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VOC PORT BECOMES THE FIRST INDIAN PORT TO PROVIDE SHORE POWER

V.O. Chidambaranar Port has become the first Indian Port to provide Shore Power facility to vessels at berth. The Shore Power facility in VOC-II and VOC-III was inaugurated on September 13, 2016 by Shri Rajive Kumar, IAS, Secretary (Shipping) in the presence of Shri S. Anantha Chandra Bose, Chairman, V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust.

The Shore Power or Shore Supply facility provides a Plug and Play Power solution to the vessels by eliminating the compulsion of operating the diesel generators at the Port and also helps to eliminate the Carbon emission at the Port. This will help reduce about 6 tonnes of carbon emission in a day and 1,500 tonnes of carbon emission in a year, which is 5% of the total CO₂ emission at the Port.

Shore Power facility will also benefit the Port users as they can save about Rs.74,000 per day by way of fuel saving. This facility is in line with the 'Project Green Ports' initiative by the Ministry of Shipping.

The state-of-the-art Shore to Ship power supply is being provided at VOC Port through M/s. ABB India at a cost of Rs.1.5 Crores. Martin B. Conag, Chief Engineer of M.V. Pac Seginus, one of the first vessels to avail the Shore Power at VOC Port congratulated the V.O. Chidambaranar Port for extending this facility in the interest of Port users and environment.

The facility now available in VOC-II and VOC-III berths will be extended to all the berths in the VOC Port in a time bound manner.



VOC Port inks MoU with Solar Energy Corporation of India

V.O. Chidambaranar Port has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Solar Energy Corporation of India for installation of 5MW direct grid connect type solar power plant at the Port under Power Purchase Mode.

Shri S. Anantha Chandra Bose, Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust and Dr. Ashvini Kumar, Managing Director, Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), signed the MoU on 24.08.2016, in the presence of Shri. Upendra Tripathy, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.

The 5MW Solar Power Plant will be implemented at an estimated cost of Rs.30 Crores by SECI and the project will be completed by March, 2017. The expected annual power generation from the 5MW solar power plant will be 7.5 million units per year and reduction of carbon emission by this project will be 8025 Metric Tonnes per year.

The power generated by Solar Power Plant will be fully utilised by the Port. As part of Green Ports initiative, V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust has already commissioned a 100 KW solar power plant at the roof top of the Administrative Building on 14.08.2015. The annual power

generation of solar power from this 100 KW solar power plant is 1.70 lakhs units.

Another 400 KW Solar power plant is under installation on the roof top of various buildings of V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust and expected to be commissioned during the month of October 2016. Expected power generation from 400 KW solar power plant is about 6,80,000 units per year.

Reduction of carbon emission for 500 KW solar power plant will be 910 metric tonnes per year.



New cargo handling records created by VOC Port

V.O. Chidambaranar Port created new record by handling 22,055 tonnes of Copper slag on 09.08.2016 from the vessels MV. Ata-M at Berth No. II surpassing the previous record of 10,815 tonnes handled from the vessel MV. Oriente Prime on 08.07.2007. M/s. Navship Marine Services Pvt. Ltd. is the Vessel Agent and M/s. Villavarayar & Sons is the Stevedoring Agent.

The Port has also created new record by handling 14,590 tonnes of wheat import on 05.08.2016 from the vessel MV. Dream Ocean at VI Berth surpassing the previous record of 12,000 tonnes handled from the vessel MV. Lefkes on 10.07.2015. M/s. Aspinwall & Co. Ltd. is the Vessel Agent and M/s. Inter Ocean Shipping Pvt. Ltd. is the Stevedoring Agent.

In yet another record, the Port handled 15,735 tonnes of sulphur on 18.08.2016 from the vessel MV. Ken Moonys

at Berth No.IV surpassing the previous record of 12,157 tonnes handled from the vessel MV. Maratha Prestige on 07.09.2011. M/s. Seatrans Shipmanagement Services Pvt. Ltd. is the Vessel Agent and M/s. Diamond Shipping Agencies Pvt. Ltd. is the Stevedoring Agent.

Thanking the stakeholders, officers and the employees of the Port who contributed to achieve these records, Shri S. Anantha Chandra Bose, Chairman, V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust said that these records are the testimony that this Port is continuously striving to achieve improvement in performance and productivity in order to attract more volume of traffic through the Port.

The Chairman also requested all the stakeholders, officers and employees of the Port to put in their best efforts to keep the momentum going and to further improve the performance.



Enayam Port Project gets new office

The Administrative Office for the proposed new Major Port at Enayam in Kanyakumari district in Tamil Nadu was inaugurated on Monday (September 5, 2016) by Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Road Transport, Highways and Shipping Shri Pon Radhakrishnan. Located close to the Project Site, the Administrative Office will serve as the base for this new Greenfield Deep Sea Port Project, for which V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust is the nodal Port.



