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

Sea Food Exports reached horizons



For the first time in the history of Indian Sea Food Exports, the dollar value has crossed USD 7 billion mark during FY 18 against USD 5.77 billion in FY 17. In terms of quantity there has been a remarkable increase from 11,34,948 MT to 13,77,244 MT with a growth rate of about 21 percent. Andhra Pradesh state is one of the major contributors of the sea food exports comprising about 36 percent in terms of quantity. Both USA and South East Asia have retained their positions as major import markets of Indian Sea Food with a share of about 33 percent and 32 percent in dollar terms followed by Europe: 16%, Japan: 6%, Middle East: 4% and China: 3%.

With this increasing trend Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) is aiming to reach the mark of USD 10 billion by 2022. There has been a good competition with Vietnam and Thailand coming back into the Shrimp exports from their respective countries, however India continues to be the number one in Sea Food Exports where Visakhapatnam has been occupying top position in terms of dollar values for three consecutive years.

The Port City Visakhapatnam is the hub of Marine Product exports and has witnessed a Year on Year growth of 26% with Visakha Container Terminal (VCT) being the gateway of these exports. While VCT is all geared and up for the spike with enhanced reefer infrastructure, the trade – Exporters and Shipping Lines too are also set to export through their preferred gateway Visakhapatnam. The production capacities have been increased by the exporters and the Shipping Lines have increased their fleet of reefer containers to meet the demand. Visakhapatnam is therefore poised to witness the growth.

Rise in Demand of Indian Non-Basmati - China Plans to Import



India is the world's largest rice exporter where Andhra Pradesh is the hub of Agriculture Products which is also called as the "Rice Bowl of India". With China aiming to open doors for Indian Non-Basmati, it is time for the country and the state to be all set to handle the incremental business. During the last year the Chinese official team visited India and have inspected 19 mills and approved 14 plants that can export as when the market opens. There is another team of Chinese officials expected in the month of July for further inspection as there is huge demand of rice in China.

In FY 18 India Shipped about 126.85 lakh tonnes of rice valued USD 7723.11 million of worth USD 3358.11 million against USD 2533 million in FY 17. The non-basmati primary markets are Benin, Bangladesh, Senegal, Nepal and Sri Lanka from India. With this huge potential available in the country, both India and China have come to an agreement on the non-basmati rice. Under the pact, the shipments will comply with Chinese plant quarantine laws and regulations. After the Chinese team officials visit, it is expected that the shipment of rice to China will start very soon. The exported rice will have to be free of soil, seeds of weeds, paddy hull, loose bran and any of plant debris of rice.

While the Philippines market to import rice from India is in the pipeline, the Chinese market now have welcomed the Indian non-basmati too. The demand of rice from India is continuously rising and is expected to increase further. Visakha Container Terminal (VCT) with 2 direct services a week to China is poised to be the automatic choice as the export gateway for this cargo.

VISITORS AT VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL



(2nd from Right) Mr. Surya Babu, Director & Team from Farm Direct
Visited on 02.06.2018



(Left) Mr. Raju Satyanarayana, DGM & Mr. Ch. Venkateswar Rao, Sr. Manager-
Material from from LG Polymers India Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 02.06.2018



Mr. Srikanth, General Manager from Himadri Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.,
Visited on 05.06.2018



(Left) Mr. Pushpamitra Mishra, Railway Co-ordination from Hindalco
Industries & Mr. Arka Chakraborty, AGM from Western Carriers India Pvt.
Ltd., Visited on 08.06.2018



Family from Abhijeet Ferrotech Limited Visited on 09.06.2018



(Right) Mr. Sarpathi, DGM & Mr. Deepak Kushwaha, Marketing from
Visa Minmet Ltd., Visited on 20.06.2018



Mr. Partha Choudary, Regional Manager & Mr. Mohan from
Safmarine Visited on 21.08.2018



(Right) Mr. Sinu Jacob Korah, Manager- Sales & Mr. Himagiri, Asst.
Manager from Kuehne+Nagel Visited on 22.06.2018



Team From Vedanta Ltd Visited on 27.06.2018



(Left) Mr. Shantanu Varma, Head - Logistics (2nd from Right) Mr. Surya Lanka,
Head Container Management, (Right) Mr. Suresh, Sr. Manager Port-Operations
from Tata Steel Ltd., Visited on 28.06.2018



(2nd from Right) Mr. Justin Shen, MD, (Middle) Ms. Manjula Rajan, Regional Head from OOCL India Pvt. Ltd., along with Seaways group officials Visited on 20.06.2018



Mr. Shankar Menon, Director & Mr. Siraram, Branch Manager from Chakiat Shipping Services Pvt. Ltd Visited on 21.08.2018.

VCT Celebrates 15th Anniversary



Shri D. Srinivas, IRS, Commissioner of Customs



Shri JP Azad, CISF Commandant, VPT



Smt. T Indira, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner

The journey of VCT since its inception has seen various phases. Post inauguration of the terminal, the first phase witnessed challenges which normally any new establishment goes through. Vizag being a bulk port, the paradigm shift to containers from bulk handling was a new chapter in the success story of the port. As from the coal comes out the diamond, VCT started shining like a twinkling star in the second phase of its journey. History was created, records were written and rewritten too. “After big storm comes tranquillity and steadiness”. Post challenges at the initial phase there was no looking back since then for VCT with strong foundation laid through experienced and a very efficient team complemented by the modern infrastructure. VCT is now all steady and full set to break more records to reach the horizons.

