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From the Desk of Chairman



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

Dear Colleagues,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to the 3rd issue of this year's Newsletter of VOC Port. These past few years have not been easy. The COVID-19 pandemic has put everyone to the test. Each one of us have made countless sacrifices and worked tirelessly to keep VOC Port moving forward, amid this global health crisis. I would like to express my deep appreciation to every one of you for embracing resilience and dedication.

Impressively, our Port has performed well, when compared to corresponding period of last year. Our Port has handled 26.06 Million Tonnes of cargo and 5.93 lakh TEUs of containers, during this current financial year up to December, 2021, registering a growth of 10.38 % and 10.96 %, respectively. For all of this, I am grateful and yet I know, we still have a lot of work to do.

I am pleased to convey that our Port's plans for expansion are on track. The Conversion of Berths 1-4 and 9 as Container Terminals, Mechanisation of Coal jetty-I and NCB-III, will be taken up on priority basis. We will continue to augment our infrastructure and connectivity, significantly enhancing our ability to berth larger ships and serve our customers in southern part of Tamilnadu and beyond.

We must utilize the strategic location of Tuticorin to make VOC Port, the Transshipment hub of East Coast of India, for which the Port management is holding frequent interactions with various Liners, stakeholders and interest groups. As a part of Roadmap to Prime Minister's 'Gati Shakti', the 'National Master Plan', to improve connectivity & make Indian businesses more competitive, VOC Port is all set to take up the Outer Harbour Development. Together with the leadership and directions of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, we continue to execute our vision and achieve our strategic goals.

I thank all employees, customers and stakeholders for everything they have accomplished. Although we are all bound by restrictions, it is good to see everyone taking responsibility and facing the challenges with a positive mindset.

This is an opportune time to make the change. Let's collaborate and work together to deliver more value and become more sustainable in 2022 and beyond.

T.K. Ramachandran, IAS,
Chairman

Port Performance

Traffic Performance

V.O. Chidambaranar Port handled 26.06 Million Tonnes of cargo during this financial year upto December 2021, as against 23.61 Million Tonnes handled during the corresponding period of previous year, registering an increase of 10.38%.

