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# From the Desk of Chairman



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

Dear Colleagues,

The gravity of the COVID-19 crisis, its pace and level of disruption to our lives and businesses has forced us to change our social behavior and the way our business is conducted. As you all are aware, the Merchandise exports through our country has shrunk by 36.71% and imports have shrunk by 52.43%, causing a rippling effect on cargo handled through seaports. At this juncture, upto June 2020, we have handled 8.23 Million Tonnes of cargo which is less by 14.44 % when compared to previous corresponding year.

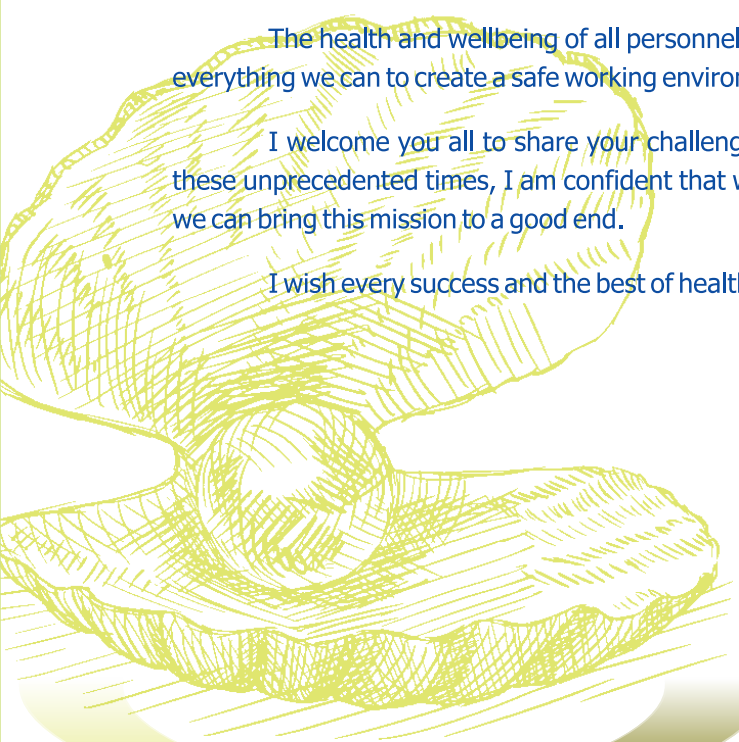
However, it's uptime for us to carryout our social responsibility of operating the Port seamlessly to ensure that the supply chain is not disrupted. We are continuing to perform the task with the support of our dedicated Officers and Staff, terminal operators, equipment operators, Ship Agents, Stevedores, Custom House Agents, truck operators and all statutory bodies aligned with the Port. I have seen a great amount of willingness, flexibility, creativity, initiative and team spirit among all of you. I take this opportunity to add my personal word of thanks to all of you.

The health and wellbeing of all personnel of our Port and stakeholders are paramount. We are doing everything we can to create a safe working environment for them.

I welcome you all to share your challenges with us to see if we can better solve them together. In these unprecedented times, I am confident that with a healthy dose of flexibility and sense of responsibility, we can bring this mission to a good end.

I wish every success and the best of health in the time to come.

