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From the Desk of Chairman



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

Dear Colleagues,

As we cross the halfway of the financial year 2022-23, the Port has seen an impressive growth of 10% in the overall traffic handled, when compared to the previous corresponding year's traffic. So, while we've had a positive growth in overall traffic, the Container traffic through the Port is witnessing a setback as the volumes are in a decreasing trend.

The fact that the container traffic volumes from Coimbatore, Tirupur, and Karur are shared mostly by 4 Port, it is a tough space to build businesses, and the optimum level of service must be offered by all stakeholders of the Port with grit and persistence to regain the volumes.

The month of September 2022 has been eventful with the visit of Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister for Port, Shipping and Waterways & AYUSH and Dr. Sanjiv Ranjan, IAS, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. The month also witnessed the launching of the National Logistics Policy, by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, that would bring down logistics costs, give a fillip to international trade, help in making India self-reliant, usher in prosperity in the nation and present new opportunities to our start-ups.

I am also pleased to share with you all that the recent Green Port initiatives taken by the Port like Plantation drives, e-mobility, Solar Rooftop Power Plants, Wind energy, 100% LED Lightings, Power Trading through Indian Energy Exchange, public EV charging stations, etc., has been a trendsetter amongst all Major Ports of India.

The Port is confidently embarking on the next phase of realizing its vision to be the partner of choice in the Maritime & Logistics sector of the Southern part of India. The Detailed Project Report for the Development of Outer Harbour has been prepared and the PPPAC Memo will be submitted to the Government very shortly.

I look forward to your continued participation as we continue to meet the challenges and opportunities of providing efficient seaport services.

T.K. Ramachandran, IAS,
Chairman, VOC Port Authority

PORT PERFORMANCE

Traffic Performance

V.O. Chidambaranar Port handled 19.32 Million Tonnes of cargo during this financial year upto September, 2022 as against 17.55 Million Tonnes handled during the corresponding period of previous year registering a increase of 10.09%.

The Port handled 3,90,138 TEUs. of containers during the current financial year upto the month September, 2022 as against 402.393 TEUs. of containers handled during the corresponding period of previous year, registering an decrease of -3.05%.

Operational Achievements

The Port created a new record by handling 36.76 Lakh Tonnes of cargo during June 2022, surpassing the previous highest handling of 35.99 Lakh Tonnes during July 2015.



The Port created a new record by handling 1,93,683 Tonnes of cargo in a single day on 11.07.2022, Surpassing the previous single day cargo handling record of 1,92,658 Tonnes handled during on 24.06.2022.

Raw cotton is being handled in break-bulk, for the first time at the Port. Ship with 17,914 Tonnes of cotton in bales were shipped from the Port of Douala (West Africa) on 31.07.2022

EVENTS

'Maritime PPP Conclave,2022'



Shri S. Krishnan, IAS, Additional. Chief Secretary (Industries), Government of Tamilnadu, inaugurated the 2 days 'Maritime PPP Conclave, 2022', jointly organised by VOC Port Authority, Tuticorin, Chennai Port Authority, and Kamarajar Port Limited on 21.07.2022.

Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, delivered the Keynote address during the inaugural session of the 2 days 'Maritime PPP Conclave,2022', at Chennai, on 21.07.2022.



Relief Materials to Sri Lanka through VOC Port



A ship with relief materials (16,356 Tonnes of Rice, 200 Tonnes of milk powder and 39 Tonnes of Medicines), worth Rs.74 Crores, to economically hit Sri Lanka was flagged off through V.O.C Port by Smt Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, Hon'ble member of Parliament, Thoothukkudi constituency, on 23.07.2022.

EVENTS

'Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar'



The Port's Fire Service division conducted VOC Beach cleaning under the 'Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar' / 'Clean Coast, Safe Sea' drive on 03.08.2022.

Cyber Jagrukta Diwas

As a part of Cyber Jagrukta Diwas , IIT Kanpur, organised a virtual Cyber Security Awareness Session on the theme 'Malicious Intent' . Officers and Staff of the Port actively participated in the event on 03.08.2022.



Breast Cancer Screening Camp for women



As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Port, in association with Kauvery Hospital, Tirunelveli, organised Breast Cancer Screening Camp for Women Officers and Staff of the Port on 03.08.2022.

EVENTS

Blood donation camp



As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav , the Port, in association with Thoothukudi Government Medical College organised a Blood donation camp at the Port Hospital. CISF unit, Officers and Staff of the Port actively participated on 08.08.2022.

Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar campaign

As part of Government of India's Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar campaign, Marine Department, VOC Port Authority, organised coastal clean-up & Awareness raising campaign at Muthunagar Beach, Tuticorin on 08.08.2022.



Har Ghar Tiranga campaign



The CISF unit of the Port organised a bike rally as a part of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga campaign' to create awareness among the residents of Tuticorin to hoist the National flag at their homes on 12.08.2022.



Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman handed over the National flag to the Deputy Chairman and Senior Officers of the Port to start kickstart the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Campaign at the Port. National flags were distributed to all the Officers & Staff on 12.08.2022.

EVENTS

HIV / AIDS & STD awareness campaign



For the benefit of the public, the Medical Department of the Port organised an HIV / AIDS & STD awareness campaign and Medical camp, as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on 12.08.2022.

Independence Day celebrations - 2022

To mark the Independence Day of India, Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, hoisted the National flag, at the Port School Grounds.

To recognize the glorious achievements made by the retired employees of the Port, retired employees were honored by Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, VOC Port Authority, on 15.08.2022.



Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, released the Compendium on Birth, Development and Growth of Tuticorin Port, authored by Mr. S. Veeramuthumoni, Ex. Adviser, V.O.C. Port. Shri Bimal Kumar Jha, Deputy Chairman received the first copy from Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, V.O.C. Port Authority on 15.08.2022.



EVENTS

Independence Day Celebrations - 2022



To improve green cover in the Port estate and to mark the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, a mass tree plantation drive was organized at the Port school ground, wherein more than 200 saplings were planted on 15.08.2022.



As a part of Independence Day celebrations, National flags were also hoisted by the ships at berth on 15.08.2022.

The Signing of Concession Agreement

A Concession Agreement was signed between V.O.C. Port Authority, Tuticorin & Tuticorin International Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd. (A wholly owned subsidiary of JM Baxi Ports & Logistics Ltd.) for the conversion of Berth No.9 as a Container Terminal on 03.09.2022.



151st Birth Anniversary celebrations of Shri V.O.Chidambaranar



As a part of 151st birth anniversary celebrations of legendary freedom fighter V.O.Chidambaranar, essay writing competitions & elocution competitions were conducted for School and College students on 30.08.2022.



EVENTS

Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS. Chairman, garlanded the statue of V.O.Chidambaranar. Floral tributes to the legendary freedom fighter were also offered by the Seniors of the Port on 05.09.2022.



Visit of Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan, IAS, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways on 09.09.2022



Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan, IAS, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, inaugurated the V.O.Chidambaranar Pavilion at the Ports Information Centre on 09.09.2022.

EVENTS



Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan, IAS, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Chaired a Workshop on 'PM GATI SHAKTI'. Senior Officials from Customs, Southern Railway, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Indian Port Rail Corporation Limited and Representatives from the chambers of Commerce, and the Association of the Port users, participated in the workshop.



On 09.09.2022, Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan, IAS, Secretary to the Government of India, India, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, released the book on Pilotage Information for Ships Master. Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman received the first copy.

Visit of Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways & Ayush on 30.09.2022

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and AYUSH visited V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority on 30th September 2022.



EVENTS



Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and AYUSH addressing in the gathering during the inauguration/foundation stone laying for various projects of the port.

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, laid the foundation stone for the Tuticorin SPEEDZ (Coastal Employment Unit) land for the development of Port-based Industries, spanning 1300 acres, worth Rs.100 Crores on 30.09.2022.



Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, inaugurated the Drive through Container Scanner at the Port on 30.09.2022.



Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush visited the Port's Information Center and the VOC Port Maritime Heritage Museum.

EVENTS

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush inaugurated the Integrative Medicine & AYUSH Unit at VOC Port Hospital.



Shri Sarbananda Sonowal Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush visited the Herbal garden at Port School and interacted with the Port School Students.



Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush inaugurated the Fixed Fire Fighting Installation System.

RETIREMENTS

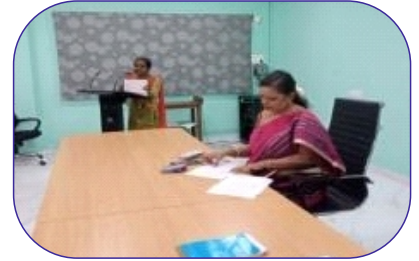
#	Name & Designation	Department
July 2022		
1	T.Sugarajan A.E.E (Mech)	Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
2	S.Koilmani Head Clerk	Marine
3	T.Ponsekar Supervisor	Traffic
4	A.Soundhira Pandian Winch Man	Traffic
5	R.Murugaiah Winch Man	Traffic
August 2022		
1	K.Karuppasamy Winch Man	Traffic
2	Maria Antony Sahayaraj Winch Man	Traffic
September 2022		
1	Liston Gomez Superintendent	Finance
2	T.Deventhiran Supervisor	Traffic
3	M.Ganesan Winch Man	Traffic
4	M.Poolpandi Thevar Winch Man	Traffic



Hindi Corner

वी.ओ.चिदम्बरनार पत्तन प्राधिकरण में हिन्दी पखवाड़ा समापन एवं पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह

वीओसीपीए में हर वर्ष सितंबर माह में, राजभाषा नीति और वार्षिक कार्यक्रम के कार्यान्वयन के लिए हिन्दी पखवाड़ा में विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताएं आयोजित की जाती है। इस वर्ष भी हिन्दी पखवाड़ा के अंतर्गत दिनांक 19.09.2022 से 26.09.2022 तक कुल 17 विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताएं विभिन्न वर्गों के लिए अलग अलग रूप से आयोजित की गई। जिसमें पत्तन के कुल 115 अधिकारियों, कर्मचारियों एवं कार्मिकों ने विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताओं में उत्साहपूर्वक से भाग लिया।



हिन्दी पखवाड़ा समापन एवं पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह दिनांक 17.10.2022 को मनाया गया था। समारोह का उद्घाटन मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में श्री टी.के रामचन्द्रन, भा.प्र.से., अध्यक्ष, वीओसीपीए, अतिथि के रूप में श्री बिमल कुमार झा, उपाध्यक्ष, वीओसीपीए, श्री गिरिराज सिंह राठौड़, सचिव एवम विभागाध्यक्ष ने दीप प्रज्ज्वलित करके शुभ प्रारम्भ किया।



हिन्दी प्रतियोगिताओं में प्रथम, द्वितीय, तृतीय स्थान एवम सांत्वना पुरस्कार प्राप्त करने वालों विजयताओं को पुरस्कारित किया गया।