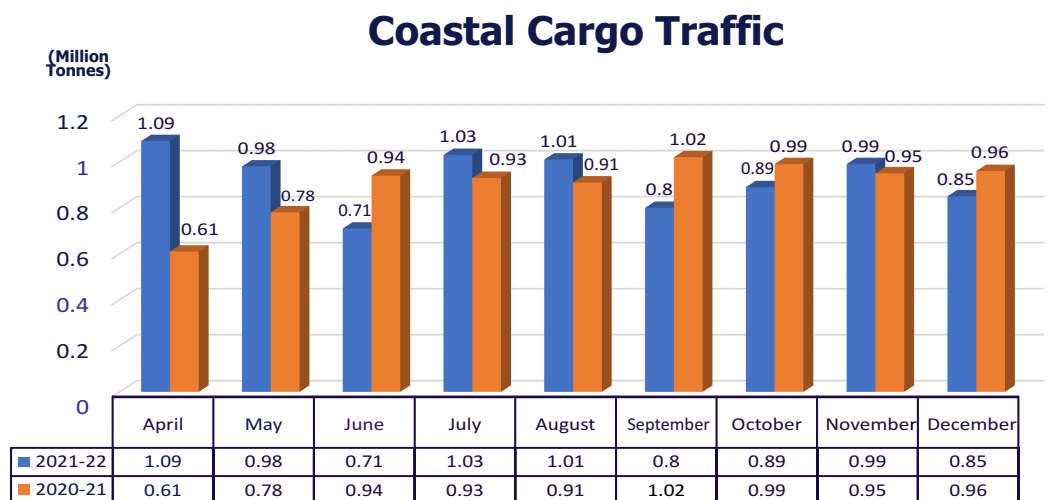
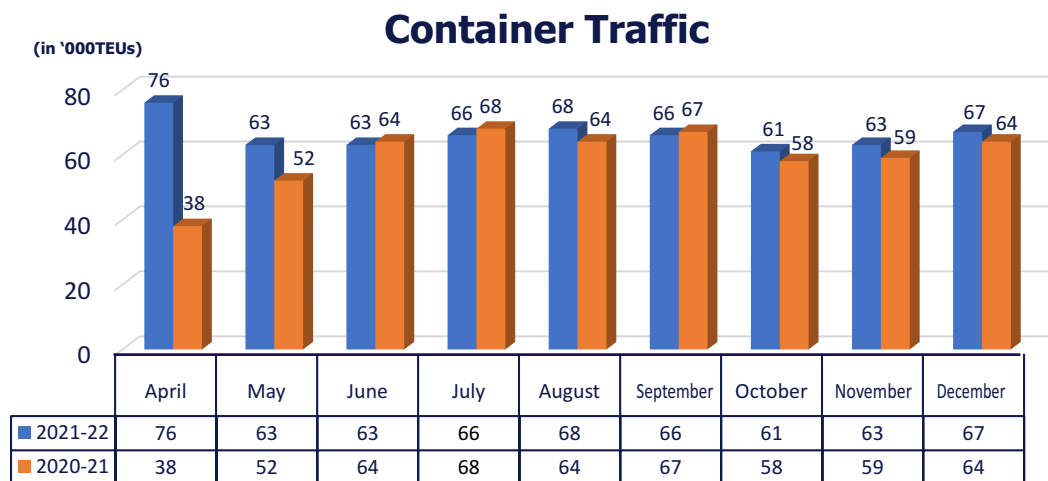
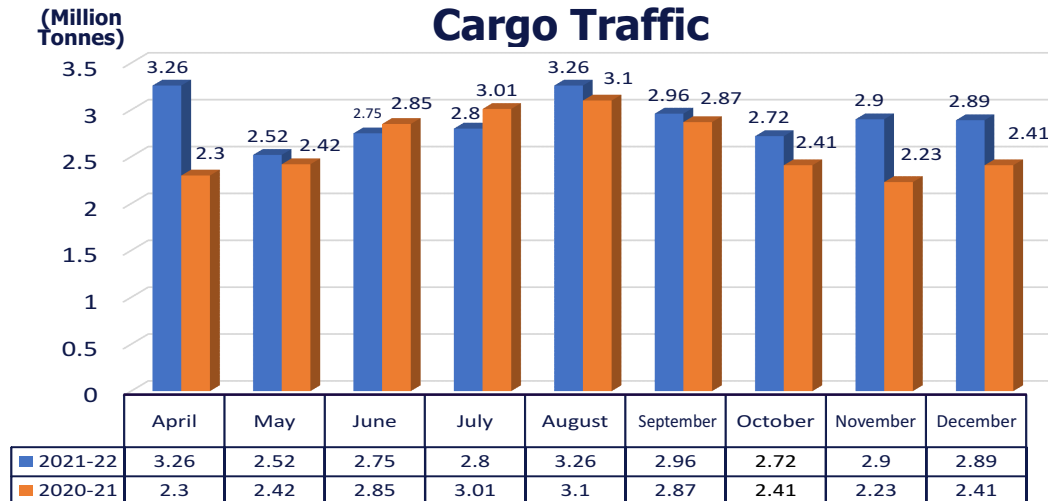
The Port has also handled 5,93,090 TEUs. of containers during the current financial year upto the month of December, 2021, as against 5,34,488 TEUs. of containers handled during the corresponding period of previous year, registering an increase of 10.96%



Physical Performance Parameters

Description	April to December		% Variation
	2020-21	2021-22	
Average Pre-berthing detention (Port a/c in Hrs.)	4.08	4.32	(+) 5.88
Average Turn Round Time (Port + Non-Port a/c in Hrs.)	46.56	48.48	(+) 4.12
Average Output Per Ship Berth day (In Tonnes)	15.499	16.568	(+) 6.90
Container Quay Crane Moves / Hr.	28	27	(-) 3.57

Port Performance



Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Activities

Plantation Drive



The Port organised a plantation drive on 2nd October, 2021, in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Indian nation and in consonance with Government of India's initiative 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', to commemorate the 75th year of India's Independence.

