

# Kolkata Port Trust Newsletter



## CHAIRMAN SPEAK

**Shri Vinit Kumar, IRSEE  
Chairman, Kolkata Port**

Dear Valued Employees, Stakeholders and Trade Partners,

Together, we are combating the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19. KoPT is doing its best to ensure continuity of port operations without disruption at the port. I compliment all of you for the support extended till now.

KoPT has undertaken several preventive measures to equip and protect its workforce. These measures are expected to limit the impact of the outbreak while also protecting the trade channel from any disruption. We would also like to assure the EXIM community that we will put maximum efforts to carry out smooth handling at Port and will do our best to ensure the port remains fully operational and will continue to operate as per schedule.

Amid the challenge of Covid-19 pandemic, KoPT handled 63.98 million metric tonnes of cargo in FY 2019-20, registering a growth of 0.35%. In terms of container, KoPT registered a throughput of 8.29 lacs TEUs with a YoY growth of 1.8%. The cargo handling in April 2020 is 80% of the cargo handled in April 2019. With factories in the hinterland opening due to the revised lockdown norms issued by the Government of India, cargo volumes are expected to pick-up. In the wake of this crisis Port has also prepared an action plan for avoiding congestion and created sufficient storage capacities inside and outside the Port.

All this has been possible because of the team's perseverance, especially over the last couple of months, showing our commitment towards ensuring that trade doesn't come to a standstill.

I seek the support of all my co-workers, support staff, unions, stakeholders and their families in joining hands in the war against Covid-19. I am sure that together we will overcome this crisis.

## KoPT Traffic Updates



- ❖ All dock activities at HDC/KDS are functional following precautionary measures. KoPT is presently operating at its 80% efficiency level

- ❖ Rail operations continued with HDC handling 195 rakes and KDS handling 33 container rakes in April 2020.



- ❖ KoPT received 215 vessels (HDC: 131, KDS: 84) in the month of April 2020.

- ❖ Force Majeure invoked and Ground rent, detention charges waived-off to support the industry.



## KoPT Initiatives for Trade

### Operational Support

- ❖ Provided ~20000 sq. m of buffer area outside KDS to stack Export and Coastal Import Containers with free of cost for 20 days
- ❖ Started a facility of about 20000 sq. m for stacking/storage of empty containers.
- ❖ Pilotage continues with pilots going in full PPE to board ships at Sagar, travelling more than 140 Kms
- ❖ Port operations continue with skeletal staff without stopping even for a day.

### Digital Transformation

- ❖ Online contactless Procedure for delivery and receiving of cargo
- ❖ Web portal for online issuance /renewal of RFID based permit.
- ❖ A dedicated "Covid-19 updates" web portal developed for the benefit of all stakeholders.
- ❖ online payment for Shed/Yard licenses, Wharfage, Stevedoring/ Shore handling royalty
- ❖ Encourage staff and trade associates to download and use Aarogya Sethu App for awareness regarding risks, best practices and relevant advisories to fight against Covid-19

### Exemptions/Discounts

- ❖ Exemptions on penalties levied due to delayed submission of custom/port documents
- ❖ 50% discount in rail haulage for all export containers
- ❖ Concession of 50% on VRC for quarantined vessels
- ❖ Relaxation granted in wagon demurrage and stabling charges on rail borne traffic

### Coordination Activities

- ❖ Coordinated with state officials to develop SOP for special passes
- ❖ Coordination with customs for smooth operations and facilitate online processing of container documents
- ❖ Coordination with DG Shipping and PHO

## KoPT Initiatives for Trade



### Facilities for Nepal Trade

- ❖ Due to large pile up of Nepal containers, the transfer of Nepal containers under pre-determined rates (Rs.6000 per TEU) to CFS started, protecting Nepal Importers from high cost
- ❖ Transfer of Nepal Rail Containers to CONCOR Terminal under pre-determined ceiling rates commenced.

