

## **Cochin Port Authority Organised Stakeholders' Meet Ahead of India Maritime Week 2025**

Willingdon Island: "Cochin Port looks forward to the opportunity to showcase its initiatives and innovations, while engaging with global stakeholders to shape the future of the maritime industry at IMW 2025" said Shri B. Kasiviswanathan, IRSME, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority (CoPA). He was addressing the Stakeholders' Meet organised by the Cochin Port Authority at Willingdon Island, ahead of the India Maritime Week (IMW) 2025.

The stakeholders' meet brought together key representatives from Cochin port user communities, trade bodies, and industry associations to invite their participation in IMW 2025- the world's largest maritime event, organized by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), to be held in Mumbai from 27th to 31st October 2025.

The event aimed to raise awareness about the world's largest maritime event and to inform stakeholders about broader investment opportunities in the growing maritime sector.

Shri Himanshu Shekhar, Traffic Manager of CoPA, gave a detailed presentation outlining the objectives, themes, and investment opportunities for capacity augmentation in Cochin Port, aligning with IMW objectives. He encouraged them to seize the opportunity to showcase the region's maritime capabilities on a national platform.

Shri Varghese K. George, President, Kerala Steamer Agents Association; Shri Andrew Antonio Fernandez, President, Cochin Customs Brokers Association; and Smt. Vinodini Sukumar, President, Cochin Chamber of Commerce & Industry, graced the occasion and shared insights on strengthening stakeholders' participation in IMW 2025.

The session witnessed active participation from CoPA stakeholders, including steamer agents, customs brokers, port users, chamber of commerce & industry, and trade representatives, reaffirming their collective commitment to the growth of India's maritime economy and the success of IMW 2025.

The event was attended by government agencies, state government representatives, HODs, officers and officials of Cochin Port Authority.

Shri B. Bhagyanath, Financial Adviser & Chief Accounts Officer, CoPA welcomed the gathering and Capt. T. Muthukumar, Deputy Conservator, CoPA delivered vote of thanks.

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