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

International Fleet Review (IFR) – United Through Oceans

'AHOY...HELLO...NAMASTE VISAKHAPATNAM'



Visakhapatnam the port city added another feather to its cap after the CNS Admiral R K Dhowan announced Indian Navy's plan at the Curtain Raising ceremony to conduct an International Fleet Review (IFR) on 14 October, 2015 at New Delhi.

Visakhapatnam situated on the Eastern Seaboard was nominated as the ideal location to host the International Military Exercise from 4 – 8 February, 2016 with an objective to enhance mutual trust and confidence with neighbouring navies.

This is the 11th review of IFR but marks the second time in India and first time in Visakhapatnam. The first IFR took place in 2001 at Mumbai that saw 29 countries in attendance. However this time the IFR witnessed 52 countries at the city of destiny.

The Indian Navy plays a key role in ensuring the safety and security of India's sea lanes of communication. This is important since India is a net importer of energy. The Navy also plays a key role in the evacuation of Indian nationals from war zones, including in Yemen recently.

The series of events that were conducted during the IFR are as mentioned:

4 February, 2016

Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu paid homage to the martyrs near "Victory at Sea" Memorial, Beach Road, Visakhapatnam in the presence of Admiral R K Dhowan, the Chief of the Naval Staff,

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AP – The Fastest Growing State

Andhra Pradesh achieved a growth rate of 10.5% in the gross state domestic product (GSDP) for the current fiscal year withstanding the revenue deficit of Rs. 16,000 Cr. during the bifurcation of state in 2014. In his first year in the office, Chief Minister, Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu's efforts in achieving this is a no mean feat. With this kind of growth trajectory, the nation is looking upon A.P to contribute significantly for it to achieve and maintain the status as the "fastest growing economy". Therefore the CM with his team of District Collectors now focuses on inclusive growth rate to achieve 15% by 2016-17.

The growth contribution for the year came largely from the agriculture sector which registered 8.40% growth while the industry grew at 11.13% and services at 11.39%. The marine products export is on a rise with an increase of over 15% year on year.

The SEZs in Andhra Pradesh (AP) have generated an export turnover of Rs. 7883.50 Cr. during the 2014-15 fiscal and generated employment for 53,622 people attracting investment of Rs. 23, 252 Cr. so far.

The SEZs in AP are mostly related to the pharma sector, textile, apparel as well as granite and leather. Entrepreneurs can explore the opportunities for setting up their units in the existing SEZs and developers of major SEZs like APSEZ, VSEZ and JNP SEZ are also providing infrastructure facilities for interested companies.

During these testing times when the country's export growth is decreasing, exports from the hinterland of Visakhapatnam on the contrary have been exhibiting an increasing trend. With inherent advantages as the 2nd ranked state in ease of doing business, Vizag ranked as the



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VISITORS AT VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL



(Middle) Mr. Kapil Modi, Chief Operating Officer, (left) Mr. Amit Singh, Manager and Mr. Mohan Agarwal, Manager, CTA Logistics, visited on 02.02.2016



(Middle) Mr. K.D. Shetty, Managing Director, (2nd from left) Mr. Naveen Shetty, Executive Director, (2nd from right) Mr. Jeekshith Bantwal, Director (extreme right) Mr. D'mello Don Ignatius, Branch Manager and other representative from Bhavani Shipping Services (I) Pvt. Ltd., visited on 10.02.2016



(Middle) Mr. Rahul Bhalla, Branch Manager, (right) Mr. Sundeep Mahenderkar, Manager-Sales and Mr. Himagiri, Asst. Manager-Sales, Kuhne + Nagel Pvt. Ltd., visited on 17.02.2016



(From left) Mr. P.A.S. Srinivasa Rao, Sr. Manager-Sales, Mr. Tridib Sircar, Branch Manager, Hind Freight Services Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Dilip Kumar Choudhary, Head-Key Accounts, TKM Global Logistics Ltd., visited on 18.02.2016



(From left) Mr. Andrei Sharapov, Mr. Evgenii Barykov, Gamma Steel, Mr. Venkat Nalla and Mr. Ravi Kumar Sinha, Jindal Steel Ltd., visited on 23.02.2016



(Right) Mr. B. K. Gupta, President-Commercial and Mr. S.V. Giri, Asst. General Manager, Bhushan Power & Steel Ltd., visited on 24.02.2016



(Right) Capt. S K Chugh, Chief Executive and Capt. Prasad Sharma V T, General Manager, Cosco (India) Shipping Pvt. Ltd., visited on 04.02.2016 to have a first-hand report of the market here and commence their services soon from East Coast of India but more importantly establish their presence in Visakhapatnam.



(Middle) Jiro Tanida san, Managing Director (left) Mr. Ivan Saldanha, GM-Sales & Marketing and Mr. Ahmed, Branch Incharge, NYK Line (India) Ltd., visited on 16.02.2016 to explore new avenues of business for NYK India and enhance their market share on the weekly main line service - TSC connecting east coast of India and Thailand directly.

International Fleet Review (IFR) – United Through Oceans

Vice Admiral Satish Soni, Flag Officer Commander-in-Chief Eastern Naval Command along with Commanding Officers of visiting foreign navies.

Maritime Exhibition and IFR Village were inaugurated with a theme of “MAKE IN INDIA” showcasing the potential and innovation of the youth of the nation.

5 February, 2016

An opening ceremony, the curtain raiser event was conducted at INS Satavahana Stadium during afternoon hours.