### Facilities for Bangladesh Exports

- ❖ Additional vessel to be deployed on Kolkata – Chattogram – Dhaka route to cater the increased demand
- ❖ 40% discounts on CRC and VRC
- ❖ 15 days free storage for export containers inside dock
- ❖ A dedicated space for stuffing only for Bangladesh Exports is provided inside dock to reduce cost.



## KoPT Initiatives for Workforce

KoPT diligently deploys all sanitization guidelines issued for the safety of its workforce. Here are some glimpses of the measures taken by KoPT for its employees



KoPT made social distancing markings at all crowded places



Adhering all safety measures, KoPT has been providing PPE for all pilots



Contact-less thermal scanning at operational areas/ offices



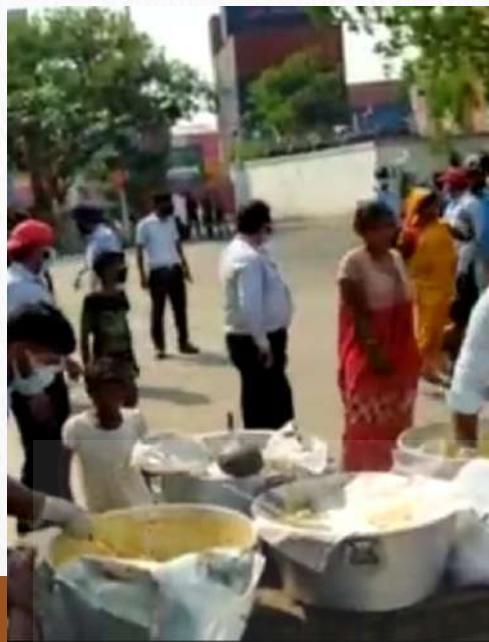
Massive sanitization drive is going on to mitigate the risk and build the confidence of employees



Web portal launched for pensioners and employees for information regarding pension and salaries

- ❖ KoPT arranged transportation for its employees keeping in mind the safety and social distancing guidelines
- ❖ As per guidance of Ministry of Shipping, Rs. 50 lakh monetary compensation announced for the Port employees, workers and all contractual laborer, in case of loss of life due to Covid19 while discharging port related duty.

## Social Initiatives by KoPT



KoPT in association with trade partners distributed food to less privileged nearby dock and CFS areas



KoPT conducted counselling sessions for supervisors of workers and stevedores to raise awareness



Medical camp conducted by KoPT for thermal screening and provide clarifications regarding Covid-19



Public awareness video campaign launched for society to fight against Covid19



Essential grocery items arranged from shop-on-wheels vendors for port residential colonies for self sustaining community benefit

## KoPT Hospitals Rising to the Situation



- ❖ KoPT hospitals at Kolkata and Haldia quickly setup isolation wards
- ❖ At Kolkata, 50 bed isolation ward was setup with 8 separate cabins for critical patients
- ❖ The isolation wards are equipped with PPE kits, ventilators, and nebulizers

- ❖ KoPT hospitals started telemedicine, Medical helpline services for the port users
- ❖ The services are listed at website for easy access
- ❖ KoPT hospital is regularly interacting with local and district health authorities to extend all possible support to them



### Welcome to Kolkata Port Trust

- COVID-19 Updates
- Fight against COVID-19: Appreciation and Appeal from Chairman KoPT (397 KB)
- COVID-19 Helpline Number - 03371003632 (3 KB)
- Tele Medicine Services of Centenary Hospital, KoPT (7 KB)
- Performance Dashboard of Ministry of Shipping
- Environmental & CRZ Clearance granted for the project of Development of Port facilities at Haldia Dock-II (2084 KB)

- ❖ In addition to above, KoPT hospitals have taken following measures
  - ✓ Screening of foreign returned port officials
  - ✓ Medicines for chronic ailments to be issued for 3 months at a time
  - ✓ Aged people with chronic ailments advised not to visit the hospital; medicines to be collected by their relatives
  - ✓ Reimbursement allowed for expenses towards the purchase of medicines by the the beneficiaries of KoPT

# Public Awareness Programmes



An awareness and motivational programme for port workers was organized at HDC complying social distancing and safety measures

Public awareness posters were created and pasted at various places



Kolkata Port started a radio campaign to spread appeal and awareness against Covid-19

# KoPT in Media

KoPT used print and social media extensively to dispel rumors, clarify doubts, promote best practices, spread positivity, and boost morale.

