

**‘Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sammelan’ organised by V.O. Chidambaranar Port  
Trust held at Tenkasi on 15.06.2017**

To propagate the exemplary achievements of the Government of India in the last three years, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust on 15.06.2017 organised the ‘Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sammelan’ at Esakki Mahal in Tenkasi in Tirunelveli district. Participating as Chief Guest, Shri Pon. Radhakrishnan, Honourable Union Minister of State for Road Transport, Highways and Shipping said that the vision of Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has led the country to excel in all the sectors.

“The government has envisioned and implemented various schemes to benefit all sections of the society,” he said and pointed out that schemes such as Ujwala Yojana, Jan Dhan and Skill Development have resulted in achieving inclusive growth. According to him, while the shipping sector is seeing a downward trend worldwide, India is registering a positive growth and the Hon’ble Prime Minister is behind this.

“The Prime Minister through the visionary programme such as Sagarmala has set the target to increase the capacity of Major and Non-Major Ports to 3000 MTPA from the present 1054 MTPA,” Shri Pon Radhakrishnan informed.

Lauding the performance of V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust, he said that the Port is consistently handling more volume of cargo and has increased the handling capacity at a faster phase. “V.O. Chidambaranar Port has handled 38.46 MTPA in 2016-17 compared to 36.84 MTPA in 2015-16,” he said.

On the Enayam Port Project, he said that when the Project is implemented Tamil Nadu will get the distinction of being the first state to have four Major Ports. He also listed out the measures taken by his Ministry in building roads at a faster phase and informed that Rs.50,000 crore has been allotted to implement various road infrastructure projects in Tamil Nadu. In his welcome address, Shri S. Anantha Chandra Bose, Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust said that the Port has received various awards during the last three years including awards for achieving RFD targets, special award for capacity addition etc. “This is the first time in the last few decades, or perhaps since

independence, the shipping and logistics industry is getting this much focus,” he said. V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust, Enayam Port, India Post, Co-optex, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Indian Coast Guard and Housing and Urban Development Corporation (hudco) kept stalls at the programme.

Attractive visual displays kept at the stalls and pamphlets informed the visitors about the various projects and initiatives taken and the benefits to the public.

Welfare measures under Ujwala scheme, farm loan and cash incentives to students were also distributed to beneficiaries during the programme.

Shri S. Natarajan, Deputy Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust in his valedictory address thanked the Hon’ble Minister Shri Pon Radhakrishnan for his efforts to implement the Enayam Port Project.

