

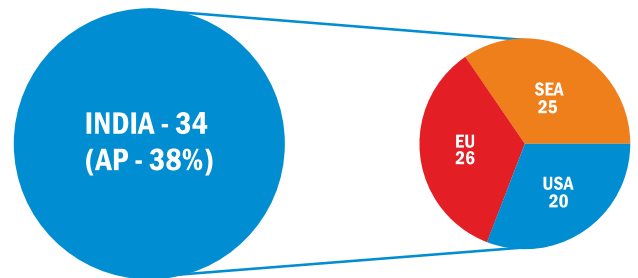


VCT tops in Seafood exports for second consecutive year



India continues to grow in seafood exports both in terms of quantity and value. The growth of Indian Seafood exports has shown a positive trend during 2014 - 15 by 11 percent over the previous fiscal. The country has touched about Rs. 33,441 crore in seafood exports during the fiscal 2014 - 15. In quantity India alone shares 34 percent of total exports and 67 percent in dollar value.

Of the overall seafood export, Frozen shrimps takes the prime position comprising 3,57,505 Tonnes valued about \$3.7 Billion. USA being the largest buyer of seafood products with 26% share followed by South-East Asia and European Union with 26% and 20% respectively. Frozen FISH being the second largest export sharing 29% in quantity and 11% in dollar value.



Growth of marine products at India continued despite the issues in the world market due to depreciation of Euro, weak economic condition in China and devaluation of Yen. About 75% of the exports came from Aquaculture and the rest from sea catch.

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VPT & NHAI combine for road's refine

Visakhapatnam is on the Golden Quadrilateral where Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT) / Visakha Container Terminal (VCT) have dedicated port road connectivity which is approximately 45 minutes

away from the National Highway. This helps in faster evacuation of cargo from the port and terminal to the customers in the hinterland.

For better efficiency and faster evacuation, VPT & National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) are coming up with a Rs. 100 crore port connectivity road widening project. Both VPT & NHAI would work as a joint venture (JV) to build the 4 lane road connectivity. The JV has decided to pick up equity of Rs. 20 crore each as part of second phase under special purpose vehicle Visakhapatnam Port Road Company Limited (VPRCL). For the remaining Rs. 60 crore the JV is planning to seek loan from financial institutes.



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VISITORS AT VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL



Mr. Rabindra Khoteja (left) and Mr. Bal Krishna Suwal, Khoteja Fresh Fruits, visited on 08.07.2015



Mr. Rohit Kumar Rai, Dy. Manager-purchase, International Paper APPM Ltd., visited on 16.07.2015



Mr. Susheel K. Tyagi (centre), Director, Worlds Window Wardha Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Lakshman Rao (right), Manager, CWC, visited on 20.07.2015



Mr. T. Pandu Ranga, Asst. Manager-Finance & Accounts, ITC Limited, visited on 20.07.2015



(From left) Mr. Indika Dassanayake, Commercial Head, Asia Pacific, APL Co. Pte. Ltd., Mr. Ajay Kumar K J, Head Commercial-India, Mr. T. Thevarpiran, Head Commercial-South & East India & Mr. G. Rajesh Kumar, Sr. Sales Representative, APL (India) Pvt. Ltd., visited on 21.07.2015



Team from Brandix, visited on 23.07.2015



Delegates representing Trina Solar, China, visited on 23.07.2015



Mr. Shamsheer Ahmad Siddiqui (2nd from right), Chairman, Evergreen International Limited along with APIIC delegation, visited on 28.07.2015

Kerneos moves on ...

Kerneos India Aluminate Pvt. Ltd., a French company with more than 100 years of existence in the Western and Asia Pacific regions is setting up a unit at Pudi Village near Atchutapuram Industrial Park in Visakhapatnam district. The company is an expert in the production of Calcium Aluminate technology with high quality and innovative specialty products. Kerneos has expanded into various fields like refractories, building chemistry, civil engineering, mining, pipes and wastewater.

The commercial production is more likely to commence within the next 24 months in the allotted 20.55 acres of land. Kerneos is making its debut in India near the port city. As per the current statistics, the consumption of Calcium Aluminate is at 50,000 MT per annum in the country and the estimated production capacity from this unit alone would be at 30,000 MT per annum. This new plant coming up is expected to benefit the local refractory exporters with a cost effective raw material.



Kerneos with its various range of products, indeed will be in a better position to pick up the market assuming that by 2026 India could reach about 225 million tons per year as per the capita consumption of steel. With the development of this unit, more exporters would be encouraged to play a vital role for refractory product exports apart from the existing players. Visakha Container Terminal would be the ideal gateway for this incremental cargo movement. With the steel industry presence at Visakhapatnam the refractory production unit's existence locally would be an added advantage for an enhanced steel production that will result in increased exports.