Hon'ble Union Minister of State Shri Pon Radhakrishnan marked the inauguration of the Administrative Office by cutting the ribbon and unveiled the plaque on this special occasion. Followed by this, the Hon'ble Minister lighted the ceremonial kuthu vilakku. In his inaugural address, Hon'ble Minister Shri Pon Radhakrishnan said that the Enayam Port Project when implemented will benefit all sections of the people in Kanyakumari district.

The New Major Port at Enayam will be developed as a world class Deep Sea Port with the best global standards in terms of deep draft (16m – 18,000 TEU capacity vessels), operative systems, efficiency and quality of service. When implemented, the Enayam Port will facilitate shipment of Indian containers direct to destinations, avoiding transshipment and consequential additional costs.

It is estimated that the Indian Port Industry loses about Rs.1,500 Crores of revenue per year on transshipment handling of cargoes originating/destined for India. The exporters/importers in South India incur an additional

charge of Rs.5000-6000 per TEU due to the transshipment making our exports less competitive.



The Rs. 27,570 crore Enayam transshipment Port Project with the capacity of 127 MTPA will be implemented in 3 phases. The first phase of the Project estimated to cost Rs. 6,575 crore with the capacity of 24 MTPA is expected to go on stream by 2020.

Shri Pravir Krishn, Joint Secretary (Ports), Shri S. Anantha Chandra Bose, Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust, Shri S. Natarajan, Deputy Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust & Officer on Special Duty, Enayam Port Project and Shri S. Veeramuthumoni, Advisor, Enayam Port Project were present during the inauguration ceremony.



Zonal Sports Meet promotes sporting spirit among students

In an effort to promote the sporting spirit among the students of various schools in Tuticorin, Zonal Sports Meet for the academic year 2016-17 was organised by Harbour Higher Secondary School and Tuticorin Port Educational Agency.



More than 800 boys and girls from 55 schools took part in the sports meet. During the valedictory function held in a grand manner at the Tuticorin Stadium Grounds, Shri S. Anantha Chandra Bose, Chairman of V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust participated as the Chief Guest and distributed the prizes to the winners of various competitions.

In the boys category, St. Thomas Matriculation Higher Secondary School secured 95 points and emerged as the best school. APC Veerabahu Matriculation Higher Secondary School emerged as best school in sports with 61 points. J.Kulanthai Sami from Lasalle Higher Secondary School (under 14 category), G.Pappaiya Samy from Lasalle Higher Secondary School and Dean Jones from St. Thomas Matriculation Higher Secondary School (under 17 category) and Arun Harish from BMC Matriculation Higher Secondary School (under 19 category) were adjudged as individual champions.

In the girls category, Holy Cross Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School emerged as the best school in

games and sports with 180 points and 137 points respectively. Breethika Devi (under 14 category), E.Manisha (under 17 category), J. Sureka and N. Laura (under 19 category), all from Holy Cross Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School, Tuticorin were adjudged as individual champions.

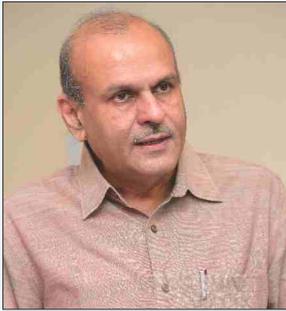
Shri S. Anantha Chandra Bose in his address pointed out that participating in sports brings in various health benefits and helps in boosting self-confidence. "Apart from this, the sportspersons also get increased focus and greater ability to work with others," he said.

Shri. P. Raveendran, Chief Mechanical Engineer of V.O. Chidambaranar Port and President of VOC Port Educational Agency, welcomed the gathering. Guest of honour, Shri S. Natarajan, Deputy Chairman of V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust in his address emphasised the need for participating in competitions on regular basis to exhibit the talent.

Shri A. Rosary Eugene Sahayaraj, Head Master, Harbour Higher Secondary School delivered the vote of thanks.



Ministry keen to develop Indian Ports to International Standards, says Shri Rajive Kumar



Shri Rajive Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Shipping addressing the media at the Regional Editors' Conference 2016 in Chennai said that the Ministry is keen to develop the Indian Ports to international standards both in terms of efficiency and infrastructure.

"International consultants have given 116 initiatives out of which 50 have been implemented. A number of new Ports are being developed by the Ministry of Shipping as well as the State Governments," he said and pointed out that for the first time, the Ministry is developing port facilities outside the country at Chabahar in Iran.

He told the senior journalists that the last two years have marked a new high for the Indian Maritime sector, including the Ports. "The Ministry of Shipping held its first global investment meet 'The Maritime India Summit 2016' which saw very enthusiastic participation from more than 40 countries," he said and underlined that 141 business agreements worth Rs. 82,905 crores were concluded during the Summit.

The Port sector achieved the distinction of handling more than 1 billion tonnes of cargo throughput in 2015-16 and the 12 Major Ports have increased their Operating Profits by nearly Rs. 676 crores as compared to the previous year.

