



PLASTIC WASTE

Trash booms bring relief to choked canals

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- GERMAN TECH**
- Venture undertaken with Plastic Fischer, a German social enterprise
 - Trash-boom systems are floating barriers to trap plastic waste
 - Amayizhanchan canal, Killi river and Ulloor waterbodies cleaned

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WITH concerns over plastic pollution continuing unabated in the capital, the corporation has been grappling with the challenge of curbing plastic waste from choking the city's rivers, canals and drains. In an accomplishment of sorts, the civic body, in collaboration with Plastic Fischer, a Germany-based social enterprise, removed over 600 tonnes of plastic waste from local waterbodies over the past two years -- though it also served to underscore the severity of the crisis.

This was achieved using innovative trash-boom systems -- floating barriers designed to trap plastic waste -- across canal networks and rivers including Amayizhanchan canal, Killi River and Ulloor Thodu.

In light of the effectiveness of trash booms, the civic body is planning to deploy two more such systems at strategic locations along the Amayizhanchan canal near Rajaji Nagar -- one of the critical hotspots. Abraham Thomas Renjith, project manager at Plastic Fischer, said that trash booms collect an average of 25 tonnes of plastic per month from waterbodies in the capital city.

"At present, we have employed around 24 individuals and the trash booms have been deployed at critical locations. In some locations, the waste is removed everyday," he said.

The project was implemented in Thiruvananthapuram with support from Allianz, Mangaluru, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Kanpur and Varanasi are the other cities where Plastic Fischer is implementing similar projects. "We are getting a lot of enquiries from other cities within Kerala," said Abraham. "Fencing the canal network to prevent dumping of waste proves to be ineffective," he added.

An official of the health wing of the city corporation said that trash booms prove to be very effective. "It's a very successful model that can be replicated by other cities and local bodies. We continue with our fight against plastic but rooting out plastic completely is impossible. Though we have strengthened waste collection and enforcement, there is no decline in the generation of waste," said the official. The official said that trash booms will be deployed in more locations, especially the river basins in the immediate future.

K S SREEJITH @T'Puram

AT a time when the Congress is claiming former Chief Minister Oommen Chandy as the architect of the Vizhinjam International Seaport Ltd (VISL), the first CEO of VISL -- Dr Jayakumar -- has said that the credit must go to former Ports Minister M V Raghavan for having worked tirelessly to realise the dream.

"M V Raghavan, as ports minister, was the mastermind behind realising a detailed project report for the port project and forming a company," Jayakumar told TNIE.

"Credit must also go to this LDF government and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan for implementing the project overcoming all obstacles, like cyclone Ockhi, floods, and arbitration."

MVR had handpicked Jayakumar, who has an MTech and a doctorate in ocean engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, while working with the harbour engineering department.

He said the idea of developing a deep water port at Vizhinjam evolved during the period of 1994-95, at the time of the Karunakaran-led UDF government.

"MVR was the ports minister. The harbour engineering department submitted a project report in March 1995. An MoU was signed with Kumar Energy Corporation on a BOT basis to implement the project. However, due to a lack of progress, it was later cancelled," Jayakumar said.

In the 2000-2005 UDF government led by A K Antony, MVR was again

put in charge of ports. "For the first time, a DPR was prepared for the development of Vizhinjam with private sector participation. That has worked as the base project report till now. It was under MVR's initiative that a special purpose vehicle (SPV) under the Company Act was formed. Later, the SPV was converted to VISL and I was appointed the first CEO," he said.

Further, Jayakumar said the first global notification for the development of the port was issued on January 19, 2005, by the UDF government.

"Though the state government approved a bid by a consortium led by Kaidi Electrical Power Company, China, and Gamon India Private Ltd in February 2006, the then Congress-led government at the Centre denied security clearance. Had the Union government given security clearance, the port would have materialised then," he said.

Jayakumar also said that it was a big surprise for him when the Chief Minister's Office called him in 2016 after the Pinarayi Vijayan government assumed office.

"I had already taken voluntary retirement from service and was not part of VISL. But the CM asked me whether I would like to work as the CEO of VISL. I said yes as it was a passion for me. The LDF government has successfully implemented the project without losing further revenue to the state and by avoiding arbitration. The credit of executing the project rests with this government," he added.



SCRAMBLE FOR SEAT

People rush with chairs to secure their place during the dedication ceremony of Vizhinjam International Deepwater Multipurpose Seaport at Vizhinjam in Thiruvananthapuram on Friday | B P DEEPU

Vizhinjam had strong Gujarat link in the distant past: M G Sasibhooshan

SHAN A S @T'Puram

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi during the commissioning of Vizhinjam International port on Friday japed that Gujarat might get upset seeing the Adani Group building a massive port here-something they have not done back home despite being engaged in port construction there for the past three decades. However, it seems the Prime Minister was oblivious to the fact that ancient Vizhinjam already had a

strong Gujarati connection via Ay-vel dynasty, which ruled parts of South Kerala till 10th Century AD and had the port town as its administrative capital. According to Kerala Historian M G Sasibhooshan, the forefathers of Ays were Gujarati princes.

He said two of the Ay rulers, Karunandattakann and his son Vikramaditya Varaguna, paid special attention to Vizhinjam and the latter addressed himself as lord of Vizhinjam, revealing the strong attachment

he had with the place. "Vizhinjam was very dear to the Ay world," he said. Gujarati merchants too frequented the harbour those days and as per experts, they played a major role in spreading civilisation to South India and Sri Lanka, Sasibhooshan added.

"There is a saying that history repeats itself. It's a coincidence that by partnering with Adani, history has repeated the connection it had with Gujarat a 1000 years ago," Sasibhooshan said.

Sankara Jayanti fete to conclude today

T'Puram: The Sree Sankara Jayanti celebrations, organised by the All-Kerala Brahmins Association, will conclude on Saturday. The venue is the Sivaparivara Prapancheshwara temple. As part of the programme, Udakasanthi was held on May 1 and Samashti upanayanam on May 2. The Sankara Jayanti meeting is at 4.30 pm on Saturday.

Man gets 47-year jail term for child abuse

T'Puram: A 41-year-old man was sentenced to 47 years of rigorous imprisonment by the fast-track special court for sexually abusing a minor girl, who is physically-challenged and a close relative of the accused. The convict has been identified as Rajeev and his other details are being withheld in order to protect the identity of the victim.

Man gets life term for murder

T'Puram: The Additional Sessions Court, Thiruvananthapuram, was given life sentence and 23 years of rigorous imprisonment to a Vettoor native, who was found guilty of fatally hacking a woman and injuring her daughter-in-law near Vakkom in 2016. Nazimudeen, 44, sentenced for murdering Shahina and injuring her daughter-in-law Jasiya.

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the below mentioned Borrower and Co-Borrower, or their legal heirs/representatives (Borrowers) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd. (TCHFL), the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of TCHFL, will be sold on 20-05-2025 on "As is where is" & "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" and without any recourse basis" for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrower and Co-Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below. Notice is hereby given that, in the absence of any postponement discontinuance of the sale, the said secured asset / property shall be sold by E-Auction at 2.00 PM on the said 20-05-2025. The sealed envelope containing Demand Draft of EMD for participating in E-Auction shall be submitted to the Authorised Officer of the TCHFL on or before 19-05-2025 till 5.00 PM at Branch address TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED, Ground Floor, Jain Tower - II, NH-17, Near Lulu Mall, Edappally, Cochin 682024, Kerala.

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