Andhra Pradesh - Vision 2020, VCT As Growth Engine

Andhra Pradesh (AP) that is known as an agricultural economy is now moving a step ahead to become the industrial economy. Post bifurcation, Visakhapatnam has been declared as the state's financial capital like Mumbai on the West. AP being the second largest in coastlines of the country has been flourishing quite well with 48 percent contribution in seafood exports. In addition, about 50 percent of Gas reserves of the country are majorly available in the state of AP.

There are various sectors in AP that play a vital role for the growth and development of the state. Cotton and Sericulture has been the strength of AP, VCT gets a significant share of container traffic from this segment and more to follow. The apparel city in the APSEZ, exports garments & fabrics largely through the state of art facility in Visakhapatnam. The city of destiny is also the Pharma hub with the presence of Ramky Pharma city in about 2000 acres along with a proposal for second Pharma city in the port city soon. Dr. Reddy's, Aurobindo, Mylan, Hospira, Laurus, Eisai and many others contribute about 30 percent of production that contribute to the exports.

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Andhra Pradesh contributes 38% of marine products in the country out of which 60% goes towards USA and the rest to Europe, South East Asia & Far East. Visakhapatnam once again stands first in terms of dollar value for the second year consecutively. Frozen shrimps continue to be the flagship product and Vannamei variety grown in aquaculture farms is the main item under shrimps that are exported in reefer containers from Visakha Container Terminal largely. This sector continues to grow year on year despite all the global challenges. Therefore, VCT has been constantly upgrading the reefer infrastructure in the terminal to meet the burgeoning exports demand.

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The proposals on elevated corridors in two parts has been put to the Central government under the Rs. 1000 crore Sagarmala project for direct connectivity and to avoid any possible congestion in future. With capacity enhancements envisaged in both VPT & VCT, the road movement is expected to increase multifold. The connectivity between the port road and national highway - 16 and the stretch thereafter will be highly advantageous for faster evacuation of cargo. The dedicated road corridors from the port / terminal to the national highway will allow seamless movement of trailers, trucks and other cargo vehicles to the hinterland at a much reduced transit time.

To cater to the needs of various industries like Pharma, SEZ, Steel Plant and others at Visakhapatnam, the government is likely to start a project of water supply that would be carried from Godavari to Eluru reservoir and then to Visakhapatnam. The project is about 404 million litres per day (MLD) that would come up at the port city.

The industrial revolution that is poised to take place in the state will result in enhanced production that would spur the growth in container traffic at the port city. Apart from the agricultural & industrial developments in the hinterland of Visakhapatnam, the service industries are also on the radar to grow providing the much needed fillip and impetus to the state government's "VISION 2020". Upon implementation of all the projects, Visakhapatnam is about to witness a great movement in cargo making Visakha Container Terminal as an ideal gateway.

AGRICULTURE

1. Rice
2. Dairy
3. Poultry
4. Horticulture
5. Fisheries
6. Agro-industry

INDUSTRY

1. Infrastructure
2. Construction
3. Garments
4. Leather Products
& Other Export-oriented Industries
5. Mining
6. Pharmaceuticals and Small scale Industries

SERVICES

1. Information Technology
2. Knowledge-based Services
3. Tourism
4. Logistics
5. Small-scale Services
6. Healthcare and Education.

Work at Height - Training workshop



Falls from height has been one of the major causes of the accidents worldwide. Work at height is to be well planned, analyzed and undertaken in safest manner to avoid fatal accidents. Almost 35% of workplace accidents happen globally due to fall from heights and personnel are still lacking in the expertise to carry out such work and behavioral culture that is much essential to ensure safe work. Yet again VCT had shown its strong commitment towards safety by recognizing the need of training the personnel from junior to middle level management who are directly associated in undertaking or supervising the work at height inside the premises. In line with the requirement, a one day training workshop was conducted by Mr. Md. Abdul Razzaq, faculty from Imperial International Safety Services (IISS) Global, Hyderabad for the employees of VCT on 24th July, 2015. Around 19 employees were trained in various aspects like hazard identification, risk controls, work plan, use of work at height equipment, rescue, etc. The training included theoretical sessions, practical sessions, learning activities, display of videos and many others. The employees actively participated in the training and updated themselves about the safe practices that must be implemented while doing any work at height. Visakha Container Terminal considers Safety as Sacrosanct and so the safety of its employees is the top priority

