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'VCT has natural Depth of 16.5 m alongside - The deepest amongst Indian Container Terminals'

Mega / Ultra Mega Food Parks in Andhra Pradesh



Visakhapatnam, the city of destiny is the hub of marine products exports and has been the number 1 Port in terms of dollar value for three consecutive years. There has been a Year on Year growth of 25% in the reefer market through Visakhapatnam. To augment this further, Andhra Pradesh government is planning to set up three types of Food Parks in the Sunrise State.

1. Integrated Food Park (IFP)
2. Mega Food Parks
3. Ultra-Mega Food Parks

To make it happen, the First exclusive & unique Aqua Mega Food Park facility was set up in the West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh and is in the process of construction which will facilitate the processing of Marine Products followed by another Mega Food Park is also been set up in the West Godavari district which is also under construction. The first one is M/S Godavari Mega Food Park in Tundururu Village, Bhimavaram Mandal, West Godavari district in 57.81 acres. The unit has the core processing facilities such as: Pre-Processing Line for Fish & Shrimp created by developer at Central Processing Centre (CPC) with capacities 1.54 TPH of both Shrimp & Fish. There are also Freezing Facilities, Cold Storages for Fish & Shrimps, Block Ice Plant etc. The cold storages have 2000 MT capacity for Fish and 1000 MT for Shrimps. The food testing laboratory set up is of state-of-the-art enabling infrastructure. For primary processing and storages near the farms of catchment benefit they have a common administrative building at Amalapuram and Karlapalem of East Godavari & Guntur districts which will benefit the farmers.

In 100 acres of land, a construction is on of M/S APIIC Mega Food Park which has core processing facilities like: Cold Storage, Ripening Chamber, Warehouse, Packing Unit, Aseptic Pulping Line,

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Data Centre Park in the Port City



The port city which is the hub of various industries like Ferro, Pharma, Marine Products etc., is now adding another feather to its cap with an upcoming Data Centre Park which is planned to be built near Kapuluppada, Visakhapatnam. Information is wealth and the key to success and in today's technological world data protection is Equally Important too. To combat fraud, theft of data the cloud technology has come into the picture which is in high encrypted format with excellent fire walls in place refraining the leakage of data. There is huge transformation of data that takes place in the world every second whose security is always at risk where such big data is stored in large servers as a back-up.

To maintain large data under strict surveillance and protection, a mega Data Centre Park is planned to be set up in the city of destiny. An MoU was signed between Adani Group and the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for a setup of 100 percent renewable 5-Gigawatt Solar Park which is first of its kind with three 1-Gigawatt data centres. The total investment estimated is INR 70,000 crore out of which INR 40,000 crore to be invested on Data Park Centre and INR 30,000 crore on renewable energy infrastructure. The park will develop the hyper-scale data centre market positioning the state as the hub on the East Coast of India and South East Asia.

The entire project is estimated to be completed in next 20 years where the first phase is to be done in next 18 months and immediately after signing MoU the group has started the ground breaking as well. The total land allocated to set up the unit is 500 acres.

To setup the renewable energy park there will be a huge requirement of Solar Panels, modules etc., that is also expected to be imported from major manufacturing clusters like China, Indonesia, Malaysia etc., through the closest gateway in the vicinity of upcoming data centre park, Visakha Container Terminal.

VISITORS AT VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL



(2nd from Left) Mr. Michel Bernard Azrak, Regional Director, (Left) Mr. Ajay Kumar, Head-commercial - India, (2nd from Right) Mr. Thevarpiran, Head commercial- south - East India & (Right) Mr. Felix Thakur, Head- Commercial (East India, Vizag & Nepal) from APL India Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 07.02.2019



(Left) A.H.K. Srikanth, Branch Head & Mr. Durga Prasad from Hellmann Worldwide Logistics India Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 11.02.2019



(4th from Left) Mr. Vishambhar Saran, Chairman, Visa Group, (3rd from Left) Mr. Debasish Chakrabarti, Wholtime Director, (2nd from Left) Mr. Satapathy, DGM, (Left) Mr. Gurudutt Chincholkar, Asst. Manager, (2nd from Right) Ms. Shweta Shukla, Executive, Asst to Chairman & (Right) Mr. B. Shankar Rao, Sr. Officer from Visa Minmetal Ltd., Visited on 14.02.2019



(2nd from Left) Mr. Abhijeet Sinha, Sr. Manager, (3rd from Left) Premanshu Shekhar, Sr. Manager, (Right) Ms. Soumya Saloni, Sr. Manager from Tata Steel Ltd., along with (Left) Mr. Arijit Mazumder, Branch Manager from TKM Logistics Ltd., Visited on 15.02.2019



(Right) Mr. Lokesh Rao, Officer – Purchase & his colleague from International Paper APPM Ltd., Visited on 19.02.2019



(2nd from Right) Mr. Gaurav Kumar, AGM, (Right) Mr. Balaji Iyer, Sr. Manager, (2nd from Left) Mr. Sonu Sharma, Branch Manager & (Left) Mr. Raju Biswas, Sr. Executive from ONE (Ocean Network Express) Line India Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 19.02.2019



(Right) Mr. Roger Yu, Operations Owners Rep. (Middle) Mr. Steven Chou, Operations Owners Rep. from Wan Hai Lines India Pvt. Ltd., & (Left) Mr. Prasad, Branch Manager from Omega Shipping Agencies Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 26.02.2019



(Middle) Mr. Ajoy Bagchi, General Manager, (Left) Mr. Vishal Gupta, Sales from Zim Integrated Shipping Service India Pvt. Ltd., & (Right) Mr. Vasu, Manager from Focus Trans-Tech Shipping Pvt.Ltd. Visited on 28.02.2019

Investors eye Tier II & III cities to develop

Tier II & III cities have taken the driver's seat in the development of the country's economy over the prime cities. They are indeed generating new opportunities for retailers & wholesalers creating a strong economic base. The increased population, income levels, cost effective lands, expansion of cities, infrastructure facilities etc., are the prime reasons for their faster development. Investors from various countries during their survey found that investment in such regions will be profit generators. One such city identified by Singapore investors is Visakhapatnam, the city of destiny.