**T.K. Ramachandran, IAS**



# Port Performance

## Traffic Performance

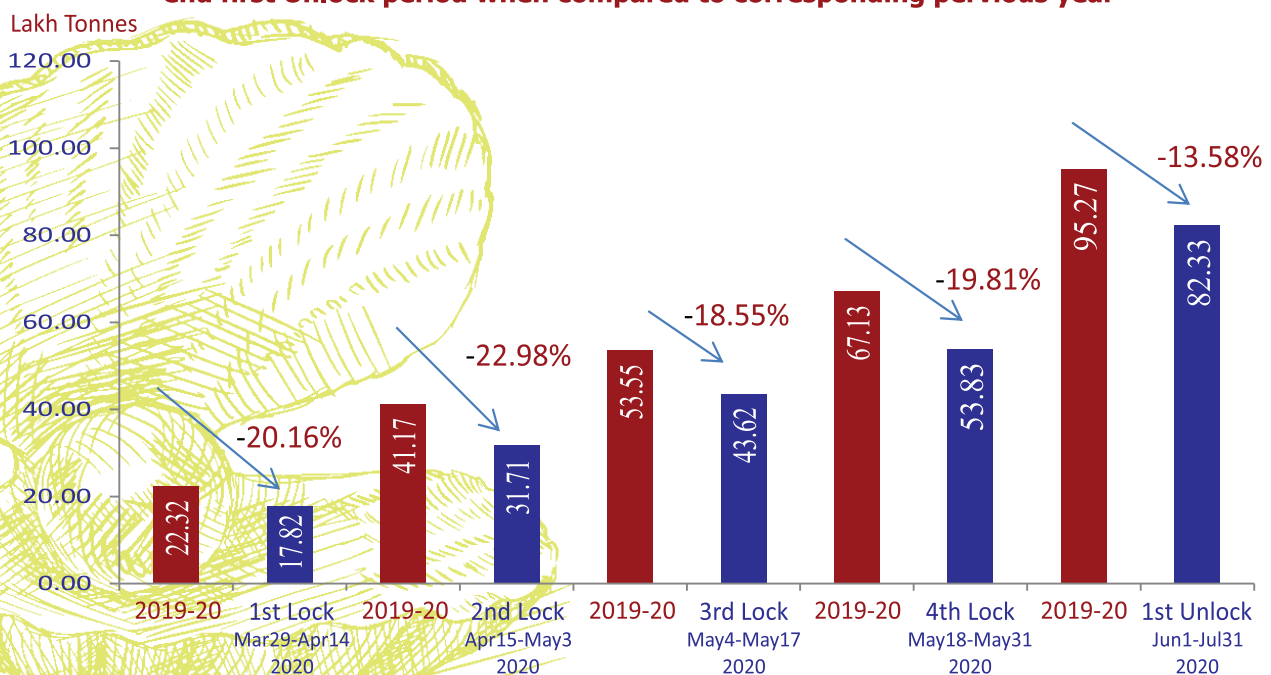
V.O. Chidambaranar Port handled 7.57 Million Tonnes of cargo during this financial year upto June, 2020 as against 8.84 Million Tonnes handled during the corresponding period of previous year registering a decrease of 14.37%.

The Port handled 1,53,494 TEUs. of containers during the current financial year upto the month of June, 2020 as against 1,99,805 TEUs. of containers handled during the corresponding period of previous year, registering a decrease of 23.17%

## Physical Performance Parameters

Sl. No	Description	April to June		% Variation
		2019-20	2020-21	
1	Description Average Pre-berthing detention (Port a/c in Hrs.)	4.56	3.60	-21.05
2	Average Turn Round Time (Port + Non-Port a/c in Hrs.)	43.68	50.64	+15.93
3	Average Output Per Ship Berth day (In Tonnes)	16,912	16,020	-5.27
4	Container Quay Crane Moves / Hr.	28	29	

## Cumulative Traffic handled from beginning of 1st lockdown period to the end first Unlock period when compared to corresponding pervious year





# Operational Achievements



On 26.05.2020, V.O. Chidambaranar Port handled windblade of length 72.40 metres, the longest of its kind made in India.



The Port created a new record by handling 1,89,395 Tonnes of Cargo in a single day on 12.06.2020 surpassing the earlier single day record of 1,80,597 Tonnes on 26.07.2019.

On 26.07.2019 The Port also created a new record by unloading 55,363 Tonnes of Coal in 24 hours at Berth No.9 from the vessel 'MV. Green K Max S' on 12.06.2020, surpassing the earlier record of 55,105 Tonnes of Coal handled at Berth No.9 from the vessel 'MV. Theoder Oldendorff' on 10.04.2020.



Port notched a back to back record by unloading 55,785 Tonnes of Coal in 24 hours at Berth No.9 from the vessel 'M.V. Myrsini', surpassing the earlier record of 55,363 Tonnes of Coal handled at Berth No.9 from the vessel 'MV. Green K Max S' on 19.06.2020.

# Events

## Review of activities to facilitate arrival of Indian nationals through VOC Port



Operation Samudra Setu, was launched by the Government of India as part of the National effort to repatriate Indian citizens from overseas by sea during the Covid-19 pandemic.

In order to complete the disembarkation process in a seamless manner through VOC Port, preparatory exercises to coordinate among different agencies like District Administration, Customs, Port Health Organisation (PHO), Immigration, Indian Navy were organised by the Port on 01.06.2020, 30.05.2020 and 29.05.2020 respectively.

