastructure publishing Private Limited, New Delhi, from 28.01.2020 to 29.01.2020

Shri A. Seenivasan, Accounts Officer Gr-I, Finance Department, attended training on EPF & Major Ports Act, 1952 organized by National Productivity Council, Chennai, from 30.01.2020 to 31.01.2020



Shri S. Ganesan, Assistant Executive Engineer, Civil Department, attended training on advancements in waste water treatment plant (WWRPS) & Maintenance of waste water treatment plants organized by National Productivity Council, Chennai, from 26.02.2020 to 28.02.2020

# Promotions



Shri C. Ramasamy  
as Senior Deputy Traffic Manager



Smt A. Vidhya  
as Senior Deputy Secretary



Shri G. Hari Kumar  
as Senior Mechanic



Shri S. Charles Vasanth  
as Senior Mechanic

# Retirements

## January

Mr. V. Karmegam	- Senior Lascar
Mr. I. Paul Pandi	- Operator Special Grade
Mr. G. Paulraj	- Winch Man
Mr. N. Karuppasamy	- Signalman
Mr. V. Perumal	- Signalman



## February

Mr. M. Muhtupandian	- Executive Engineer
Mr. S. Pattusamy	- Assistant Traffic Manager Gr-II
Mr. K. Selvaraj	- Senior Electrician
Mr. R. Seharanantham	- Tally Clerk
Mr. S. Thangavel	- Winchman
Mr. K. Muthukrishnan	- Mazdoor



## March

Mr. V. Maharajah	- Head Clerk
Mr. R. Chellappa	- Operator (E & M)
Mr. G. Natarajan	- Safety Inspector
Mr. T. Kaleeswaran	- Winch Man
Mr. A. Mariappan	- Winch Man
Mr. G. Mani	- Winch Man
Mr. N. Chella Durai	- Signal Man
Mr. I. Jesuanthony	- Signal Man







# Traffic Performance Award for the year 2018-19



M/s. Hari & Co  
Tuticorin



Handling highest number of  
Break Bulk Vessels as Steamer Agent

M/s. Pearl Shipping Agencies  
Tuticorin



Handling highest number of  
Break Bulk Vessels as Steamer Agent

M/s. Poompuhar Shipping  
Corporation Limited, Tuticorin



Handling highest number of Dry Bulk  
Vessels as Steamer Agent including  
Thermal Coal

M/s. GAC Shipping (India) Private  
Limited, Tuticorin



Handling highest number of Dry  
Bulk Vessels as Steamer Agent  
excluding Thermal Coal

