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

State-of-the-art Container Freight Station (CFS) Inaugurated



VCT CFS Inaugurated by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways

Visakhapatnam's state-of-the-art container freight station, VCT - CFS was inaugurated on 18 August, 2016 by Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways in the presence of other noted dignitaries & ministers that included Shri Ganta Srinivasa Rao, HRD Minister, Shri Sidda Raghava Rao, Transport, Roads and Buildings Minister, Shri K. Haribabu, MP along with other MPs and local MLAs.

Visakhapatnam Port Trust Chairman Shri M.T. Krishna Babu, IAS led the delegation ably supported by the Dy. Chairman Shri P.L. Haranadh, IRTS and other port officials. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Shri C. Rajendiran, IRS and Shri Sudhakar Mishra, IRS, Addl. Commissioner of Customs also graced the occasion along with other senior officials from Customs.

The Visakha Container Terminal Container Freight Station (VCT CFS) located in the EXIM Park area of the Visakhapatnam Port Trust is a green field project setup in 34 acres with a capacity of handling 100,000 TEUs per annum. The facility is a 24 x 7 all-weather customs area with a strong IT backbone and is expected to bring in ease of doing business for its customers. The CFS has set itself high benchmarks for quality & efficiency. VCT CFS is another hallmark of excellence from the reputed JMB Group in the Centenary Year.

Visakhapatnam - The Additional Gateway for Nepal



Trade Meet at Nepal - Mr. Naindra Prasad Upadhaya, Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of Nepal addressed the audience

Traditionally Kolkata and Haldia have been the gateway of Nepal for their third country imports. With the increasing demand from the trade for an additional gateway, both nations signed the treaty recently allowing third country imports through Visakhapatnam also. Signing of LoE, paved the way to amend transit treaty after both sides laid down SOPs to regulate movement.

The Office of the Principal Commissioner of Customs, Visakhapatnam issued the requisite Public Notice (PN) No. 14/2016 on 03 August, 2016 for movement of goods transit through four customs entry points in Nepal : Baharaich-Nepalgunj, Birgunj-Raxaul, Biratnagar-Jogbani and Sonauli-Bhairahawa. Currently rail link is valid through Raxaul-Birgunj entry point only and other borders are open for road bound consignments including bilateral trade movements. The PN clearly lays down the procedure involved in handling a third-country import for Nepal through Visakhapatnam and the documents required for processing the CTD - Customs Transit Declaration. The detailed Customs SOP is available in the link <http://vizagcustoms.gov.in>.

The Nepal movements are more likely to be in rail, hence Container Corporation of India Ltd., Visakhapatnam has declared the rail tariff between Visakhapatnam (VZP) and

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VISITORS AT VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL



Delegation from US, visited on 04.08.2016



(Middle) Mr. Rohith Boda, Director and team, J.B. Boda Surveyors Pvt. Ltd., visited on 08.08.2016



(Middle) Ms. Divya Nigam, Sr. Logistics Coordinator and team, Vestergaard Asia Pvt. Ltd., visited on 11.08.2016



Team from TATA Steel and TMIL, visited on 18.08.2016



(2nd from left) Capt. Dhanamjay V Javadekar, Vice President-Operations, (extreme right) Mr. N Krishna Kumar, Vice President along with (middle) Mr. Vasu Menon, General Manager Logistics, MSC Agency (India) Pvt. Ltd., and Mr. Bobby Lawrence, General Manager, Samsara Shipping Pvt. Ltd., visited on 23.08.2016 to enhance their market share in Visakhapatnam especially on the dry cargo and maintain their strong position in reefer segment.



2 millionth TEU @ VCT

Yet another milestone of VCT by handling 2 millionth TEU since its inception that went on board ship, m.v. Frisia Goteberg on 24 August, 2016 at 01:24 HRS IST. With the burgeoning EXIM traffic, VCT is likely to cross many more such landmarks in the years to come.

India International Sea Food Show (IISS) @ Vizag



To make the process of seafood production efficient and to bring in appropriate culture exchange between the nations, the IISS is conducted in the country. IISS arranges a common platform by bringing the exporters and importers in various seafood sectors together under one umbrella. It is indeed one of the largest Seafood fairs in Asia. The first trade show was conducted in Mumbai and the last three were done at Chennai. Almost after 15 years, the trade show is now being organised at Visakhapatnam again because of its increased prominence in marine product exports.

Under the governance of Marine Product Exports Development Authority (MPEDA) and Sea Food Exporters' Association of India, the 20th IISS is scheduled to be conducted in Port Stadium at the city of destiny from 23 September, 2016 – 25 September, 2016. More than 300 stalls are expected to be arranged and about 3000 delegates from India and abroad shall be part of this event.

The theme of the event is **“Safety & Sustainable Aquaculture”**. The country's Sea Food Exports during 2015 – 16 was at \$ 4.7 billion and now targeting to reach \$ 10 billion by 2020. Vizag plays a vital role with high number of Sea Food Exports from its hinterland through VCT where majority of the products gets exported to United States followed by Europe, Haiphong, Japan and others. The port city is known for marine product exports that topped in two consecutive years 2013 – 14 & 2014 – 15 in terms of dollar value. To reach the target of \$ 10 billion, Vizag's contribution is immensely crucial. Considering the huge potential in the region, this show will be the right platform for many collaborations and huge investments laying the path for greater sea food exports through VCT.



20th IISS @ Port Trust Diamond Jubilee Stadium, Vizag.

