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From the Desk of Chairperson



Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE
Chairperson

I am delighted to welcome you to the third quarter newsletter for the financial year 2024-25. It is a privilege to share the significant milestones and progress our Port has achieved over the past months.

During the first three quarters of FY 2024-25, our Port handled 30.62 million tonnes of cargo, reflecting a 1.05% increase compared to 30.30 million tonnes during the same period last year. Our containerized cargo operations have demonstrated robust growth, with 5,81,557 TEUs handled, marking a 7% increase from the 5,43,531 TEUs achieved in the corresponding period of the previous financial year.

This growth has been further bolstered by the operationalization of our third Container Terminal, TICT. With its advanced infrastructure, including a 14.20-metre draft, 370-metre LOA, and an annual capacity of 6 lakh TEUs, TICT has significantly enhanced our capabilities.

I am proud to share that our Port continues to hold the 1st rank among major ports for Container Vessel Average Turnaround Time, achieving an impressive 19.92 hours up to December 2024. This distinction has been consistently maintained for three consecutive financial years—from 2022 to 2024—and continues into 2024-25. Additionally, our Operating Ratio of 27.87% up to December 2024 underscores our operational excellence and financial discipline.

Looking ahead, I am pleased to share that we will commission two Harbour Mobile Cranes with a capacity of 120 tonnes each within January 2024. Concurrently, dredging at North Cargo Berth-III to accommodate vessels with a 14.20-metre draft will enable interim operations to commence. The 240-metre-long Link Conveyor Project connecting Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited's conveyor with the Port's coal yard, along with the back-filling of North Cargo Berths II and III, are nearing completion. Furthermore, plans are underway to construct a multi-cargo Berth No. 10 with an LOA of 440 metres.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your dedication and contributions to our collective success. Together, we will continue to achieve new milestones and strengthen our position as the preferred port on India's east coast.

Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE
Chairperson

PORT PERFORMANCE

Traffic Performance

V.O.Chidambaranar Port handled 30.62 million tonnes of cargo up to the third quarter of this financial year 2024-25, as against 30.30 million tonnes handled during same period of the last year, registering an increase of 1.05 %.

The Port recorded a 7.00 % growth in container traffic, handling 5,81,557 TEUs up to the third quarter of the current financial year 2024-25, compared to 5,43,531 TEUs handled during the same period of the previous Financial Year.

Operational Achievements



On 29.10.2024, the Port achieved the Day's Highest cargo handled, by handling 2,04,512 tonnes, surpassing the previous volume of 2,04,051 tonnes handled on 23.02.2024.

PORT PERFORMANCE

Green Initiatives



The Port has generated 80,08,884 units of renewable energy up to December in the financial year 2024–25 through its 5 MW ground-based solar power plant, 2 MW wind turbine, and 640 kW rooftop solar power system. These efforts have led to substantial carbon savings of 65,67,285 kg of CO₂, highlighting the Port's commitment to green energy and environmental sustainability.

EVENTS

Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 campaign



On 01.10.2024, as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 campaign, the officers and staff of General Administration Department engaged themselves in cleaning the Port beach, reinforcing their commitment to a cleaner and greener environment.

On 04.10.2024, as part of Special Campaign 4.0, officers and staff of the Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Department actively engaged themselves in carrying out a cleanliness drive around the electrical substation near Port's Automobile yard.



EVENTS

Mahatma Gandhi's 155th birth anniversary



On 02.10.2024, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, along with senior officers of the Port, paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, on the occasion of his 155th birth anniversary.

The Chairperson honored around 200 sanitation workers for their commendable service in upkeeping the Port estate.

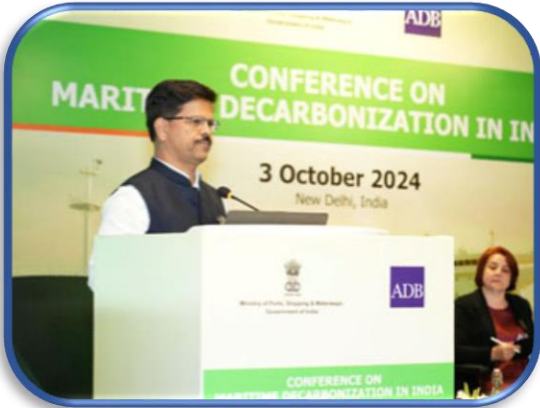


The Medical department of the Port organized a 'Health Check-up and eye Camp for 'Safai Mitras' (sanitary workers) to honor their contribution and promote their well-being by ensuring access to essential healthcare services.