M/s. Atlantic Shipping Private  
Limited, Tuticorin



Handling highest number of  
Liquid Bulk Vessels as Steamer Agent

M/s. Transworld Shipping Agencies  
Private Limited Tuticorin



Handling highest number of  
Container Vessels as Steamer Agent

M/s. Sical Logistics Limited  
Tuticorin



Handling highest Tonnage of  
Cargo including Thermal Coal as  
Stevedore

M/s. Seaport Logistics Private  
Limited, Tuticorin



Handling highest Tonnage of  
Cargo excluding Thermal Coal  
as Stevedore

M/s. Bengal Tiger Line (India)  
Private Limited, Tuticorin



Handling highest TEUs., as  
Container Vessel Operator

M/s. Omega Shipping Agencies  
Private Limited, Tuticorin



Handling highest TEUs., as  
Container Mainline Vessel Operator

M/s. LM Wind Power Blades (India)  
Private Limited, Bengaluru



Exporting highest volume of  
Machinery Cargo

M/s. Mohan Mutha Exports  
Private Limited, Tuticorin



Exporting highest volume of  
Break bulk Cargo

M/s. YentopManickavel Sons  
Edible Oils Private Limited, Tuticorin



Importing highest volume of Edible Oil  
as Consignee

M/s. Agarwal Coal Corporation  
Private Limited, Tuticorin



Importing highest volume of  
Coal and Coke as Consignee

M/s. Indian Potash Limited  
Chennai



Importing highest volume of finished  
Fertilizers as Consignee





# Traffic Performance Award for the year 2018-19



M/s. Greenstar Fertilizers  
Limited, Tuticorin



Importing highest volume of Fertilizers  
raw materials as Consignee

M/s. The India Cements Limited  
Thalayuthu



Importing highest volume of other dry  
Bulk cargo as Consignee

M/s. ATC Tires Limited  
Tirunelveli



Importing highest number of  
TEUs as Consignee

M/s. Hi Tech Fly Ash  
Tuticorin



Importing highest number of  
TEUs as Consignee

M/s. Siva Agencies  
Tuticorin



Handling highest volume of cargo at  
Zone B as stevedore Agent

M/s Snow Agencies  
Tuticorin



Handling highest volume of cargo at  
Zone B as stevedore Agent

M/s. Tuticorin Thermal Power  
Station, Tuticorin



Excellence as Business Support  
Partner

M/s. NLC Tamilnadu Power  
Limited (NTPL), Tuticorin



Excellence as Business Support  
Partner

M/s. Southern Petrochemical  
Industries Corporation (SPIC)  
Limited, Tuticorin



Excellence as Business Support  
Partner

M/s. DCW Limited  
Sahapuram



Excellence as Business Support  
Partner

M/s. Dakshin Bharat Gateway Terminal  
Private Limited, Tuticorin



Excellence as Business Support  
Partner

M/s. PSA SICAL Terminals Limited  
Tuticorin



Excellence as Business Support  
Partner

M/s. GE India Industrial  
Private Limited, Bengaluru  
for  
Exporting highest volume  
of Machinery Cargo

M/s. Sri Ram & Company  
Dindigul  
for  
Importing highest volume  
of other Break Bulk cargo  
as Consignee

M/s. Subam Papers Private  
Limited, Tirunelveli  
for  
Importing highest number  
of TEUs as Consignee

M/s. Tamil Nadu Newsprint  
& Papers Limited, Karur  
for  
Importing highest number  
of TEUs as Consignee

## Contributions made by the Port to fight COVID-19

Rs.2 Crores for Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance & Relief in Emergency Situations Fund (PM CARES Fund)

Rs.50 Lakhs for Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund

Port officers and staff have contributed their one day's salary of Rs.14.79 lakhs towards PM CARES Fund



## Initiatives to combat Coronavirus infection



Body temperature checks are conducted for all personnel entering and exiting Port's administrative office and operational areas.



Pamphlets are issued periodically to sensitize the Port users.



Videos are screened periodically sensitizing the measures to avert the COVID-19 infection.



Handwashing facility made available at the entrances of Administrative office and all sub divisions.



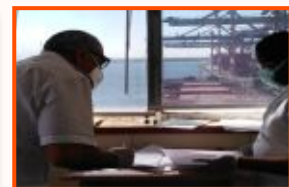
Social distancing is adhered at all places of congregation like canteens and bus stops.



Port Fire Service personnel spray disinfectants regularly along the Administrative office, Port residential complex and operational areas.



Disinfectants are sprayed regularly at operational areas using fogging machine.



All the statutory documents in ships are checked by Port Health Officer as per SOPs.



Body temperature of Ship's crew are checked by Port Health Officer as per SOPs.



Pilotage activities are performed by Pilots with full PPE knit as per SOPs.

# Hindi Corner

हिन्दी अनुभाग का अस्तित्व तो डॉ. के. जयकुमार, हिन्दी अधिकारी, सुश्री हेमलता, हिन्दी अनुवादक और सुश्री उमा देवी, हिन्दी आशुलिपिक की नियुक्ति से बना। कुछ एक वर्ष में ही, हिन्दी शिक्षण योजना को साकार बनाने श्री पद्मनाभन पिल्लै, को बतौर हिन्दी अध्यापक (अंशकालिक) एवं श्री एस. कण्णन को हिन्दी टंकक (अंशकालिक) के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया। फिर क्या, इन पाँचों ने, हिन्दी के कार्यान्वयन में एक नई जान डाली।

