

Press Release
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**DEDICATION OF 500T SWL BOLLARD PULL TEST FACILITY TO THE NATION
AND LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE WATER SUPPLY AND
SANITATION FACILITIES AT VIZHINJAM**

Shri K Babu, Hon'ble Minister for Excise and Ports, Govt of Kerala dedicated the 500T SWL Bollard Pull Test Facility for CSL at a colorful function at Vizhinjam, today. The Minister also laid the Foundation Stone for the Water Supply and Sanitation Facilities at Vizhinjam under the CSL - CSR scheme. Adv K Chandrika, the Worshipful Mayor of Thiruvananthapuram was the Chief Guest for the function, and Smt Jameela Prakasham, MLA presided over the event. Key note address was rendered by Shri K Mohandas, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, Govt of India. Cmde K Subramaniam, CMD, CSL, Shri P Vinayakumar, Director (Technical), CSL Shri Ravi Kumar Roddam, Director (Finance), CSL and Dr Jacob Thomas, IPS, Director of Ports, Govt of Kerala were also present during the occasion.

2 The Bollard Pull test facility is required to check and confirm pulling capacity of ships including tugs and Anchor Handling Tug Supply Vessels upto 500T. Presently facility of such high capacity is not available anywhere in India. This facility would straightway be put to use for testing the 04 AHTS ships under construction at CSL. The facility can also cater to the requirement of Indian Coast Guard, Indian Navy and also Kerala Ports Department. The test facility is being set up in an environmental friendly one.

3 The water supply and sanitation facilities at Vizhinjam has been taken up by Cochin Shipyard as a part of CSR project for the year 2011-2012. Cochin Shipyard is taking up various project under its CSR scheme, mainly under education, health, water supply, sanitation, non- conventional energy, support to underprivileged children, disaster management etc. in its endeavor to emerge as a socially responsible corporate citizen.

4 With the setting of these facilities, CSL is expanding its geographical reach beyond Kochi.

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