The event commenced with planting of a sapling by Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust, at Port's School premises. More than 100 saplings were planted by Heads of the Departments, officers and staff of the Port and Port's School teachers.

Contribution of refurbished computers



On 13.10.2021, Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, handed over 10 numbers of refurbished computers to the representatives of near by villages. Inspired by the various welfare activities carried out by the Port under CSR Scheme, officers and staff of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Department contributed generously and arranged to donate 10 refurbished computers.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Activities

Yoga Programme



On 29.10.2021, the Port organised a Yoga programme for Officers and staff of the Port. Shri T.K. Ramachandran. IAS, Chairman, Shri Bimal Kumar Jha, Deputy Chairman, Heads of Departments and Senior officers attended the programme. The Yoga demonstration was performed by officials from 'Art of Living'.

Nutrition & Exercise



On 31.10.2021, the Port organized an awareness session on ' Nutrition and Exercise', at the Port's conference hall. Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, and Senior Officers of the Port participated. Dr. Jeyanthi, a Siddha Physician, Wellness consultant and Yoga professional, gave an in-depth presentation, lecture and practical session on 'Exercise and Nutrition'.

Plantation Drive



On 29.10.2021, the Port organised a Plantation Drive at the newly constructed Container Scanner facility behind the Office of Tuticorin Customs

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Activities

Self Defense Techniques



On 12.11.2021, the Port organized an awareness session on 'Self Defense Techniques', exclusively for Women Officers and Staff of the Port at the Port's Conference hall.

Samvidhan Diwas



On 26.11.2021, as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' on the occasion of Samvidhan Divas, Officers and Staff of the Port joined the Hon'ble President of India, through a live Video relay, and read the preamble of the 'Constitution of India'.

5th National Siddha Day celebrations

On 16.12.2021, as a prelude to Fifth National Siddha Day celebrations scheduled on 23.12.2021, and as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations, V.O. Chidambaranar Port celebrated the 'Siddha Day', under the aegis of Siddha unit of Thoothukudi Medical College Hospital, Thoothukudi.

Dr. S. Ravindran, M.D, (S), Thoothukudi Medical College Hospital, elaborated the role played by Siddha Medicines in prevention and cure of Hepatitis, Dengue and other types of viral infections, including treatment of COVID patients.

Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, chief guest of the function, distributed the medicinal plants to the participants. A special pavilion with posters revealing various types of Siddha medicines, their benefits, and curing ability were displayed by the officials of Siddha unit of Thoothukudi Medical College Hospital. In addition, Siddha Medical camp for the employees of the Port were also organized by the Siddha Doctors of Thoothukudi Medical College Hospital. Siddha medicines were also distributed to the needy patients.



Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Activities

World AIDS Day - 2021



As a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', 'AIDS Awareness Programme' was organised in-front of Port's Green gate complex, on 09.12.2021. Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust, inaugurated the AIDS Awareness Programme, in the presence of Bimal Kumar Jha, Deputy Chairman, VOC Port.

In order to create awareness on HIV & AIDS among drivers & cleaners, operating at the Port, AIDS awareness lectures were delivered by Dr. Rajeswari, Dy. CMO (Spl.), Smt. Subashini, Counsellor, Public Health Centre, Eral and Shri Shanmugaraja, Counsellor, Public Health Centre, Kelaeral.

Events

Swachhata Pakhwada-2021



On 22.10.2021, the Officers and staff of the V.O.C Port engaged themselves in cleaning the Port Beach, as a part of 'Swachhata Pakhwada-2021'



On 12.11.2021, the Officers and Staff of Marine Department engaged themselves in cleaning the Port Residential Complex, as part of 'Swachhata Pakhwada-2021'

Events

Valedictory function of Vigilance Awareness Week



The valedictory function of Vigilance Awareness Week – 2021 was held at the Port on 29th November, 2021.

