

68th Republic Day has been celebrated by V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust in a grand manner at Port's School ground at 08:00 hrs. on 26.01.2017.

Shri S. Anantha Chandra Bose, Chairman, unfurled the National flag and took salute from CISF, Port Fire Service, Port School NCC and Port School children. In his Republic Day message, Chairman Port Trust, recalled that the Parliamentary form of Government, as provided by the Constitution of India, aims to have a positive effect on the social and economic development of the Nation. He also stated that year 2016 has been a year of challenges for the World Shipping Industry and the Union Ministry of Shipping led the Indian Shipping Industry on the growth path by implementing various programmes under 'Sagarmala' which Envisages 'Port led Development' Model.

He also stated that the Port has been continuously registering an impressive growth rate throughout this financial year and has handled a record traffic of 28.96 Million Tonnes and 4.71 Lakh TEUs of containers during this current Financial Year for the period upto December 2016. He further elaborated the various projects undertaken by the Port to augment capacity, improvise productivity, quicker discharge & evacuation of cargo and seamless movement of trucks.

While acknowledging the dedicated services, support and cooperation extended by the employees, Officers, Trade Unions, and Stakeholders for the growth achieved by V.O.Chidambaranar Port in the recent past, he sought the full fledged support of Maritime community for fulfilling the Port's vision to become a pioneer in providing quality and efficient cargo handling facility in South India.

Chairman distributed meritorious awards to the officers and staff of various Departments of Port, CISF and School Children. The Port's School children performed the Cultural programme.