पत्तन ने अपने ही हाव-भाव से, हर वर्ष हिन्दी दिवस मनाना शुरू किया। इस पर्व को चार चांद लगाया हमारे द्वारा आमंत्रित किए गए निम्न अतिथिगणों ने, अर्थात् पोत परिवहन मंत्रालय (भूतपूर्व का जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय) से — श्री राजकुमार सैनी, उप निदेशक (रा0भा0), श्री योगेन्द्र नारायण, भा0प्र0से0 (संयुक्त सचिव), श्री शौरीराजन, हिन्दी प्राध्यापक, दक्षिण भारत हिन्दी प्रचार सभा, चेन्नै, श्री अशोक कुमार, उप निदेशक (रा0भा0), श्री ए.के. गौड, सहायक निदेशक (रा0भा0), श्री एन.के. जावा, निदेशक (श्रम), श्री डी. सरकार, निदेशक (श्रम), श्री एम.रामचन्द्रन, भा0प्र0से0 (संयुक्त सचिव), डॉ. सैयद रहमतुल्लाह, सदस्य, हिन्दी सलाहकार समिति, पोत परिवहन मंत्रालय, श्री चन्द्रपाल सिंह सेंगर, संयुक्त निदेशक (रा0भा0), डॉ. वी. बालकृष्णन, उप निदेशक (कार्या), क्षेत्रीय कार्यान्वयन कार्यालय, कोच्चि, श्री सुनील कुमार, निदेशक (रा0भा0) और डीआईजी एस.बी. वेंकटेश, कमान अफसर, भारतीय तटरक्षक। हमने बड़े पैमाने में ही ना सही, पर अपने हिन्दी दिवस को हर वर्ष, अपने ही अंदाज से मनाते आ रहे हैं। भारत के दक्षिण छोर में स्थित तूतुकुडि को हम, देश के नक्शे में बस, यहाँ के महा पत्तन की वजह से ही पहचान पाते हैं, वरना तो यह शहर, बस मात्र इतिहास का एक पन्ना ही बना रहता।

मद्रासी हिन्दी को तो मैंने फिल्मों में देखा—सुना, पर पापा मम्मी की हिन्दी के बाद, असली सामना तो तूतुकुडि पत्तन न्यास में 1994 में हिन्दी अनुवादक के रूप में नियुक्ति होने के उपरान्त ही हुआ। मैंने अपने स्कूली पढ़ाई विभिन्न केन्द्रीय विद्यालयों में पूरी की। जब भी कोई उच्चारण सुनती, अपनी हँसी को लाख छुपाने की कोशिश करती, पर खिलखिलाकर कर हँस पड़ती। क्या करूँ नादान जो थी, कॉलेज की पढ़ाई करते ही नौकरी जा मिल गई। फिर एक दिन हमारे हिन्दी अधिकारी ने मुझे समझाया कि ऐसे हँसते नहीं हैं और मैं उस दिन से लोगों की हिन्दी सुनकर हँसने को बजाय, उन्हें समझने लगी और जान पाई कि दोष उनका नहीं था, वो तो तमिल बानी में ही हिन्दी व अंग्रेजी बोल रहे हैं। एक्के दुक्के ही साफ हिन्दी बोल पा रहे थे। खैर समय बीतता गया और मैं, ना जाने कब इन सब बातों को भूल गई, मुझे ही पता नहीं चला।

फिर एक मुसीबत मेरे सामने आई और वो था मेरा हिन्दी उच्चारण। मेरे सहकर्मी मेरे हिन्दी और दूसरों के हिन्दी उच्चारण में भेद करने लगे और मुझसे कई प्रश्न करते जैसे कि कौन सा उच्चारण सही है, हम किसे सीखें, आप ऐसे बोलती हैं आर वो ऐसे..... इत्यादि। इस आप बीती को मैंने कैसे संभाला, पढ़िए अगले अंक में।

आगे की कहानी अगले अंक में।  
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