## Visit of Shri Kadambur Raju, Minister for Information and Publicity, Government of Tamilnadu to VOC Port on 01.07.2020



Shri Kadambur Raju, Minister for Information and Publicity, Government of Tamilnadu visited the Port on 01.07.2020 to oversee the disembarkation process of the stranded Indians arriving from Iran through VOC Port by INS 'Jalashwa'



# Events

## Samudra Setu

As a part of world's largest evacuation mission by Indian Navy to repatriate the stranded Indian nationals abroad, 'Samudra Setu' – (meaning 'Sea Bridge') under the 'Vande Bharat' Mission, was carried out through V.O. Chidambaranar Port on 4 occasions.

No.	Daate	Name of the Ship	Country	Indians Repatriated
1	02.06.2020	INS Jalashwa	Srilanka	686
2	07.06.2020	INS Jalashwa	Maldives	700
3	23.06.2020	INS Airavat	Maldives	198
4	01.07.2020	INS Jalashwa	Iran	687



Passengers disembarking from  
Indian Navy Ship



Screening of Passengers  
on arrival



Sanitization of baggage



Boarding the transit bus to reach  
Port's Passenger Terminal



Issue of refreshment



Self declaration formalities



Immigration formalities



Customs formalities



Dispatch of passengers to  
respective places

# Crew Change through VOC Port

Due to COVID-19 restrictions around the globe, large number of seafarers had to extend their contracts on board ships after serving many months at sea, unable to be replaced after completion of service period. Seafarers need to be changed over to and from the ships in which they operate to ensure compliance with International Maritime Regulations for ensuring safe ship operations, well-being of the crew and prevention of fatigue.

As per the directions of Ministry of Home Affairs' and the Standard Operating Procedures issued by Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping, Sign-on and Sign-off through VOC Port commenced from 29th March, 2020 and for the period upto 30th June, 2020, 194 crew have signed on and 206 crew have Signed off.(Total 400)



## Testimonials





## Preemptive measures to contain spread of COVID-19

### Disinfection

At VOC Port, disinfection process is being carried out at Berths, Terminals, entry gates, Port Colony, Vehicles and Offices periodically as per SOPs.



Disinfection at Port Colony using fogging machine



Disinfection at wharf using fogging machine



Disinfection at Administrative office using spray guns



Disinfection of containers at Container Terminal



Disinfection of office premises



## Periodical Monitoring and Screening



Non-contact body temperature are mandatorily checked for all Officers, Staff Port users entering the Offices and Operational areas

In Port hospital, the paramedical staff screen all outpatients at the entrance before proceeding for necessary medical attention



In Port Colony, COVID-19 camps are carried out regularly and tests are carried out to identify the infected persons at the early stage.

## Adherence of Social Distancing

All Officers and staff play a role not only to protect themselves but also protect each other by adhering to Social Distancing.



During meetings



At Canteen



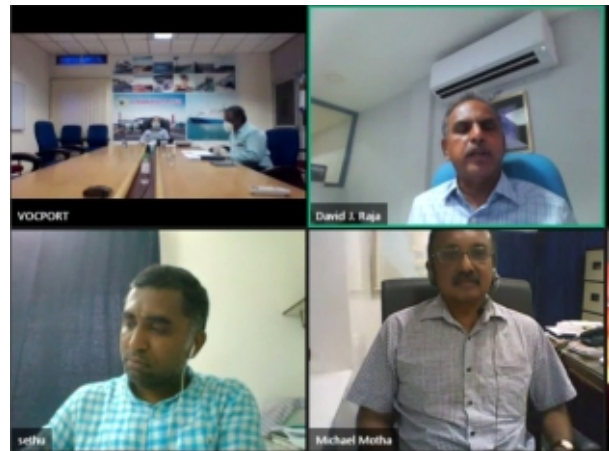
At Bus stops

# Usage of Optimal Communication Tools



## Telemedicine for Employees and Retirees

Regular medicines are issued to the needy employees and retirees on consultation with Doctors over phone.