EVENTS

Participating in the Conference on Maritime Decarbonization in India



On 03.10.2024, Shri Susantha Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson participated in the Conference on Maritime Decarbonization in India co-organized by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways & Asian Development Bank at New Delhi.

Meeting with the three container terminal operators of Port

On 05.10.2024, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, chaired a meeting with the three container terminal operators of Port and liners along with the senior officers of the Port and held discussion to improve container throughput and handle 1 Million TEUs of containers this financial year.



Awareness session on 'Cyber Hygiene & Security'



On 09.10.2024, as part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2024, the Port organized an awareness session on 'Cyber Hygiene & Security', for the employees, CISF and stakeholders of the Port. Shri Balu Swaminathan, Secretary, and Shri K.M. Vijayakumar, President, Cyber Society of India, shared valuable insights on safeguarding against cyber threats.

EVENTS

Vigilance Awareness Week 2024: Series of Competitions



On 07.10.2024, as part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2024, Essay writing competition was organized for Schools, Colleges and employees of the Port based on the theme, 'Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity'.



On 18.10.2024, as part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2024, Port organised presentation competition for the Port staff.



On 23.10.2024, as part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2024, Port conducted singing competition for the employees.



On 25.10.2024, as part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2024, Port conducted a skit competition for the employees of the Port on the theme, "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity".

EVENTS

Hindi Pakhwada 2024 : Series of competitions



On 10.10.2024, as part of the Hindi Pakhwada 2024 celebrations, the Port organized singing and poetry recitation competition in Hindi for employees of all the Central Government offices located in Tuticorin.



On 15.10.2024, as part of the Hindi Pakhwada 2024 celebrations, the Port organized elocution, singing and poetry recital competitions in Hindi language for school students.

World Trauma Day



On 17.10.2024, 'World Trauma Day', was observed by the Port. Port's Medical Department, in association with Government Medical College, Tuticorin, organised a hands-on training program on 'Basic Life Support'.

EVENTS

Welcoming the new Chief Mechanical Engineer



On 17.10.2024, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, welcomed Shri A. Ganesan, who assumed charge as the Chief Mechanical Engineer of V.O.Chidambaranar Port Authority.

Inaugural Day of Vigilance Awareness week 2024



On 28.10.2024, Vigilance Awareness Week was inaugurated at the Port, with the theme "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity". Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, flagged off the Vigilance Awareness rally, joined by officers, staff, and students from the Port's School to raise awareness about the ill effects of corruption.

EVENTS

Breast Cancer Awareness Events



On 08.10.2024, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, launched the Breast cancer awareness campaign by unveiling a pink leaflet, followed by the release of a breast cancer awareness and self-examination video.



On 10.10.2024, Port's Medical Department organised Mammogram screening camp in pink bus at Port Hospital and the administrative office.



On 23.10.2024, as part of the International Breast Cancer Awareness campaign, the Port's Medical Department organised a breast cancer awareness and self examination camp for the residents of Tsunami Colony, located near the Port.

EVENTS

International Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign 2024



On 25.10.2024, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, flagged off the Pinkathon, to mark the International Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign 2024, at the Port. The event included a signature drive and pamphlet distribution. The Chairman delivered a message, encouraging staff participation in the campaign.

EVENTS

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas



On 29.10.2024, to mark 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' (National Unity Day), the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, a 'Run for Unity' was organized at the Port.



On 31.10.2024, to mark the occasion of 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas', Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, and senior officers of the Port paid floral tributes to the portrait of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the Port.



The Chairperson, and employees of the Port participated virtually in the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas-2024 event, where in Shri Sarabana Sonowal, Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways performed Pad Puja to the portrait of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and administered the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge to the gathering.

EVENTS

Valedictory function of the Vigilance Awareness Week



On 13.11.2024, the Valedictory function of the Vigilance Awareness Week was held at the Port. The Chief Guest of the event was Shri Bani Brata Roy, CSS, Director, Central Vigilance Commission. A signature campaign was organised to raise awareness about the importance of integrity, transparency, and accountability. Prizes were also distributed to the winners of various competitions .

