



# कोचिन पत्तन प्राधिकरण Cochin Port Authority



Press Release

## US Consul General visits Cochin Port

Dr. M. Beena, IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port hosted Ms. Judith Ravin, Consul General of the United States of America, US Consulate General Chennai, today (04.04.2022) at Cochin Port along with Senior Officials of the Port.

Welcoming the Consul General, Dr. M. Beena, IAS, explained the strategic importance of Cochin Port as a maritime gateway to the peninsular India and the prominent role of Cochin Port in contributing to the economy of the State of Kerala. She also shared the infrastructural development initiatives of Cochin Port taken up under the aegis of Sagarmala project of the Government of India and the potential that Cochin Port offers for the investors in the United States to partner the port development projects under Sagarmala and Maritime India Vision.

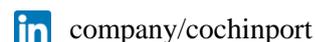
It was highlighted during the meeting that Cochin Port is offering zero Tariff to Vessel Related Charges for mainline container vessel services to the US East Coast. The growth of transshipment volume at ICTT, Vallarpadam and the potential Cochin Port to grow as the transshipment hub of the region was also apprised to the Consul General.

Her Excellency Ms. Judith Ravin appreciated the strategic development initiatives and the business model of Cochin Port and assured to share the information with relevant stakeholders. She also conveyed the willingness of the Consulate in associating with the port development project through private partners from the United States. She has also agreed to promote the cruise tourism potential of Cochin/Kerala among the stakeholders/ cruise lines in the United States.

The Consul was accompanied by Mr. Scott Hartmann, Cultural Affairs Officer (US Consulate General, Chennai) and Mr. Nelson K. Paul, Press and Media Coordinator (Malayalam) US Consulate General, Chennai. The Senior Officials of Cochin Port – Shri Vipin R. Menoth, Traffic Manager, Shri S.K. Sahu, Financial Adviser & Chief Accounts Officer, Shri Paritosh Bala, Chief Engineer and Shri Goutam Gupta, Advisor (Cruise Facilitation & Business Development) were also present.

The Consulate General visited 'Sagarika' the International Cruise Terminal at Ernakulam Wharf, Cochin Port.

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