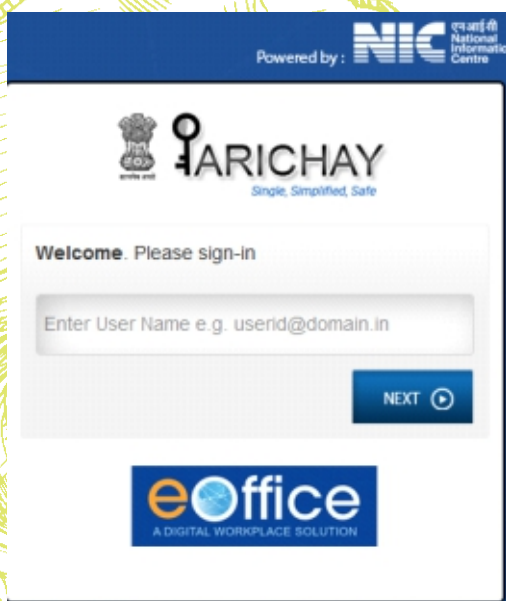
## Remote Conferencing

All meetings with Port users and other stakeholders are conducted using videoconferencing apps.



## Implementation of e-office

E - Office has been implemented at the Port to deal with files by electronic means through NIC at a cost of Rs. 11.11 lakhs for 100 user license and 15.57 lakhs for cloud storage fee for 5 years. At present, trial run is in progress.





# Retirements & Promotions

Sl. No	Name & Designation, S/Shri/Smt	Department
<b>April, 2020</b>		
1	M. Pappa, PS to CPT	Vigilance
2	G. Gopalan, Supervisor	Traffic
3	T. Radha Krishnan, Leading Fireman	Marine
4	K. Kuthalingam, Winchman	CHD, Traffic
5	S. Alagar, Winchman	CHD, Traffic
<b>May, 2020</b>		
1	A. Janarthanan Pillai, Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer	Mech. & Elec. Engineering
2	C. Chandrapappa, Head Clerk	Finance
3	A. Manimegalai, Senior Assistant	General Administration
4	J.D. Jebakumar, Serang	Marine
5	R. Arjunan, Assistant Fire Officer	Marine
6	G. Ravindran, Signal Boson	Marine
7	K. Johnson Sahayaraj, Tally Clerk	CHD, Traffic
8	S. Kalyana Krishnan, Tally Clerk	CHD, Traffic
9	J. Isac Santhana Kumar, Tally Clerk	CHD, Traffic
10	S. Vedamanicka matisayaraj, Tally Clerk	CHD, Traffic
11	S. Subburaj, Tally Clerk	CHD, Traffic
12	E. Bascal, Tally Clerk	CHD, Traffic
13	V. Paul Raj, Winch Man	CHD, Traffic
14	J. Paranjothi, Winch Man	CHD, Traffic
15	C. Chandrasekar, Winch Man	CHD, Traffic
16	S. Subburaj, Winch Man	CHD, Traffic
17	K. Subbian, Signal Man	CHD, Traffic
18	M. Muniasamy, Signal Man	CHD, Traffic
19	M.L. Ramar, Signal Man	CHD, Traffic
<b>June, 2020</b>		
1	A. Gurusamy, Head Clerk	Traffic
2	T.P. Ronald, Supervisor	Traffic
3	M. Velayutha Perumal, Assistant Store Keeper	Mech. & Elec. Engineering
4	D. Baskar, Signal Man	CHD, Traffic



Shri P. Cruz Selvaraj, Supervisor promoted to ATM Gr-II on 15.06.2020

# Hindi Corner

राजभाषा की कहानी मेरी अपनी जुबानी (भाग-प्य)

हिन्दी शिक्षण योजना की अपनी ही अहमियत है जिये हम प्रबोध, प्रवीण और प्राज्ञ पाठ्यक्रम को पूरा करके जान पाते हैं। शिक्षण का अनुभव, मेरे लिए एक नया वर्दान था। नियुक्ति के सात साल बाद, यू ही अचानक, मुझे, हमारे अध्यक्ष महोदय श्री एन.के.रघुपति, भा0प्र0से0 द्वारा जोर दिए जाने पर, हमारे पत्तन के कर्मचारियों को हिन्दी पढ़ाने का मौका मिला। मेरा पहला अनुभव बड़ा ही रोचक एवं डरावना रहा। वो ऐसा कह रही हूँ कि हिन्दी कक्षा में जब आगे खड़ी हुई, तो सामने 20-30 बुजुर्ग-जवान मिश्रित कर्मचारीगण मेरे समक्ष बैठे थे। मुझे लगा कि कहीं मैं प्रौढ़ शिक्षा में तो नहीं आ गई। सामने से सबकी आँखें टुकुर टुकुर देखती रहती और मैं अपनी आप का संभाले हुए, नज़र चुराते पाठ पढ़ाती। मैं मन ही मन, अपने आप को कोसती भी, क्योंकि मुझे तब तमिल का उतना ज्ञान नहीं था और जो भी समझाना होता उसे अंग्रेजी में समझाती, तो इस पर भी, मेरे अंग्रेजी का उच्चारण उन्हें नया सा लगा।

