

**PONDICHERRY MULTIPURPOSE SOCIAL
SERVICE SOCIETY [PMSSS]**

A Report of the

**INAUGURATION OF THE RENOVATED
PLATFORM & DRAINAGE SYSTEM**

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**INSTALLATION OF PFZ/GPS DIGITAL BOARD IN
CUDDALORE O.T. HARBOUR**

Held on

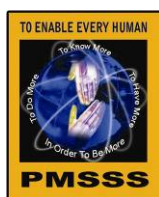
Tuesday, 20th February 2007

at

Cuddalore O.T Harbour, Cuddalore

Under the auspices of

Information Communication Technology



The Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes Mr.M.R.K. Panneer Selvam arrived at 4.00 p.m. with Mr.Iyyappan, M.L.A. Cuddalore, Mr.Thangaraj, Chairman, Cuddalore Municipality accompanied by Commanding Officer Mr. Somasundaram, Indian Coast Guard Station, Puducherry, Mr.Balakrishnan Nair, Senior Scientist, represented Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)Hyderabad.



The program commenced with a Prayer song. The Hon'ble Minister Mr. M. R. K. Panneer Selvam unveiled the inauguration stone of the Renovated Platform and Drainage System. He also inaugurated the PFZ/GPS Digital Board.

Mr.Balakrishnan Nair of INCOIS in his speech congratulated PMSSS and their donor agency Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for the existing work done through the Village Information Centres set up in 20 villages in Puducherry, Cuddalore and Karaikal. He also said that he was proud to be part of this program for installing the Digital Board first of its kind in the country and to be associated with an Organization which was working towards improving the status of the fisher folk and extending more benefits through Science and Technology.



With the help of GPS (Global Positioning System) he gave information concerning sea level, wave heights, wind speed and its direction, weather details and information on the Potential Fishing Zone (PFZ) displayed in the digital board. The added



advantage is that this information is given in the local language to benefit all the fisher folk engaged in fishing activities. Moreover, the Display Board has provision for a Siren which is used for Tsunami alert.



The Minister, Chairman and the M.L.A. appreciated the good work done by PMSSS and the efforts taken to renovate the Platform and Drainage System and also to install the Digital Display Board. They requested Fr. Ratchagar to install a similar Display Board in Devanampattinam so that more villages could

be covered and the fisher folk from the surrounding areas could also benefit from the information given from INCOIS.

Fr. Ratchagar in his speech thanked the Government officials of Cuddalore for all the help and cooperation extended, INCOIS Hyderabad for sponsoring the Digital Board and appealed to the people to take good care and maintain the Board as it has been installed for their benefits.



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