



Mr. T. Udayasankar, Chairman & Managing Director, PSTS (second from right) during the 75th Anniversary celebrations held on Jan 23. Also seen Mr. T. Velsankar, Jt. Managing Director (extreme right) and Mr. J. Ganeshram, Jt. Managing Director (extreme left).

PSTS CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY IN GRAND FASHION

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PSTS Group, which provides End-To-End solutions for Dry Bulk, Break-Bulk, Industrial Projects and Containerized cargo in the country, celebrated its 75th Anniversary in a grand fashion on Jan 23.

In a glittering ceremony held in Chennai, the whole family of PSTS Group, including **Mr. T. Udayasankar, Chairman & Managing Director, Mr. T. Velsankar, Jt. Managing Director** and **Mr. J. Ganeshram, Jt. Managing Director**, were present.

VISION OF ONE MAN



– Mr PSTS Thiraviaratnam, Founder, PSTS Group

PSTS Group's corporate team can trace the beginning of their history to the vision of one man – Mr PSTS Thiraviaratnam. He was the man who, even before India's Independence, foresaw the need for professional shipping management in his native land – India's South Eastern Port of Tuticorin, in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Stepping in to satisfy that need, Mr Thiraviaratnam launched the PSTS Shipping Agency, way back in 1940. His clients at the time were three liners –Mohammedi Steamship Co. Ltd., Apeejay Lines and Gill Amin & Co. Ltd.



Capt R Narasimhan, Director – Operations & Commercial, Apeejay Shipping Limited, congratulating Mr. T. Udayasankar, Chairman & Managing Director, PSTS during the celebrations.

True to his credo of 'Growth by Matching and Exceeding Customer Needs', he went beyond leading his company, to lead a delegation of the Tuticorin Port Development Council to New Delhi, to meet the then Prime Minister of India Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in 1958. This meeting paved the way for Tuticorin to be recognised as Tuticorin Major Port.

A man committed to translating his commitment to satisfying customers' needs, Mr Thiraviaratnam was keenly involved in securing the Outer Harbour Project for Tuticorin, in order to accommodate the ultra large ships till he breathed his last on June 17, 2007.

MILESTONES OF PSTS



Mr **PSTS Thiraviaratnam** as a secretary of Tuticorin Harbour Development Council, along with the delegates met Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and requested for a deep water port in April 1958. **PSTS** was the Agents for the very first vessel **MV Chennai Ookkam** that berthed at new Port of **Tuticorin**.

To mark the occasion, Mr Thiraviaratnam tied the mooring rope around the bollard signifying the berthing in 1975. In January 1989, PSTS obtained license to provide Stevedoring service in the Port of Chennai.

For his contribution, Mr Thiraviaratnam was named the "Father of Tuticorin Port" by the then Chairman, Tuticorin Port Trust and was felicitated by the Union Minister of Shipping & Surface Transport-Mr TR Baalu in Dec 2006.

The Company had handled 28 vessels in a single month with diverse cargo across the Ports of Chennai, Kattupalli, Karaikal and Tuticorin and broke the earlier record -the highest in the history of PSTS in Nov 2015.

WISHES FROM TOP HONCHOS OF THE INDUSTRY

To congratulate the PSTS Group for celebrating its 75th Anniversary, several captains of the industry from the region as well as from Kolkata and Mumbai were present.

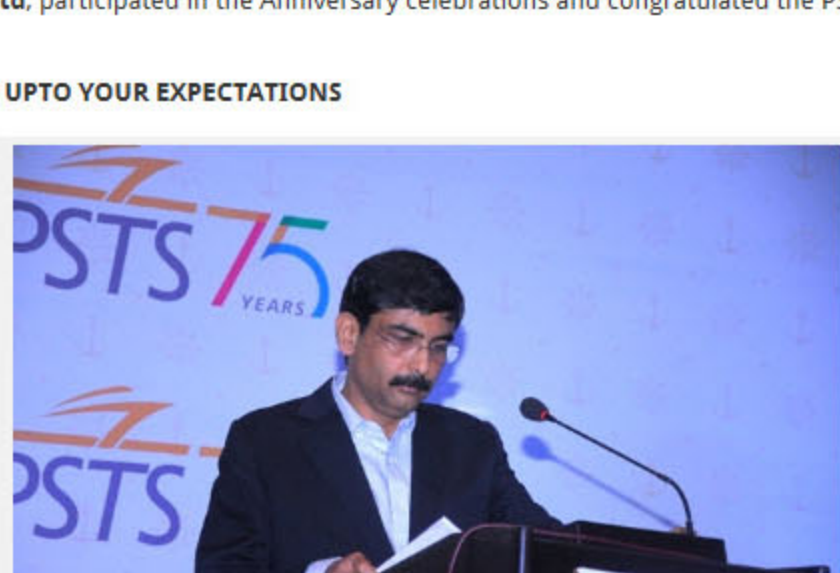
Addressing the elite gathering, **Mr S. Anantha Chandra Bose**, Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust (Tuticorin Port), said, "On behalf of V.O. Chidambaranar Port, I warmly congratulate PSTS Logistics on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary. During its expansive history dating way back to 1940s, PSTS Logistics has grown from strength to strength and has been a frontrunner in providing Integrated Logistics Solutions to the EXIM community across the country."

Mr Bose stated: "The unreserved growth shows PSTS Logistics' commitment not only towards timely, professional, organised and customer service-oriented services but also the association it had with the origin of Tuticorin Port and its development over the years."

"As you celebrate this important milestone, I hope you will look back on what you have accomplished with joy and pride and look to the future with renewed hope and confidence, Mr Bose added.

Besides the VOC Port Chairman, the other top honchos from the industry including, **Mr GRK Reddy, Chairman and Managing Director, Karaikal Port Private Limited, Mr M.A.Bhaskarachar, CMD, Kamarajar Port Limited and Chairman (additional charge), Chennai Port Trust, Mr Cyril C. George, Deputy Chairman, Chennai Port Trust, Mr N Vaiyapuri, Deputy Chairman, Paradip Port Trust, Mr.R.Muthu Manoharan, Vice President (Operations), SPIC, and Mr G.J. Rao, (Director-Ports), Adani Ports and SEZ Ltd**, participated in the Anniversary celebrations and congratulated the PSTS family.

PSTS WILL LIVE UP TO YOUR EXPECTATIONS



Mr. J. Ganeshram, Jt. Managing Director, addressing the gathering.

In his acceptance speech, **Mr. J. Ganeshram, Jt. Managing Director**, said that the vision of his grandfather has become a passion for the new generation in PSTS management. He also sought the trade's continuous patronage to PSTS. Mr V. Arjun Sankar, Executive Director, proposed vote of thanks.