Chief Guest of the function, Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS., Chairman, V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust, distributed the prizes to the winners of various competitions conducted for School & College students and Employees of the Port.

Shri. J. Pradeep Kumar, IRSME, Chief Vigilance Officer, V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust, elucidated the importance of 'Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informer' (PIDPI), reiterated by the Central Vigilance Commission, where the identity of the Whistle Blower / complainant is protected and the complaint is processed by the Vigilance Department.

During the week-long Vigilance Awareness Week observed from 26th October to 1st November, 2021. More than 150 school / college students actively took part in the competitions organised by the Port.

Visit of Shri R.N. Ravi Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu



On 13.12.2021, Shri R.N. Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, visited the Port. Shri T.K.Ramachandran, IAS., Chairman, elaborated the facilities, infrastructure and EXIM activities of the Port to the Hon'ble Governor.



Events

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity



On 04.12.2021 Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust, handed over a cheque for Rs.18 Lakhs to Dr. K. Senthil Raj, IAS., District Collector, Thoothukudi District, as a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, for procurement of high power pumps, to dewater the flooded parts of Thoothukudi Town.

National Integration Day



To mark the National Integration Day, National Integration Pledge was taken by the Officers and Staff of the Port.



VOC Port - Honoured with Top Tax Payer Award



VOC Port Trust was honoured with Top Tax payer Award by Madurai Commissionerate on 23.11.2021 at Income Tax Office, Tirunelveli, on the occasion of Celebration of 75th year of Independence "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" by the Income Tax department. On behalf of the Port, Shri.A.K.Sahu, FA&CAO, received the Award from Shri.M.Bupal Reddy, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Madurai.

Retirements

#	Name & Designation	Department
November - 2021		
1.	Shri R. Maria Antony Ravi, Maistry	Traffic
December - 2021		
1.	Shri C. Ramasamy, Sr. Deputy Traffic Manager	Traffic
2.	Shri S. Natarajan, Sr. Electrician Gr.I	Mechanical
3.	Shri C. Neonard Corera, Tally Clerk	Traffic
4.	Shri C. Jones, Winchman	Traffic
5.	Shri C. Chinnadurai, Winchman	Traffic
6.	Shri A. Mohamed Ibrahim, Winchman	Traffic
7.	Shri E. Mani, Winchman	Traffic
8.	Shri M. Muthumadasamy, Signalman	Traffic
9.	Shri A. Pattani Mohideen, Mazoor	Traffic



Hindi Corner

राजभाषा की कहानी

हम सभी जानते हैं कि हमारा देश इंडिया अनेकता में एकता के लिए जाना है। इसके अलावा भारत अपनी विविधताओं के दुनिया भर में प्रसिद्ध है। जिस प्रकार भारत में विभिन्न धर्म के लोग रहते हैं उसी तरह यहाँ कई सारी भाषा बोली है। उदाहरण के तौर पर जैसे उत्तर और मध्य भारत में मुख्यता हिन्दी भाषा सुनी जा सकती है। वहीं दक्षिण भारत की मुख्य भाषा कन्नड़, तेलुगु और तमिल है। पश्चिम में गुजराती, राजस्थानी, पंजाबी और हरियाणवी भाषाओं को सुना जा सकता है। पूर्वी भारत की बात करे तो यहाँ इनकी अपनी अलग भाषा है कुल मिलाकर भारत अनेक भाषाओं का देश है। आपकी जानकारी के लिए बता दे कि भारत की कोई नेशनल लैंग्वेज नहीं है और इसका कारण आप भी जान गए होंगे क्योंकि इंडिया में बहुत सारी भाषा बोली जाती है। ऐसे में किसी एक भाषा को नेशनल लैंग्वेज बनाने में काफी दिक्कतों का सामना करना पड़ सकता है। इंग्लैंड और अमेरिका जैसे देशों की राष्ट्रीय भाषा अंग्रेजी है क्योंकि उन देशों में ज्यादातर लोग अंग्रेजी बोलते और समझते हैं।