6 February, 2016

The IFR was conducted by the Supreme Commander of Indian Armed Forces, The President of India which comprised over 75 frontline ships and marines off Visakhapatnam, a combination of Naval Warships from Indian Navy. He also reviewed the Indian Naval Air Arm. On leaving harbour, the President's Yacht weaved through the 70 ships at anchorage off Visakhapatnam port. A spectacular fly-past was conducted as a part of the static review of the Fleet.

7 February, 2016

A spectacular International City Parade was marched across the RK Beach of Visakhapatnam along with Operational Demonstration of Indian Navy which was a sight watched by 6 Lakh people and the feats/stunts performed by the navy personnel was ingenious.

8 February, 2016

Closing ceremony of the IFR-2016 was done by the Joint International Band Concert.

As the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi noted in his speech at the IFR, the Indian Ocean is one of the most important waterways of the world and through it traverses “half of the world's container traffic and close to one-third of the world's cargo traffic. We seek a future for the Indian Ocean that lives up to the name of SAGAR – Security and Growth for All in the Region.”

Today the oceans have become a source of Economic Prosperity. Over 90% of merchandise trade is carried by Oceans. Over the last 15 years, its value has gone up from \$6 Trillion to about \$20 Trillion.

For the economic growth of merchandise trade, oceans are the red carpet and so they are critical for the Global Energy Security too. Indian Navy's tireless effort towards safeguarding the national maritime has been incredible and in recognition to this commendable achievement and to bring in harmony with all the nations' navies coming together – United through Oceans, this IFR was conducted in the city of destiny.

Visakhapatnam being the headquarters for the Eastern Naval Command and the Port City's significant contribution to Indian trade made the city a centre stage with a message of co-operation to the friendship. The event marked the importance of Visakhapatnam and has truly put the “Jewel of the East Coast” on the global map, making it the ideal investment hub.

Infrastructure Mission Brings Down U.S. Delegates to Vizag

Visakhapatnam, the largest city in the state of Andhra Pradesh and 3rd largest on the East Coast of India, popularly known as ‘Vizag – The jewel of East Coast’ emerged in the top 10 cities among 98 cities in the country in the very first round of Smart City challenge. The development of Visakhapatnam as a smart city would be built by Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) with the help of Government of United States of America (USA), Department of Commerce, United States Trade Development Agency (USTDA) and United States EXIM Bank.

A team of US delegates visited the Port City comprising 18 US companies on the name of – SMART CITIES INFRASTRUCTURE MISSION TO INDIA, along with companies ranging from engineering, construction, smart grid, water & wastewater technology, clean energy and project management firms in smart city project works across the world.

The programme was scheduled from 4-8 February, 2016 where the team visited Visakhapatnam, New Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai.

This is indeed an exciting period in US – India relations. In 2005, bilateral trade totalled around \$30 billion whereas the number now stands at \$104 billion. Various top class companies representing industries for creating the infrastructure which includes energy management, engineering projects, water sustainability & purification, security solutions, food processing, healthcare, hospitality, banking & financial etc. were in the city to sign the MoU and provide necessary aid in constructing the SMART CITY for a better living.



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5th cleanest city in the country and a Smart City tag would augur well for this Sunrise State to attract more investors and make it their preferred business destination.

Visakhapatnam, therefore as the engine of growth is expected to contribute substantially to the target of AP that in turn would catalyse the expected double digit growth rate of India.

Coastal Corridor – A Growth Engine For The State

The Andhra Pradesh (AP) government has decided to convert the entire coastline highway into four-lane. The proposed highway would be linking the external national highway between Kathipudi (East Godavari Dist.) and Ongole (Prakasam Dist.) at both ends which would result in connecting all the 9 coastal districts from Srikakulam to East & West Godavari districts, Nellore via Visakhapatnam.

The parallel highway to the existing national highway of Chennai-Kolkata is being looked as a growth engine for the state's economic turnaround and envisioning massive investments into port and tourism based industries. Although the state has a coastline of about 970 km, the proposed highway will be taken-up in the phased manner under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) basis.

The state government intends to take up the land acquisitions concerned to the coastal corridor wherever required. The highways will be connected in such a way that it attracts massive private investments into tourism, marine and petro-chemical industries along the coast with an idea of connecting ports like Bhavanapadu (Srikakulam) and others in Andhra Pradesh to Visakhapatnam, the deep sea port which is ideally suited for facilitating transshipment.



General Evacuation – Emergency Drill

There have been many situations across various industries in the past where the staff get stuck/trapped at their work stations during emergencies due to lack of awareness and panic situation that resulted in serious injuries & life loss. After a series of major incidents and emergencies in industries it has become inevitable for all the establishments to train their employees “How to react spontaneously in real emergency situations” to save themselves and others too. Considering the potential emergencies, Visakha Container Terminal carried out a general evacuation emergency drill to bring in more awareness and situational reaction among the staff. The common practice during the drill is that the emergency siren is piped to alert the personnel for immediate evacuation. Post the siren initiation all personnel present inside the terminal premises rush to the nearest safe assembly points and give their roll call to the respective area-in-charges/fire wardens. The main gate is locked to ensure no person leaves or enters the premises during the exercise. The Roll call team takes the feedback from all the safe assembly points and other locations to match the head count with the biometric system. The Emergency control centre is manned by the Chief Emergency Controller and the specialist team takes strategic decisions from the control centre. Search operations are carried out for the missing personnel in case of any until the numbers are matched. Thereafter feedback is shared with all staff to understand the flaws and to mitigate the risks. These emergency drills are carried out every week to bring out perfection as the saying goes “Practice makes man perfect”. The emergency drills are also well acknowledged by the visitors (ETV drivers, Agents, vendors etc.) and stake holders.

The drills would definitely contribute to boost emergency teams' preparedness and assess the VCTians readiness to deal with every potential emergency to ensure the safety of lives and property.



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