



A Visakh Container Terminal Newsletter

Vaarthha

VCT – Deepest natural draft with 16.5 m

Issue No. 2/ Vol13 / August 2015

A new era of faster evacuation : 4 Laning Road from Port city to Chhattisgarh



Chhattisgarh in Raipur, the hinterland of Visakhapatnam is the hub for exports of Rice, Ferro Alloys, Steel and Seeds. It is also the hub for imports of scrap metal, power infrastructure, coal tar pitch and chemicals. There is a huge potential in this region for both exports and imports. Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road transport, Highways & Shipping along with Shri K Haribabu, MP of Andhra Pradesh is understood to be working in tandem to take this project forward.

EXIM fraternity would be greatly benefited by the enhancement of

road infrastructure. There are many industries which are already using VCT as a gateway and this venture will further boost more industries to look at Vizag as their preferred gateway terminal.

Shri Gadkari said that the government is also looking at the alignment of Vizianagaram bypass on NH 26 where the construction work will be taken up once the land acquisition and shifting of utilities are done.

Shri Haribabu took up the issue with the Central Government and sought funding for the project. "Visakhapatnam is the biggest city

[continued on page 3](#)

Independence Day Celebrations 2015: Visakhapatnam



For the first time, the Independence Day Celebrations took place at the city of destiny, Visakhapatnam post the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh. The port city has been growing in prominence by the frequent visits of the government officials in the recent times. The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh himself visited the steel city many a times on various agenda for the development of the coastal corridor, making Visakhapatnam the smart city, improving the infrastructure facilities etc.

Likewise other Ministers of the state and country have visited Visakhapatnam on various purposes. On the occasion of 69th Independence Day, Shri N Chandrababu Naidu unfurled the national flag on the seacoast of Visakhapatnam. This is indeed a great event witnessed by the port city.

[continued on page 4](#)

VISITORS AT VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL



(Middle) Mr. M. A. Xavier, Managing Director, Bamni Proteins Ltd., (right) Mr. Rahul Raman, Asst. Manager, Nitta Gelatin India & Mr. Gopal Rao, Manager, Chakiat Agencies, visited on 07.08.2015



(From left) Mr. Sitaram Rajamani, Dy. Manager, Ms. Ujjvala Sallan, Manager, Mr. Vamsi Krishan & Mr. Gopi Chand Balla, Manager, Goodrich Maritime Pvt. Ltd., visited on 12.08.2015



(From left) Mr. Manmohan Koner, Manager, Ms. Payal Naskar, Sr. Executive & Mr. Raju Biswas, Sr. Executive, Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (India) Pvt. Ltd., visited on 13.08.2015



(Left) Mr. Abhishek Agarwal, Dy. Manager & Team, Visa Steel Ltd., visited on 19.08.2015



(From Left) Mr. G.V.R. Mohana Rao, Managing Director, G. Pattabhiramayya Shipping Pvt Ltd., Mr. Herbi Selva, Chairman, Mr. Jinxian Jin, Director, Mr. Ivan De Almeida, CEO, Herbilan Shipping, visited on 22.08.2015



Mr. Christopher Harbottle, Asst. Line Manager, East Asia, X - Press Feeders, visited on 24.08.2015



(From left) Mr. Yutaka Sakanishi, Country Director, Mr. Shirish Dhamankar, General Manager, Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (India) Pvt Ltd., Mr. Venketaraman Krishna, Sr. Manager, Mr. Surajit Sarkar, General Manager, Forbes & Company Ltd., visited on 26.08.2015



(Left) Dr. P. R. Patnalk, Manager, Indian Rare Earths Ltd & Mr. B. Suresh, Sr. Executive, Orissa Stevedores Ltd., visited on 27.08.2015

Seafood exports to get a boost



Exports Inspection Council (EIC) of India, under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has field agencies that are called as Exports Inspection Agency (EIA) located across the country with a network of 30 Sub Offices (SO). The EIC & EIA are responsible for the quality control and inspection of notified commodities in India. In order to ensure the development of export trade in the country, the Council & Agencies were set up as per the Export (Quality & Inspection) Act 1963.

Visakhapatnam which tops in the exports of frozen shrimp in terms of value for the second consecutive year is all geared up to witness a big boost of shrimp exports with the state-of-the-art testing lab and office of EIA coming up in the port city. The foundation stone was laid on 21st Aug, 2015 by Smt. Nirmala

Sitharaman, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Commerce & Industry. She also mentioned that the EIC should get the building ready at the earliest by 2017. The ceremony was attended by Shri Ganta Srinivasa Rao, Minister for Human Resource Development, Government of Andhra Pradesh and Dr. K. Haribabu, Member of Parliament, Visakhapatnam and officers from local authorities, office bearer of seafood exporters association and several distinguished exporters.

It is indeed great news to the exporters that the facility is available in their vicinity and a full stop can now be put to send their shipment for inspection either to Chennai or Kolkata. The facility is coming up at Gambheeram, the outskirts of Visakhapatnam. About 1001 square metres were allotted for the project by the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (APIIC).

