

KoPT Deputy Chairman G. Krishnakumar visits ICD Durgapur

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THE Deputy Chairman of Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT), Mr G. Krishnakumar, made his first official visit to ICD Durgapur on June 16. He was accompanied by Mr Goutam Gupta, Traffic Manager of KoPT. The visit comprised an interactive session with the key players of the ex-im industry

and was followed by a detailed tour of the Durgapur dry port.

Mr Krishnakumar stressed on the importance of building a strong relationship between Kolkata Port and ICD Durgapur for the mutual benefit of the trade. He emphasised on the need for having such sessions on regular basis. Mr Gupta thanked the importers and exporters of the region for their

support and said that without the same it would not have been possible to achieve an all-

time high container handling of 5,28,000 TEUs at Kolkata Dock

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(Right to Left) Shri Gautam Gupta (Traffic Manager, KoPT), Shri G. Krishnakumar (Deputy Chairman, KoPT), Shri Pramod Kumar Srivastava (Director & CEO, Allied ICD Services Ltd.), Shri Praveen Agarwal (Deputy Commissioner, ICD Customs)

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System (KDS) in 2014-15. He said that the recent developments in KDS in respect of mechanisation of container handling has resulted in improved productivity, lower pre-berthing detention and lower turnaround time of container vessels. He hoped that the benefits of the same would be en-

joyed by all concerned.

The exporters and importers elaborated on the benefits they have received from the ICD over the years and put forth their suggestions for further improving the logistics trade in West Bengal. They emphasised on the need for keeping empty containers at ICD Durgapur in order to avoid

congestion at Kolkata Port.

ICD Durgapur, the only operational dry port in West Bengal, is owned and operated by Allied ICD Services Ltd. Mr Pramod Kumar Srivastava, CEO of Allied ICD Services, said, "It was an honour and privilege to have both Mr Krishnakumar and Mr Gupta at our port. I strongly feel that co-

operation between our ICD and Kolkata Port will lead to mutual growth. I would also like to thank all the exporters and importers who attended the interactive session. I was pleased to get a positive feedback from the Port on providing required support in resolving operational issues and facilitating logistics trade in this region."