EVENTS

Visit of Delegation from Trade Council of Denmark



On 25.10.2024, a delegation from Trade Council of Denmark visited the Port. Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, highlighted the cargo handling facilities available at the Port.

Participation in Chintan Shivir 2024

On 14th and 15th November 2024, a delegation from the Port, led by Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, participated in the two-day Chintan Shivir 2024 event organized by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.



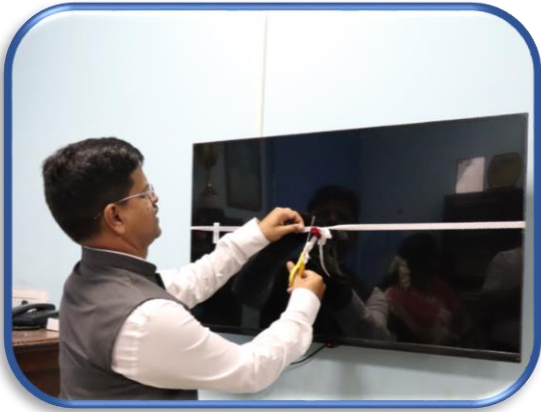
National Integration Day



On 19.11.2024, the Port observed National Integration Day to mark the birth anniversary of Smt. Indira Gandhi, the first woman Prime Minister of India.

EVENTS

Donation of CCTV system to the Port Schools



On 25.11.2024, M/s. SUPERGAS donated CCTV system with 24 cameras worth ₹4.1 lakhs to the Port Schools, as a part of their CSR activity. The CCTV system was inaugurated by Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson.

Constitution Day

On 26.11.2024, Constitution Day was observed at the Port to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution. Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, along with the senior officers of the Port, participated virtually and read the Preamble of the Constitution administered by Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Secretary, MoPSW, with the chairpersons of all the major Ports.



Participation in the 11th edition of the CII Thoothukudi conference



On 29.11.2024, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, participated in the 11th edition of the CII Thoothukudi conference on, 'Transforming Thoothukudi - Shipping, Logistics and Industrial Hotspot of South India'

EVENTS

Welcoming the new Traffic Manager



On 05.12.2024, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, welcomed Shri Jimmy George, who assumed charge as the Traffic Manager of V.O.Chidambaranar Port Authority.

Awareness Programme on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace

On 06.12.2024, to sensitise the women Officers and Staff of the Port on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013, Dr.P.Rajeswari, Senior Deputy Medical Officer, & Presiding Officer, Internal Complaints Committee, delivered an informative lecture.



Participation in the Indian Maritime Heritage Conclave



On 11.12.2024, the Port participated in the Indian Maritime Heritage Conclave held at the Yashobhoomi Convention Center, New Delhi. VOC Port Authority & Chennai Port Authority, jointly portrayed the maritime heritage of Tamilnadu & Puducherry.

EVENTS

Rear Admiral Ravi Kumar Dhingra, VSM, visiting the Port



On 16.12.2024, Rear Admiral Ravi Kumar Dhingra, VSM, Flag Officer Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Naval Area, visited the Forward Operating Base at Tuticorin, and the Port's operational areas.

Meeting with CSLA Chairman, Executive Director, and Major Container Line Officials in Mumbai

On 16.12.2024, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson and senior officials of the Port held meeting with Chairman and the Executive Director, Container Shipping Lines Association (CSLA) and the key officials of Major container lines, at Mumbai



Visit of Chief Commissioner (Prev.), CCP Zone, Tiruchirappalli



On 19.12.2024, Shri.S.K.Vimalanathan, I.R.S., Chief Commissioner (Prev.), CCP Zone, Tiruchirappalli, visited the Port and held discussion with Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, and senior officials of the Port

EVENTS

New Life Support Ambulances for the Port



On 19.12.2024, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, flagged off 4 Basic Life Support ambulances at the Port Hospital.

37th World AIDS Day

On 23.12.2024, the Port observed 37th World AIDS Day, centered on the theme 'Take the rights path: My health, my right!'. Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, flagged off the AIDS awareness rally from the Green Gate to the Administrative office.



Digital unveiling of the Port's calendar for the year 2025



On 23.12.2024, Shri Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, digitally unveiled the Port's calendar for the Year 2025, themed 'Cultural Heritage of Enchanting Tamil Nadu', in the presence of senior Port officers.

RETIREMENTS

October 2024



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