## लॉकडाउन के बीच भी पोर्ट में सामान्य है संचालन

समस्त संवाददाता, कोलकाता : देश भर में जारी लॉकडाउन के बावजूद कोलकाता पोर्ट ट्रस्ट के सभी डॉक कॉम्प्लेक्स में संचालन सामान्य है। केपीटी के चेयरमैन विनित कुमार ने कहा कि हल्लिया डॉक कॉम्प्लेक्स (एचडीसी) और केटीएस (कोलकाता डॉक सिस्टम) दोनों में संचालन का कार्य सामान्य रूप से जारी है। हालांकि सभी तरह के सोशल डिस्टेंसिंग, सैनिटाइजिंग आदि पर ध्यान दिया जा रहा है।

हल्लिया डॉक कॉम्प्लेक्स : 29 से 31 मार्च तक 3 दिनों में कार्गो बर्क के लिए 11 जहाज आये हैं। वहीं कार्गो ऑपरेशन पूरा करने के बाद 9 जहाजों को छोड़ा गया। वहीं पिछले 3 दिनों में कुल 188506 म्म.टी. कार्गो हैंडल किये गये। मुख्य तौर पर सिमेंट, ईंधन, प्लास्तीक, कुकिंग कोल, धर्मल कोल, इंडियन, स्टील, लाइमस्टोन, स्टोन कोल, बुटाडीन, बेनजीन आदि बर्क में लाये गये।

कोलकाता डॉक सिस्टम : पिछले 3 दिनों में कार्गो बर्क के लिए 9 जहाज आये हैं और 8 जहाजों को कार्गो ऑपरेशन के बाद खपस भेजा गया। कुल 331 टीईयू हैंडल किये गये। आवे जहाजों में मुख्य रूप से रॉ पेंथ, रॉ प्लास्टिक, स्टील, इलेक्ट्रिकल आइटम, सोलर पैनल, फार्मास्यूटिकल आदि शामिल हैं। इसके अलावा 2700 टन ग्रेक ब्लॉक, 16122 टन लिक्विड कार्गो (एचएसडी, ल्यूब ऑयल आदि) भी केटीएस में हैंडल किये गये।

## বন্দরে পণ্য

নিজস্ব সংবাদদাতা

অত্যাবশ্যক পণ্য পরিবহনের জন্য কলকাতা ও হালদিয়া বন্দরে জাহাজে মাল ওঠানো-নামানোর কাজ ২৪ ঘণ্টাই চলছে বলে জানালেন বন্দরের চেয়ারম্যান বিনীত কুমার। তাঁর দাবি, বুধবার পর্যন্ত তিন দিনে হালদিয়া বন্দরে ১১টি জাহাজ এসেছে মূলত এলপিগি ও অন্যান্য জ্বালানি নিয়ে। ৯টি পণ্য নামিয়ে ফেরত গিয়েছে। কলকাতা বন্দরে এসেছে ৯টি জাহাজ, ৮টি পণ্য নামিয়ে ফিরেছে। ব্যাকবন্দি পণ্যের মধ্যে ওষুধ, চিকিৎসা সামগ্রী ও নিত্য প্রয়োজনীয় পণ্য এসেছে।

