

Port Chennai

The Maritime history of Chennai started way back in 1639 with setting up of Fort of St. George on the seashore of the erstwhile Madrasapattinam (Madras) from an open roadstead and exposed sandy coast till 1815 with minor port operations. The Madras Port, started its commercial operations in 1881.

Sir Francis Spring, first Chairman of the **Madras Port Trust**, formulated plans with a long term vision and in a scientific manner, to overcome both man-made and natural challenges. By the end of 1920, the Port was equipped with a dock, later named as Dr. Ambedkar Dock consisting of 5 berths in the West Quay, 1 in the East and South Quay, 1 in North Quay.

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Port Mumbai

Mumbai Port Trust is a port which lies midway on the West coast of India, on the natural deep-water harbour of Mumbai in Maharashtra. The harbour spread over 400 square kilometres is protected by the mainland of Konkan to its east and north and by the island city of Mumbai to its west.

The port is administered by the **Mumbai Port Trust** (MbPT, formerly the Bombay Port Trust (BPT)), an autonomous corporation wholly owned by the Government of India. The port is primarily used for bulk cargo, while most container traffic is directed to Nhava Sheva port across the harbour. Mumbai Harbour has been used by ships and boats for centuries.

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Port Cochin

Cochin Port or Kochi Port is a major port on the Arabian Sea – Laccadive Sea – Indian Ocean sea-route in the city of Kochi and is one of the largest ports in India. It is also the first transshipment port in India. The port lies on two islands in the Lake of Kochi- Willingdon Island and Vallarpadam.

The port is governed by the **Cochin Port Authority (CoPA)**, a Government of India establishment. It was established in 1928 and has completed over 90 years of active service. The Kochi Port is one of a line of maritime-related facilities based in the port-city of Kochi. It is also called Willingdon Island, after the present Viceroy of India.

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Port Visakhapatnam

Port of Visakhapatnam is one of the 12 major ports of India. It is located on the east coast, midway between Kolkata and Chennai. Visakhapatnam was an ancient Port city which had trade relations with the Middle East and Rome.

It is renowned as **Visakhapatnam Port Trust** under the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963. After Indian independence, the port witnessed growth under the various Five Year Plans. Ships were anchored at open roads and were loaded with cargo transported from Visakhapatnam shore by means of small Masula boats.

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