Investors mentioned that the port city has excellent features with better road, rail, air and sea connectivity that can be utilized effectively for a setup of new business. Bigger brands like Future Group, Aditya Birla's Pantaloons, GAP, Nautica, US Polo are paving ways to grow in a big way in this region with the kind of potential that is envisaged. Moreover, the online e-commerce platform related business foresees a huge business revenue break-through in these cities and its hinterland where they have plans in place to setup more warehousing facilities, logistics park to cater to the needs of the end users.

Business and leisure travel have been on the rise to and from these regions that has grown at a rate of 12 percent over the last year. Majority of the travelling out of these cities is on leisure trip showcasing the high generated income levels. Visakhapatnam which has the eco-tourism is one such city that has been attracting more tourist from various parts of the world.

While tourism in the city of destiny is increasing year on year, the business forums are also set up continuously creating avenues to more business from this region. Singapore, one of the fastest developing countries are keen to invest in this region Visakhapatnam because of the aforementioned opportunities.

Air Traffic on a rise @ Vizag

Visakhapatnam Airport, the busiest and the largest in Andhra Pradesh started its first civilian flight operations at Vizag in the year 1981 where there was a movement of one flight per day. The original run way 1800 m (6000 ft) long whereas the new run way is 3050 m (10007 ft) long. To accommodate medium-sized and wide body air craft another 45 m (148 ft) wide run way was inaugurated on 15 June 2007. The new terminal building was inaugurated on 20 February 2009 and became operational on 27 March 2009.

With 2 run ways in the airport, both domestic and international movements are handled effectively. From the range of 12000 aircraft movements per year that started in 2009, it as high as 20,000 aircraft movements in 2018. The passenger range too moved from 6,00,000 to 25,00,000 per annum.

While the domestic services are catered to major destinations like Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Raipur, Kochi, Port Blair, Delhi etc., there direct services towards International destinations. The air traffic to international destinations are increasing day by day.

Air Asia service to Bangkok & Kuala Lumpur, Silk Air & Scoot to Singapore, Air India to Dubai. Lot more services are poised to kick start from this region. The passenger traffic is continuously increasing complemented with cargo traffic as well. The city of destiny is all set and geared to witness growth in air traffic of passengers, cargo movement in multi-mode of rail, road, air and sea with all world class facilities available at the port city, Visakhapatnam.



Mega / Ultra Mega Food Parks in Andhra Pradesh

Aseptic Brick Carton, Filling, Packing Line etc., in Mallavalli village, Bapulapadu Mandal of Krishna district. M/S North Coastal Integrated Food Park Pvt. Ltd. is also in pipeline (37.89 acres) which is planned to come up in Vizianagaram district. This is specially for Dry warehousing facilities, Cashew De-Shelling Unit, Cold Storage is also available, Sorting/Grading Line, Tamarind Processing, Testing Laboratory, Boiler etc. Lot many other food parks, Mega & Ultra Mega Food parks are planned in the district of Vizianagaram the hinterland of Visakhapatnam. With these parks getting implemented and operational soon will open doors for new investments and big players moving into Visakhapatnam which is poised to witness a great increase of export and import traffic through Visakha Container Terminal. VCT which is equipped with excellent reefer handling infrastructure will be the ideal gateway to handle incremental business generated from the food parks be it in terms of marine product exports, cashew imports / exports and many others.

Road Safety Week observed @ VCT

Visakha Container Terminal (VCT) believes in “Think Safe, Work Safe & Go Home Safe”, Safety is the top priority at the terminal. Besides this, the organisation also stress on “Do it Right Way, Do it Everyday & Do it the Safe Way”. In relation to safety, VCT observed the Road Safety Week during 4th-10th of February 2019. As part of the programme, main areas where there is heavy traffic flow and the need of safety is at its peak, were identified in the city by the team of VCTians. At such junctions, the team VCT conducted awareness sessions on the importance of road safety. Placards were displayed which carried messages about wearing a helmet, seatbelt, follow traffic rules etc., and the word of safety was spread across.

The civilians who followed such safety guidelines of traffic were even recognized with a small memento for setting an example to others. The fact is that road safety awareness has become prime today to reduce the increased number of accidents. One of the placards read as “Our kids know better that one should wait at the traffic signal when there is red and move on green, be ready for orange”. It is indeed sad, that the children knew it better and the adults forget it faster. The theme of the programme was “Risk today and regret forever”. Thanks to the Vizag traffic police for the extended support without which this could not have been achieved. Post completion of sessions at the jam-packed areas, the team moved to schools for further spread of safety awareness. One such school is St. Aloysius High School located in the old city of Visakhapatnam. About 100 children participated in the event and made it successful.

At this age it is very important to educate them about the consequences of not following road safety guidelines as most of the young children are prone to under age driving, bike stunts, risky driving attitudes. A survey was also conducted with a set of questionnaires which displayed shocking results that about 45% of the children who attended the awareness programme replied “Yes” for a question “Had you anytime driven the two wheelers of your parents?” “Which bike would you like to ride when you are grown up (Selected 220 CC)?” respectively. During the week, awareness sessions for the ETV drivers at stake holders’ premises namely, SICAL CFS and VPL CFS and also at the pre-gate premises of VCT were conducted.



**SAFETY IS LIKE A LOCK,
BUT YOU ARE THE KEY.**

