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From the Desk of Chairperson



Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE
Chairperson

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to welcome you to the first Newsletter of this financial year. It gives me great pleasure to share the remarkable achievements of VOCPA, wherein the Port has handled 10.37 Million Tonnes of cargo and 1.96 Lakh TEUs of containerized cargo. This represents 4.53% growth compared to the previous year's figures of 9.92 Million Tonnes of cargo and 1.91 Lakh TEUs of containers.

Despite facing temporary challenges in handling bulk cargo, we have continued to excel in ongoing efforts to enhance our cargo handling infrastructure. Recently, we have signed Concession Agreement with M/s. JSW Tuticorin Multipurpose Terminal Pvt. Ltd. for mechanization of North Cargo Berth-III, which will significantly boost our capacity to handle dry bulk cargoes, with annual capacity of 7 million Tonnes.

In further support of container trade, our new Tuticorin International Container Terminal, operated by JM Baxi Group, is set to commence operations by September 2024. With a draft of 14.20 meters, LOA of 370 meters, and capacity for 6 Lakh TEUs, this terminal promises to elevate our container handling capabilities.

Additionally, strategic enhancements such as the commissioning of 5 harbour mobile cranes across key berths and plans for deploying floating crane and barges for dry bulk cargo handling at anchorage underscore our commitment to operational excellence. Infrastructure improvements at Coal Jetty-2 and ongoing projects like backfilling at NCB-II and NCB-III further reinforce our goal to optimize storage and cargo movement efficiency.

Our efforts extend beyond operational enhancements; we have also installed energy-efficient LED street lights along Beach Road, reflecting our dedication to sustainability and community welfare.

As we move forward, we remain steadfast in our commitment to drive growth, innovation, and sustainability at V.O. Chidambaranar Port. With your continued support, I am confident that we will achieve new milestones and solidify our position as a leading seaport in India.

Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE
Chairperson

PORT PERFORMANCE

Traffic Performance

V.O.Chidambaranar Port handled 10.37 million tonnes of cargo during this financial year upto June 2024, as against 9.92 million tonnes handled during the corresponding period of previous year registering an increase of 4.53%.

The port recorded a 2.44% growth in container traffic, handling 1,95,728 TEUs up to June 2024, in the current Financial Year 2024-25, compared to 1,91,064 TEUs handled during the same period in the previous FY.

Operational Achievements



On 20.06.2024, Port set a new record by handling 15,442 Tonnes in a single day at North Cargo Berth-2 from the vessel MV Sakizaya Justice, surpassing the previous record of 13,204 Tonnes set on 13.06.2024.

On 25.06.2024, Port had handed a record volume of 24,760 Tonnes of Coal in a single day at non-mechanised bulk cargo Berths VOC-4, surpassing the previous highest of 23,317 Tonnes handled at non-mechanised buk cargo berths VOC-3/4.



On 14.05.2024, Port created a record by handling and discharging a ship with parcel size of 26,496.74 Tonnes of Ammonia, topping the previous highest of 18,000 Tonnes.



PORT PERFORMANCE



The port has handled 27 windmill blade-carrying ships in the first quarter of FY 2024-25, surpassing the 21 ships during the same period last year.

Green Initiatives

The Port has initiated process for Pilot Green Hydrogen Project with a capacity of 10 Nm³ / Hour. The project will set an ambience for inspiring investor confidence to unlock the massive market potential in adopting Green Hydrogen ecosystem.



The Port has witnessed a significant leap in renewable energy generation, driven by ground-based solar power (5 MW capacity), rooftop solar power (640 kW capacity), and wind power (2 MW capacity). In May 2024, the Port has generated 9,03,162 units of power, a substantial increase from the 58,674 units generated in the month of May 2023.



Women's Day



On 05.04.2024, Women's Day Celebrations were held at the Port. Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson presided over the function. Smt. Shepali Purohit, W/o. Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, the Chief Guest of the function distributed prizes to the winners of various competitions.

Birth Anniversary of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar

On 14.04.2024, to mark the Birth Anniversary of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, garlanded the statue and paid floral tributes to the portrait of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar. Senior officers of the Port and Union leaders also honored the architect of the Indian Constitution with floral tributes.



Delegation Meets Chairperson



On 20.04.2024, a delegation from Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, led by Shri E. Srinivas, IRSSE, JS (Logistics), met Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, VOC Port, and senior Port officials.

EVENTS

Anti-Terrorism Day



On 21.05.2024, Anti-Terrorism Day was observed at the Port to wean off the youth from terrorism and the cult of violence. Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, solemnly administered the anti-terrorism pledge to all the Officers and Staff of the Port.