Visakhapatnam holds a share of 11 percent in the total quantity of seafood exported from the country and 11.03 percent share in terms of value. Largest seafood imports takes place in United States from Visakhapatnam with a share of 26 percent followed by South East Asia 25.7 percent, European Union 20 percent, Japan 9 percent, Middle East 6 percent and China 4 percent respectively.

Marine Product Export Development Agency (MPEDA) has set a target to double its exports to \$10 billion by 2020 as per the annual report released for 2014 -15. During the year India exported 10,51,243 tonnes with a growth of 6.86 percent. Visakha Container Terminal has witnessed stupendous growth in seafood exports that has been growing consistently year on year.

Visakha Container Terminal's (VCT) Commitment to Environment

Environment is regarded as one of strongest pillar which builds the reputation of industry in a global scenario. Gone are the days when environment was not taken into consideration for setting up industrial infrastructure. VCT's commitment towards environment has undoubtedly drawn the attention of the public which in turn aggravated the need for caring and developing our environment. VCT has always been at the forefront in conducting awareness programmes, participation in the events, greenery development, developing sustainable environment and undertaking environmental projects, etc. The recent developments in VCT are installation of energy management system to monitor the usage of energy by the equipment and facilities of VCT, lighting of pinning station using solar panels, use of energy saving light fixtures, reduction in paper usage, developing greenery inside the terminal premises, etc.

VCT has moved a step ahead in spreading the eco-friendly surroundings outside the premises too. On 26th August, 2015 VCTians launched the sapling plantation at Sagar Nagar Park, Sagar Nagar in Visakhapatnam. The plantation in this region is under phase I and the phase II will be plantation drive at various areas of Sagar Nagar.



There is another upcoming project in pipeline that VCT would initiate which includes canteen waste management, a feasible solution to manage food waste generated by VCT Canteen under Environmental Project with minimum impact on environment.

A new era...

[continued from page 1](#)

in the truncated Andhra Pradesh and has the major port on the East Coast which is equidistant from Chennai and Kolkata. Further, the city also has an international airport where the cargo terminal is expected to be operationalised soon. He proposed the four-laning work to be done on war footing basis as it would make Visakhapatnam easily accessible for the industries located in North Andhra, Odisha and Chhattisgarh. He pointed out that many industries abutting the NH-26 also will benefit from the decision. The NH-26 would also connect to NH-16 between Chennai and Kolkata which would eventually be part of the Vizag-Chennai-Industrial-Corridor.

New container freight station at Visakhapatnam

VPL Integral Container Freight Station (CFS), a Joint Venture between Vizag Profiles Group and Integral Trading & Logistics was set up recently in Visakhapatnam. The CFS was inaugurated by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Commerce and Industry (Independent Charge) Govt. of India on 20th August, 2015 at Visakhapatnam.

The CFS was set up in 11 acres out of total 40 acres, with a future expansion plan. At present, the CFS has a handling capacity of 4,500 TEUs.

According to the Minister, Centre's plan to develop the Visakhapatnam - Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC) would help the city to become a logistics hub. With Visakhapatnam port, the state-of-the-art container terminal, relatively good rail and road connectivity and international flight connectivity, the city is emerging as a happening city. Adding to that for the first time, Visakhapatnam would soon become the venue for International Seafood Trade Fair and not only that, ministry has now declared Visakhapatnam and Bhimavaram as centres for Export Excellence said Smt. Sitharaman



Independence Day...

[continued from page 1](#)

Shri Naidu took the salute and reviewed a colourful parade on Ramakrishna Beach road, in perhaps the first such celebration on the coast by any state. As many as 16 contingents of state police, home guards, National Cadet Corps and others participated in the march past. The city was decorated beautifully on the special day. Police made elaborate security arrangements for the event from Ramakrishna Beach to Palm Beach Hotel. Andhra Pradesh, which had celebrated the first Independence Day after bifurcation in Kurnool, chose this port city for the main official ceremony this year.

There were 21 tableaux showcased at the event to highlight the rich culture of the state and various development and welfare schemes of the government. Display of ships anchorage and Helicopter-fly past by the Indian Navy was the special attraction of the event. The tableaux stood as the attraction for the event by reflecting the state's VISION & MISSION. Abolishing Poverty, Education, Irrigation, Women empowerment,

Smart cities, Improvisation of Medical facilities, Tourism, Port led Development, Horticulture, Afforestation, Solar Energy, etc., being the major agendas of the state, are looked upon by many for the initiatives to be implemented soonest at a very large scale.

Visakhapatnam, the city with a major port, Waltair (the 4th largest division of 70 railway divisions) which is proposed to be upgraded to a New Railway Zone, tourism facilities, established IT and Pharmaceutical industries apart from Special Economic Zones; Public sector units including defence establishments like Eastern Naval Command, National and International flight connectivity apart from having the natural advantages is set to be the Growth Engine for the state.

Visakha Container Terminal under the Aegis of the Visakhapatnam Port Trust is entrusted to deliver its best in this process to support the growth at a rapid pace.

VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL

ISO 9001 : 2008, ISO 14001 : 2004, OHSAS 18001 : 2007, ISO 28000 : 2007 compliant company
Opp. Town Hall, Beach Road, Visakhapatnam - 530001 | T: +91 891 2589888 / 2550966 | F: +91 891 2739765