कक्षा के बीचों बीच मुझे ठोकते, मेरा मज़ाक करते, पर इन सब व्यवहार के उपरान्त भी, कक्षा का वातावरण गंभीर ही रहा। खैर, जैसे तैसे पहले दिन का पाठ पूरा किया। दूसरे दिन के कक्षा में, मैं बड़े आत्मविश्वास से पहुँची, और पहला प्रश्न पूछा – पिछली कक्षा में हमने क्या पढ़ा। अचंबे की बात रही कि सभी ने एक ही स्वर में कहा – एक गाँव में एक किसान रहता था .....। मेरी आँखें मानने को तैयार नहीं, मेरे सामने सभी चेहरे खिले खिले प्रतीत हुए और ऐसा लगा कि मेरा प्रयास रंग लाया। बड़ी झिझक से मैंने अपनी साथियों से पूछा कि आज आप लोग बड़े कम्फर्ट लग रहे हो, तो झट से उत्तर आया, हमने ही आपको हमारे लिए कक्षा में पढ़ाने हेतु अध्यक्ष से अपनी राय रखी, ताकि हम आपसे अंग्रेजी उच्चारण के साथ सही हिन्दी सीख सकें। मैंने पूछा आप सब ऐसा क्यों सोचते हैं, तो उन्होंने बताया कि मैडम आपने अपनी पढ़ाई उत्तर भारत में कई जगहों पर की है, और फौजी बेकग्राउण्ड होने के कारण, आपका हाव भाव हमारे लिए नया और अनोखा है, और हम हमारे बच्चों को भी ऐसे ही बड़े होते देखना चाहते हैं, ताकि वे अपनी अंग्रेजी और हिन्दी को भी, इसी विश्वास से बोल सकें। मेरी आँखें भर आईं। मैं कितनी गलत थी।

तब मैंने उनसे पूछा, जिस तरह आप सब मेरे अंग्रेजी के उच्चारण को, हमारे कार्यालय में आप लोगों के अंग्रेजी से अलग पहचानते हैं उसी तरह, हिन्दी भी भारत देश में अपनी अपनी मातृभाषा के रंग में रंगा होता है। इसमें दोष किसी का नहीं होता, अपितु हम अपनी स्कूली पढ़ाई के बाद कॉलेज जाकर, 10 – 20 वर्ष की नौकरी करने के बावजूद, हम अपनी अंग्रेजी उच्चारण में तमिल के साये को नहीं निकाल पाए क्यों, क्योंकि हमने अपने आप को कभी सुधारने की कोशिश ही नहीं की। जो सीखा बस उसी की आढ में जिन्दगी गुजारते चले गए। अब मौका है, आप लोगों के पास, यह सत्य जानने कि जिस तरह अंग्रेजी का उच्चारण अमरीका, लंदन, सिडनी, यूरोप इत्यादि में भिन्न है उसी तरह हिन्दी भी है। बस आप पर निर्भर है कि आप किसे और किस तरह सीखना चाहते हैं, और सीखते हैं। मेरा यह कथन उनके जहम में घर कर गयी और आज तक मुझे, मेरे हिन्दी कक्षा में, जहाँ पत्तन के कर्मचारियों के साथ साथ, भारत खाद्य निगम, सीमाशुल्क... आदि के कर्मचारी भी बड़ी उत्सुकता और जिज्ञासा से पढ़ते, नज़र आते हैं।

कुछ इसी तरह से मिलता-जुलता है, मेरा हिन्दी अनुवाद सीखने का तजुर्बा। जाने इन बातों को मेरे अगले लेखन में।  
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