## कोरोना संक्रमित ठेका श्रमिक के बारे में केपीटी ने किया आशंकाओं को दूर



कोलकाता, 4 अप्रैल (निर)। कोलकाता पोर्ट ट्रस्ट ने स्पष्ट किया है कि श्री बिलास खान, जो हमारे एक टेकेदार का कर्मचारी है, ने हल्लिया में कल से एक दिन पहले सकारात्मक परीक्षण किया था। वह 24 मार्च को निजामुद्दीन से लौटा था। लॉकडाउन के कारण बर्थ पर कोई काम नहीं किया गया था जिसे वे अब तक संचालित करते हैं। हालांकि वह डॉक पर गए होंगे। निजामुद्दीन प्रकरण प्रकाश में आने के बाद उन्हें तुरंत नगरपालिका द्वारा परीक्षण किया गया। कल सुबह इस मामले के कारण, कॉन्ट्रैक्ट मजदूर बंदरगाह पर नहीं आए हैं। हालांकि, पोर्ट स्टाफ काम कर रहा है और यूनियनों और कर्मचारियों के समन्वय से हम पोर्ट संचालन और एलपीजी, पीओएल, रसायन, टीएनईबी कोयला संयंत्र को बनाए रखने में सक्षम हैं। प्रचुर एहतियात के रूप में हमने पहले ही उन अधिकारियों को छोड़ दिया है जिनके साथ किसी भी तरह का संपर्क हो सकता था। केपीटी के वरिष्ठ जन संपर्क अधिकारी संजय कुमार मुखर्जी ने कहा है कि आत्मविश्वास बढ़ाने के लिए बड़े पैमाने पर स्वच्छता अभियान चलाया जा रहा है। सभी कर्मचारियों को मास्क, दस्ताने, सैनिटाइजर प्रदान करने जैसी सभी सुरक्षा सावधानियां प्रदान की जा रही हैं। हम यूनियनों और कर्मचारियों और सभी हितधारकों से अपील करते हैं कि पोर्ट को जारी रखने के प्रयासों का समर्थन करें जो आपूर्ति लाइनों को बनाए रखने के लिए आवश्यक है।

## The Statesman 03 KATA, FRIDAY 03 APRIL 2020

### KoPT to refund medicine cost for their staff, unveils telemedicine facility

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 2 APRIL**

Around 20,000 Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT) staff breathe sigh of relief after KoPT today announced that in a bid to encourage social distancing, and considering the plight of people during lockdown, all KoPT beneficiaries who are unable to visit Centenary Hospital of the port trust, in Kolkata, to purchase their stock of monthly medicines, can now buy it from outside dispensaries and get reimbursed for it till 30 April.

Additionally, a telemedicine facility has been started for consulting KoPT doctors over phone.

The KoPT chairman, Vinit Kumar said, "The facility has been started for our staff who are beneficiaries of the scheme whereby, they can draw their monthly medicine supplies from the Centenary Hospital of the KoPT in Kolkata."

For the lockdown, several of them are unable to leave their houses and come here to draw their essential stock of medicines. Hence, it has been decided that we will reimburse them the amount that they spend to buy medicines from any outside dispensaries.

Mr Kumar further pointed out, "This scheme applies to all KoPT beneficiaries in Kolkata, Haldia and Howrah.

We have around 10 to 15,000 pensioners and around 4,000 employees. So 20,000 KoPT staff, approximately, can make use of this scheme. There is a medical history book which is maintained to distribute what medicine is required by which person. The KoPT doctors prescribe these medicines."

The rules and regulations for the initiative states that this scheme will remain active till 30 April and might be extended or stopped based on the pandemic situation.

Additionally, it was learnt that a tele-medicine facility has also been started by KoPT. This initiative allows all KoPT scheme beneficiaries to contact KoPT doctors over the telephone and on the COVID-19 helpline.

The chairman said, "Doctors will be available in specific time slots when anyone who needs medical guidance can call to consult. The COVID-19 helpline is functional 24x7."

Mr Kumar highlighted, "We have also provided large number of protective gears to all our staff who are handling work at the docks. Temporary shelter facilities have also been set up."

