

Independence Day has been celebrated by V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust in a grand manner at Port's School ground at 08:00 hrs. on 15.08.2016.

The celebrations to mark the 70th Independence Day of India commenced with the hoisting of the national flag by Shri S. Anantha Chandra Bose, Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust. Thereafter, he took salute from CISF, Port Fire Service, NCC of Port School children and students of Maritime Training Institute.

On this historic day, Shri S. Anantha Chandra Bose, Chairman, V.O.C. Port Trust released the House Journal 'Pearl Digest'. Shri S.Natarajan, Deputy Chairman received the first copy from Shri S. Anantha Chandra Bose, Chairman.

In his Independence Day message, the Chairman recalled the struggles and sufferings of the Forefathers and Patriots who had contributed to attain freedom for the Nation and requested all to contribute their mite to take the nation to achieve economic development. He also congratulated all the Trustees, Port Community, Union Leaders, Employees, District Administration and all stakeholders for achieving 13.70 % growth rate among all Indian Major Ports during the last Financial year.

The Chairman also stated that during this FY 2016-17, the Port has targeted to award Development of Shallow Draught Berth for handling general cargo, Development of North cargo Berth- III for handling Coal, Development of North cargo Berth- IV for handling Containers and clean cargo, installation of 5MW Solar power plant on power purchase system, Construction of Truck Parking terminal, Up gradation of Coal Jetty-I and Coal Jetty-II, Construction of shallow draught berth for handling Construction material, and Deployment of Additional Harbour Mobile Cranes at III & IV berth at a total estimated cost of Rs.1531.31 Crores resulting in capacity addition of 44 Million Tonnes.

The Chairman distributed meritorious awards to the Officers and staff of various Departments of the Port, School children, and CISF. The School children performed Cultural Programmes.