The moment of recognition and time for celebration arrived on the day of VCT Anniversary which is on 26th day of June. Like every year, this year too, staff of VCT had put in their sweat and toil to make the event a memorable one. A governance structure was designed to streamline the process of celebrations. Every individual along with their respective team leaders had given the best for the success of the event. Three days prior to the event, blood donation camp was set up where many volunteers came forward towards the good cause. Thanks to AS Raja blood bank and the volunteers for supporting the cause of donating blood to save lives. The day of anniversary, kick started with Puja at the terminal which saw the august presence of Shri D. Srinivas, IRS, Commissioner of Customs Visakhapatnam along with his colleague Shri . G.R. Sharma, IRS, Asst. Commissioner of Customs Later during the day, the CISF Commandant Shri JP Azad, VPT, the Chief Guest, inaugurated the blood donation camp. Thereafter in the evening with wonderful lighting and a lovely backdrop complemented with decorations, the event started with lamp lighting, followed by prayer song and cake cutting. The Chief Operating Officer of VCT, Mr. Sushil Mulchandani addressed the gathering by taking through the journey of VCT and how the terminal aims to reach the 2 million TEUs capacity and clock high numbers.

VCT had the privilege of the presence of Smt. T Indira, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Visakhapatnam as the Chief Guest for the evening event. The Chief Guest addressed the VCTians and their families with interesting and wonderful short messages that emphasised on the word “Change” and asked every individual to bring in that “Change” to achieve one’s goals. Her presentation form was quite impressive as she conveyed messages with the help of alphabets covering the entire spectrum of life.

It was time for the audience to get entertained and the moment begun around 20.00 hrs IST. There were group dances, solo performances, songs performed by adults and children too. There were stellar performances all over, that attracted the spectator’s attention and they were spellbound. Not to forget the children were equally entertained with a magic show too. The whole programme was a great success filled with fun, frolic, entertainment & amusement. It is indeed another moment of great event that would be cherished by every VCTian.

World Environment Day - Beat the Plastic Pollution

Plastic Pollution across the globe is increasing affecting the environment badly due to its non - degradable property. India being one of the fastest-growing economy in the world is facing the issues of plastic pollution as the consumption is quite high. To combat the plastic pollution, the government of India has come up with a theme “Beat Plastic Pollution” on the World Environment Day. In line with the government’s thought process, Visakha Container Terminal along with AP Pollution Central Board conducted a Green Rally at RK Beach represented by other stake holders, school children, industrial representatives and general public. The rally was to create awareness in the public and the news was spread across in the mode of personal interactions with the bystanders, slogans and many other means. A pledge was also taken by the VCT and contract employees during the day which was aimed to propagate the theme among the VCTians.

I as a responsible citizen of the country, hereby take a pledge:

- I will reduce usage of plastic as much as possible and avoid single use plastic products.
- To do my part to spare our oceans from plastic pollution and take responsibility for plastic waste,
- I will dispose plastic in a responsible way and avoid pollution of land & water bodies.
- Will abide and follow the universal theme “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle”
- Will also take responsibility of creating awareness among the personnel around me.
- I will be faithful to the environment which I live in and pay back whatever I can in the perspective of saving the environment from degradation “Today Tomorrow and also in future!!!!



VCT CFS the Safest to Store Bromine ISO Tanks

VCT CFS has been providing the “ONE STOP SOLUTION” to the trade ever since its inception for varied cargoes. Going an extra mile for specialised cargoes has been the hallmark of this CFS, one step towards establishing this is handling Bromine ISO Tanks at the facility. The bromine ISO tank handling requires additional measures to be taken by any establishment which is directly or indirectly involved in transportation or stowage of the same to ensure safety of men and material. VCT CFS has been instrumental in developing the best world class infrastructure with regard to safe handling of Bromine. The bromine ISO tanks storage is well segregated from other IMDG cargo as per the segregation chart and stored only two high for laden & three high for empty as per the requirements. Bromine ISO-tanks are also to be kept separately from any other flammable chemicals (class 3) by at least 20 feet width.



Impressed by the facilities here, one of the largest suppliers of Bromine ICL-IP - (DSBG), Israel intended to conduct safety audit for handling and storage of this cargo at VCT CFS through their Indian counterparts M/s. Technochem. The Chief Operating Officer - Technical Services from Technochem on behalf of ICL-IP (DSBG) Israel, visited VCT CFS recently to carry out the audit and had appreciated the team in showcasing the safety standards. As part of the audit the technical documents that include Bromine Safety Handbook- 2016, Bromine storage recommendations, Transport Emergency card (TREM CARD) and Drivers Loading Check-list were also shared. Additionally few important recommendations were also cited by M/s. DSBG which has been well established by VCT CFS as part of its commitment towards global business in line with the best safety standards. Overall the facilities available at VCT CFS was found to be apt and SAFEST CFS for storage of bromine ISO tanks.