Shri Rajive Kumar told the gathering that to promote Ease of Doing Business, RFID systems are being installed to automate gate operations in all major ports and all container ports are fully equipped to provide Direct Port Delivery which will reduce the Container Dwell time for the trade.

The Shipping Secretary said that the Sagarmala Programme has been launched by the Govt. of India to promote port led development in the country. A National Perspective Plan for comprehensive development on India's coastline and maritime sector has been prepared. More than 150 projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 4 lakh crore have been identified in the areas of port modernization, connectivity, port led industrialization and coastal community development.

To promote coastal shipping, cabotage relaxation has been given for specialized vessels like Ro-Ro for 5 years. The Govt. has also given grant to ports to develop exclusive coastal berths.

Sagarmala Development Company (SDC) incorporated under the Companies Act

As part of the efforts to promote port-led development in the country, the Sagarmala Development Company (SDC) has been incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013. The company will have an initial Authorized Share Capital of Rs. 1,000 Crore and a subscribed share capital of Rs. 90 Crore, the Ministry of Shipping announced on September 1, 2016.

The main objective of the company is to identify port-led development projects under the Sagarmala Programme and provide equity support for the project Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) set up by the Ports / State / Central Ministries and funding window and / or implement only those residual projects which cannot be funded by any other means / mode.

The Cabinet in July had approved the formation of the SDC under the administrative control of the Ministry of Shipping. The company would help in structuring activities, bidding out projects for private sector participation, identifying suitable risk management measures for strategic projects across multiple states / regions and obtaining requisite approvals and clearances.

The Company would act as the nodal agency for co-ordination and monitoring of all the currently identified projects under Sagarmala as well as other projects emerging from the master plans or other sources.

It would undertake the preparation of the detailed master plans for the Coastal Economic Zones (CEZs) identified as part of the National Perspective Plan (NPP) and provide a framework for ensuring the integrated development of Indian maritime sector.

It would also manage the funding of coastal community development projects identified under Sagarmala. This will include projects related to value addition in fisheries, aquaculture, cold chain development, skill development, livelihood generation, local tourism and recreational facilities etc. which would be beneficial to the livelihoods of the coastal communities.

The projects considered would be specific time-bound local interventions, innovative in nature and not covered under other existing Central / State Government schemes.

It would also aim to increase the scope of private sector participation in project development.



145th Birth Anniversary of V.O. Chidambaranar celebrated

V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust on 05.09.2016 celebrated the 145th Birth Anniversary of freedom fighter V.O.Chidambaranar fondly called as VOC, after whom the Port was named. Shri C. Mohan, Secretary, V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust, garlanded the V.O.C. Statue in the Port premises.

Port officers, Union leaders, Port School teachers and school children paid rich tribute to the Legendary Freedom Fighter. Shri C. Mohan, Secretary in his keynote address recalled the sacrifices of VOC for the cause of the nation's freedom and his indomitable courage.



"Due to VOC's perseverance and unyielding attitude, he started the First Swadesi Shipping Company against the British in 1906 by launching two Steam Ships, S.S.Galioe and S.S.Lavo," he pointed out.

Special Invitee, Dr. Raja D. Pechimuthu, Associate Professor, VOC College delivered an inspirational speech on the life of V.O.Chidambaranar. He also highlighted his achievements as the Trade Union Leader and narrated his sufferings during his imprisonment by the British. He exhorted the children to follow the footsteps of this Great Patriot of this region. Shri D. Jeyakumar, Hindi Officer – Senior Assistant Secretary, delivered the special address on the life history of V.O.Chidambaranar.

Smt. A. Vidhya, Deputy Secretary, V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust, gave the welcome address. Shri A. Thanusubramaniam, Senior Deputy Financial Advisor & Chief Accounts Officer, offered felicitation. Cultural programmes were conducted as part of the celebration and the Secretary gave away the prizes to the winners of various competitions conducted as part of the 145th Birth Anniversary of V.O.Chidambaranar.

A large number of school children, teachers and Port officials participated in the function with patriotic fervour.



Shri Rajive Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Shipping visited the project site of Sethusamudram Shipping Channel Project (SSCP) on September 14, 2016.

Port Users' column P. Jeyanth Thomas, President, Tuticorin Custom Brokers' Association

Striking the right balance is an extremely challenging task. VOC Port has mastered this by creating infrastructure, while at the same time concentrating on a massive afforestation drive.

VOC Port has reached an enviable position among the Ports in South India due to advantages such as strategic location, support infrastructure like CFSSs, Warehouses, wide roads etc., apart from committed service providers and proactive Customs & Port officials. Over the years, VOC Port has made giant strides due to its dedication.

If VOC Port maintains the momentum by undertaking projects like dredging the inner harbour, widening the entrance of the channel, outer harbour etc., it would definitely become one of the promising ports not only in India but in the Indian subcontinent.

As a stakeholder of VOC Port, we wish to see VOC Port grow and reach newer heights in the years to come.



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