

Karaikal Port achieves record per day discharge of 27,000 tonnes fertiliser cargo

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South India's fastest-growing maritime gateway, Karaikal Port Pvt Ltd (KPPL) has registered highest average per day discharge rate of 27,000 tonnes of fertiliser cargo.

The consignment that arrived on Supramax vessel- M V Murgash was imported by Indian Potash Limited (IPL) with a shipment size of 40,000 tonnes of Mureate of Potash (MOP). The vessel completed her cargo discharge and sailed out from the port in minimal time. By efficient way of cargo handling, KPPL could achieve the best average discharge rate per day.

"Karaikal Port serves prime fertiliser companies such as IFFCO, IPL, SPIC and concentrating to handle more fertiliser consignments in future," said K Muralidharan, CEO of KPPL.

KPPL is geographically positioned in Central Tamil Nadu coast and close to delta regions of Cauvery and Vaigai basin. It is the most suitable port for importing fertiliser cargo to cater to farmer's requirement in the region. KPPL is well connected with all destinations by road and rail with sufficient availability of trucks and continuous supply of BCN wagons from Southern Railways for evacuating cargo. The port has the potential to handle 2 million tonnes of fertiliser cargo per annum with its dedicated modern infrastructure and resources.

"The port, through its efficient operations wants to be the primary fertiliser import port of the region and ensure timely supply to the farmers. By choosing KPPL, government will also save in subsidy with reduced transportation cost," said Muralidharan.

Since its inception, KPPL has handled over 70 million tonnes of cargo and over 2,000 commercial vessels. In the next few years, the port is expected to add new cargo flows to increase its cargo handling capacity to 40 million metric tonnes per annum by 2025.