

**DP** World took over the operation and maintenance of RGCT from Cochin Port on 1st April 2005. I was fortunate to get an opportunity to associate with this venture right from the beginning. Two years have passed so fast. Today, after two successful years of co-operation and team work, DP World Cochin (IGT) has passed miles away from the very conventional way of managing the terminal and transformed it in to an International Container Terminal. Now when I look back on the days gone by the satisfaction over the transformation is thrilling me.

All those 352 employees of Port Trust joined IGT, had a lot of confusion and apprehension in their minds, as to what would happen with their career.

The initiatives like cleaning of the terminal and surface levelling along with the repair works on ITVs made the work of the ITV drivers a more comfortable one. With the relentless efforts of the officers and with the co-operation of ITV drivers and other employees, the unidirectional traffic flow could be implemented without much difficulty.

Acquisition of new RTGCs saw the maximum utilisation of container yards. The next major step was shifting of export containers into the yards near quay side, thereby avoiding the interface of ITVs and outside trucks, while export operations are in progress.

Acquisition and commissioning of 2 Mobile Harbour Cranes with twin lift facility and 2 nos of new reach stackers have enhanced the handling capacity of the terminal. At times the MHCs have done better work than RMQCs.

In addition to the containers, DP World handled a few special cargos which the trade was desperately looking for. Handlings of almost all pipes for the SPM project of KRL, lifting of a boat from water for export and stuffing it, handling of boiler, handling of heavy transformer, etc. are a few examples.

Creation of pre-stage area and inspection ramp were other major milestones. Now there are no left over containers once the particular vessel has sailed.

The process improvement through introduction of NAVIS software excited our employees as well as the stake holders. Now, every movement of containers inside the terminal is updated 'live' into the system.

One must be wondering how DP World could do all these things, that too in a highly sensitive place like Cochin. The answer is "Continuous Counselling and Persuasions". Now all the employees at DP World understand their importance, and a sense of belonging / responsibility has gone deep into their minds. As a result of the co-operation and team work, the crane productivity has improved; many milestones for Cochin Port in container handling were achieved in the last two years and the vessel turnaround time has reduced considerably.

Today, DP World Cochin is a much better and safer work place.

We could accomplish all this with the co-operation and support from the Cochin Port Trust Family.

# ജന്മദിനം

ആഴ്ചകളതിവേഗം കടന്നു പോയി മാസങ്ങൾ പന്ത്രണ്ടും കഴിഞ്ഞു പോയി ആശിച്ച സാഹസങ്ങൾ സഫലമാവും മുന്പേ ആഗതമായെന്റെ ജന്മദിനം... ഹിണ്ടുമാഗത.....

ശലഭവും പൂക്കളും പൂർപ്പടർപ്പും കളിവിടു വയ്ക്കുന്ന കുട്ടുകാരും അറിയാതെ ഞാനെന്റെ ബാല്യകാല സ്മരണയിൽ മുങ്ങിക്കുളിച്ചുപോയി

വസന്തവും ഗ്രീഷ്മവും ഹേമന്തവും ഇന്ദ്രൻ ശരത്കാല വേളകളും ഇതുവഴി മെല്ലെ കടന്നു പോയി - ആരു മറിയാതെ വീണ്ടും തിരിച്ചുപോയി

യുഗങ്ങളിനേററും കഴിഞ്ഞുപോയി പുതിയ സംസ്കാരങ്ങൾ വന്നുപോയി നര ജന്മമേററും കൊഴിഞ്ഞുപോയി നമ്മിലറിയാതെ കർമ്മവും ബാക്കിയായി

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D/O P. J. Xavier  
Std. X, 78%



Prince Chackapan  
S/O C. A. Chackapan  
Std. X, 82%



Linsa P. Lenin  
D/O P. K. Lenin  
Std. X, 92.5%



Dini. K. C.  
D/O Chandran Kaypada  
Std. X



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