हालांकि इंडिया में करीब 40 फीसदी लोग हिंदी बोलते और समझते हैं। इसके अलावा यह देश की सबसे ज्यादा बोली जाने वाली भाषा है लेकिन फिर भी इसे नेशनल लैंग्वेज नहीं बनाया गया है। ऐसा नहीं है कि इसकी कोशिश नहीं की गयी हो कई बार हिन्दी को देश की राष्ट्रीय भाषा बनाने की पहल की गयी है लेकिन इसका विरोध देखने को मिलता है।

पूरे भारत में किनती भाषाएँ बोली जाती है इसका सही तरीके से अनुमान लगाना तो मुश्किल है क्योंकि हिंदुस्तान में बहुत सी भाषाएँ बोली और समझी जाती है। हालांकि भारतीय संविधान में सिर्फ 22 भाषा को मान्यता प्राप्त है। लेकिन 2011 के आंकड़ों के अनुसार ऐसे लोग जो 10,000 से ज्यादा एक भाषा को बोलते हैं ऐसी 121 भाषाएँ भारत में बोली और समझी जाती है।

हिन्दी और अंग्रेजी केंद्र सरकार की अधिकारिक भाषा है इसलिए आपको सभी सरकारी काम हिन्दी और इंग्लिश भाषा में देखने को मिलते हैं। हालांकि राज्य सरकार की अपनी अलग भाषा हो सकती है जैसे आप दक्षिण भारत में जाते हैं तो वहाँ आपको कन्नड़, मलयालम, तेलुगु या फिर तमिल देखने को मिलेगी। भारत में 22 भाषा को संविधानिक रूप से आधिकारिक भाषा का दर्जा दिया गया है। भारत में अधिकांश लोग हिन्दी को राष्ट्रभाषा मानते हैं। देश में विकास करने वाले लगभग लोग हिन्दी को भली भाँति समझते हैं, और हिन्दी बोलते हैं, परन्तु वह भी एक सत्य है कि हिन्दी भाषा देश की राष्ट्र भाषा नहीं बन पाई है क्योंकि, इस भाषा को अभी तक राष्ट्रभाषा के रूप में स्वीकार नहीं किया गया है। इस हिन्दी भाषा को भारत के संविधान में अनुच्छेद 343 के अंतर्गत भारत की राजभाषा के रूप में मान्यता दी गई थी, जिसके अंतर्गत हिन्दी का प्रयोग हम केवल राजकीय कार्य में ही कर सकते हैं।

किसी भी देश की संस्कृति का महत्वपूर्ण हिस्सा उसकी राष्ट्रभाषा होती है, जिसका प्रयोग लिखने, पढ़ने और वार्तालाप करने में किया जाता है। देश के महत्वपूर्ण कार्य उस देश की राष्ट्रभाषा में ही किये जाते हैं। उदाहरण के रूप में हमारे पड़ोसी देश बांग्लादेश में बंगाली भाषा को राष्ट्रभाषा के रूप में मान्यता दी गयी है, और वह सबसे अधिक बंगाली भाषा का प्रयोग किया जाता है।

भारतीय संविधान में भाषा: जब डॉ० अंबेडकर द्वारा संविधान का निर्माण हो रहा था, उस समय राष्ट्रभाषा का प्रश्न उठा था। उस समय डॉ० अंबेडकर ने राष्ट्रभाषा के रूप में संस्कृत को मान्यता देने का सुझाव दिया गया था, परन्तु इसका विरोध होने लगा, जिस कारण संस्कृत को राष्ट्रभाषा नहीं माना गया। हालाँकि संविधान सभा में कई लोग हिन्दी को राष्ट्रभाषा के रूप में चाहते थे, परन्तु गैर हिन्दी क्षेत्र के लोगों ने इसका विरोध किया, जिसके कारण संविधान सभा ने किसी भी भाषा को राष्ट्रभाषा के रूप में मान्यता नहीं दी।

आगे की कहानी अगले अंक में ...

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