All our premises are being sanitised everyday to ensure our staff remain protected while doing their daily work."

**Kolkata Port Trust @kopt\_port · 17h**  
 Massive sanitisation (with sodium hypochlorite) drive with 2 Fire tenders, no. of machines in berth 13 of Haldia Dock @kopt\_port. Thank our officers, staff & unions. Appeal to all contractual, contract labour and cargo pool labour to help in port working. @shipmin\_india @PIB\_ShipMin



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## Handled 20 cargo vessels in past three days: KoPT



**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 1 APRIL**

When the country-wide lockdown to prevent COVID-19 transmission is disrupting goods transport services, the Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT) handled considerable amount of cargo in the past three days as its Kolkata and Haldia Docks combined, have received around 20 cargo vessels with commodities like pharmaceuticals.

The KoPT chairman, Mr Vinit Kumar, today highlighted that all precautionary measures including maintaining social distancing, wearing of PPE, sanitizing etc. are followed throughout to avoid spreading of COVID-19 virus. As per Govt of India guidelines, free movement of all commodities via Port & Railway including movement of empty trucks, as well as trucks carrying cargo from dock, are being carried in Kolkata Port Trust despite COVID-19.

During the last three days, from 29 to 31 March, nine vessels have arrived at Kolkata Dock for cargo work and eight vessels have sailed out after completing cargo operation. A total 3181 TEUs were handled and the major commodities comprised pharmaceuticals, raw paper, steel, electronic items etc. Kolkata Dock also handled 2700 tons of break bulk and 16122 tonnes of liquid cargo.

Haldia Dock Complex, while nine vessels have sailed out after completing cargo operation. Besides, lighterage operation was also carried out in few vessels at Sandheads and Sagar. A total of 188506 M.T. of cargo was handled and the major commodities comprised LPG, coking coal, container, steel etc.

The KoPT spokesperson confirmed that receiving and dispatch of cargo by road/rail is also being undertaken by port with its own manpower.

The chairman, Mr Kumar said that operational work has been carried out with the cooperation and support of all concerned including labour unions, workers, stakeholders, agents and the port employees. He conducted a video conference with all stakeholders for smooth movement of cargo and assured close coordination is being done with Customs, state authorities and police, for online clearance and movement of goods. To promote rail movement, 50 percent discount in rail terminal haulage charges has been given.

## After contract staff tests positive for Covid-19, massive sanitisation drive taken up at port

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 4 APRIL**

The Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT) today confirmed that one of its port contractor employees, in Haldia, has tested positive for COVID-19. The employee had returned from Nizamuddin in Delhi.

The KoPT spokesperson today informed that the patient, who is an employee of one of KoPT's contractors, has tested positive in Haldia.

The employee had returned from Nizamuddin on 24 March. It is learnt that due to the lockdown, no work was done on the berth which they operate but the port authorities believe that the patient might have visited docks.

The patient has been taken to Beleghatta ID Hospital, confirmed the spokesperson.

The port authorities said that after Nizamuddin COVID-19 cases came to light, the employee concerned, was immediately tested by municipality.

Due to this case, yesterday morning, contract labourers did not come to port. The KoPT spokesperson assured that as part of precautionary measures, the officers who might have had any kind of contact with him, have been quarantined.

A massive sanitisation drive has been taken up with two fire tenders with sanitisation liquid which is also being sprayed in offices, berths, office canteen and work spots including berth no 13 of Haldia Dock Complex of KoPT.

All safety precautions measures like providing masks, gloves, sanitizers are being provided to all the staff.

"We appeal all Port contractual, contract labour and stevedore cargo pool labour to join back", read the statement by KoPT.

All staff and stakeholders are also being requested to support the efforts of the port in a bid to continue with the operations which is essential to maintain supply lines.

It is further learnt that the port staff is working and with coordination with Union and staff, the Kolkata Port is maintaining port operations while LPG, chemicals, TNEB coal plant is working.