International Nurses Day

On 29.05.2024, Port's Medical Department celebrated International Nurses Day, honoring Florence Nightingale's birth anniversary. The event featured Smt. Gnanasironmani Helen Indrani, Principal of the School of Nursing at Government Medical College, Tuticorin, who spoke on the theme 'Our Nurses, Our Future, The Economic Power of Care.'



Workshop of the Vikashit Bharat Sankalp (ViBhas) Cell and Neel Arth Vision Implementation Cell (Navic)



On 29.05.2024, Team VOCPA led by Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit IRSEE Chairperson participated in the workshop of the Vikashit Bharat Sankalp (ViBhas) Cell and Neel Arth Vision Implementation Cell (Navic) on Green Initiative and Pollution Control held at Delhi under the Chairmanship Shri Vijay Kumar IAS Chairperson, IWAI.

EVENTS

Mock Drill on 'Terrorist Attack'



On 01.06.2024, a Mock Drill on 'Terrorist Attack' was conducted at the Port. Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, and Ms. D Sai Amutha Devi, IP-&TA&FS, JS (Security) Cabinet Secretariat were among the prominent attendees. The event involved Port officials, CISF, Coast Guard, IB, local police, and other stakeholders.

On 05.06.2024, the Port organised a mass plantation drive near the herbal garden of the Port to mark the World Environment Day 2024. Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, senior officials & staff of the Port actively participated in the plantation drive programme, wherein more than 875 saplings were planted.



World Environment Day

Workshop on 'Pathway for a successful Green Hydrogen Pilot at Cochin Port'



On 07.06.2024, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE Chairperson, and officials of the Port participated in the workshop on 'Pathway for a successful Green Hydrogen Pilot at Cochin Port', organised by Cochin Port Authority under the aegis of Indian Ports Association and RMI at Cochin.

EVENTS

Awareness Camp by EPFO



On 14.06.2024, Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Ministry of Labour & Employment, led by Shri. P. Ulaganathan, Enforcement Officer, EPFO organised an awareness camp at the Port in the presence of Sr. Deputy Secretary, Mrs. A. Vidhya, and provided an overview on the EPF services.

8th meeting on the Advisory Group organised by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

On 18.06.2024, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, attended the 8th meeting on the advisory group organised by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. The meeting was under the chairmanship of Principal Scientific Advisor, Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, at Vigyan Bhawan New Delhi.



One-On-One Review meeting chaired by Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister, MoPSW



On 19.06.2024, the Port participated in the one-on-one review meeting on the 100 days plan and status of major projects of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) chaired by Hon'ble Union Minister MoPSW, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, along with Hon'ble MoS, Shri Shantanu Thakur with all the Chairmen of Major Ports, CMDs and Chairmen of organizations under MoPSW.

International Day of Yoga 2024



On 20.06.2024, as a prelude to International Yoga Day, a poster competition was conducted for Port's school students. Additionally, a yoga session was also organized for them under the guidance of yoga professionals from 'The Art of Living'.

On 21.06.2024, on the International Yoga Day, the Officers & Staff of the Port, CISF contingent and teachers from the Port's School, participated enthusiastically in the Yoga session conducted by 'The Art of Living' instructors.



Yoga demonstrations were also performed by the flotilla crew and Port Fire Service personnel at the Coastal berth and by the staff of the DBGT container terminal.

EVENTS

Workshop on NAVIC cell "CSR and Community Outreach"



On 27.06.2024, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, VOCPA & Nodal officer for CSR NAVIC cell chaired a Workshop on NAVIC cell "CSR and Community Outreach" with all the organisations under MoPSW.

Mock Drill for 'conveyor belt fire', at Coal Jetty-1

On 27.06.2024, Port's fire service division conducted a mock drill for 'conveyor belt fire', at Coal Jetty-1



Technical Seminar by Mechanical and Electrical Engineering



On 28.06.2024, the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Department of the Port hosted a technical seminar on "Insulation Testing at High Tension Voltage Levels." The event provided deeper insight into insulation testing, aiding the effective maintenance of the Port's HT Network.

Doctors' Day



On 01.07.2024, National Doctors' Day was celebrated at the Port Hospital. Dr. P Naresh Kumar, CMO, emphasized the importance of the day and thanked his colleagues for their dedication.

Workshop on ViBhas and NAVIC cells

Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways, inaugurated the Workshop on ViBhas and NAVIC cells on 11.05.2024, which was attended by all the Major Port Chairpersons including Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, VOCPA, and all unit heads under the MoPSW. These cells are designed to streamline operations, ensure policy alignment, and enhance the overall effectiveness of maritime projects. ViBhas and NAVIC cells will set goals across 100 days, 1 year, and 5 years of the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways.



RETIREMENTS

April 2024



Mr.S.Clement Missier,
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Mr.P.S.Paramasivan,
Store Keeper,
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May 2024



Mr.S.Charles Vasanthan,
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June 2024



Mrs.N.Anuradha,
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