Port of Antwerp meets the Port City

His Excellency Jan Luykx, Ambassador of Belgium, His Excellency Bart De Groof, Consul General of Belgium in Chennai, Mr. Luc Arnouts, Antwerp Port Authority Chief Commercial Officer, Mr. Marc Paelinck, Director Port Projects, Port of Antwerp International and Mr. Raj Khalid, India Representative visited the port city in August to explore and enhance the business opportunities between India and Belgium.

During their discussions with the Port Chairman of Visakhapatnam Port Trust Shri M T Krishna Babu, IAS, Shri P L Haranadh, IRTS, Dy. Chairman, VPT, Shri Vir K Kotak, MD, VCTPL and COO of VCTPL, they expressed that there is a huge opportunity to increase the trade between the countries and a direct container service should be planned making Visakhapatnam as their ideal gateway.

His Excellency Jan Luykx had also offered to share Belgium's expertise in water treatment, renewable energy and solid waste management. He added that Visakhapatnam is strategically located on the East Coast with immense opportunities where the bilateral trade between Europe and India is expected to rise. While interacting with the trade the delegates echoed their opinion that Visakhapatnam has quite a few similarities as Antwerp in the form of a vast hinterland and hence there is a huge potential to explore the inland waterways that has been the strength and distinct advantage of Antwerp despite being amidst other established European ports.



The delegation @ VCT



The delegation meet the VPT Chairman, Shri M T Krishna Babu, IAS

Visakhapatnam - The Additional Gateway for Nepal

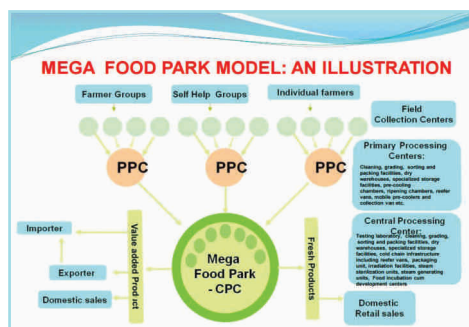
ICD Birgunj (IDBR) on One Way Load – One Way Empty basis and notified to trade on 30 June, 2016 vide their circular No. CON/IM/SCR/327(1) dated: 29.06.2016. The rail tariff is defined for both 20' & 40' containers as per the tonnage slab and is available in the link <http://www.concorindia.com>. With the declaration of rail tariff and Customs PN, Visakhapatnam is now all set to facilitate Nepal's third-country trade through the state of the art container terminal, VCT.

In this context, Government of Nepal (GON) officials visited the port city to assess the feasibility of using Visakhapatnam in June '16 meeting all the stakeholders involved in the business. Direct mainline services with well-established rail-road connectivity and the ease of doing business prompted the Nepal government officials to call for a meeting in Kathmandu and speed up the process of using Visakhapatnam as one of their preferred gateway ports.

Ministry of Commerce & Supplies organised this Nepal trade meet on 05 August, 2016 through one of their transport development wing, NITDB (Nepal Intermodal Transport Development Board) which regulates ICDs in Nepal. Dignitaries of India and Nepal governments along with private players aired their views on present difficulties and future opportunities. Dr. Som Lal Subedi, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Nepal, Mr. Chandra Prakash Ghimire, Secretary, OPMCM, Govt. of Nepal, Mr. Naindra Prasad Upadhaya, Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of Nepal, Mr. Laxman Bahadur Basnet, ED, NITDB and Mr. Ravi Shankar Sainju, Joint Secretary addressed the audience and discussed on current status of EXIM procedures, existing provisions, major issues and challenges for Nepalese traders. The Trade Meet was also attended by Mr. Vinaya Kumar, DCM, Embassy of India, Mr. Sharad Varma, CGM, CONCOR, Eastern Region and other Officials.

In the trade meet Indian officials affirmatively stated that Visakhapatnam Port is now ready in all aspects to serve Nepal bound cargo and emphasized the need to set up the Nepal Consulate General's office at Vizag very soon. NEFFA, Nepal Freight Forwarders Association who were part of the trade meet, reckoned that routing cargo through Vizag would be more cost effective than the present gateway and more importantly the efficient operations in Visakhapatnam would make their transactions hassle free. The model of two gateway port is certainly going to assist both countries to ensure ease of business for both India and Nepal.

Mega Food Parks in the hinterland of Port City



Agriculture contributes about 18% to India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and the production of food in the country is more likely to be doubled over the next decade. The rapid change in the demographics, lifestyle methodology and the consumption pattern of the packed food, canned and dried processing food along with meal replacement products, beverages etc., is driving in the need for Food Parks. The food parks have become a vital point between the farmers and traders. There is a lot of agriculture produce wasted in the country due to lack of food processing facilities. Considering the fact of requirement of such facilities, the government has come up with an idea to set up two Mega Food Parks (MFP) in India out of which one is likely to be in the hinterland of Visakhapatnam. These projects are strategically situated in the Coastal Economic Zones (CEZ) that will give boost to the trade. This new initiative will play a crucial role in bringing the synergies together from Vizag – Chennai

Industrial Corridor (VICIC) in the Northern Andhra Pradesh region.

The total project cost projected is Rs. 324 crore, out of which Rs. 188.88 crore is estimated in Andhra Pradesh. The proposed MFP is planned to be set up in Surampalem Village between Rajahmundry & Visakhapatnam. The Salient features of the park would include, 43 plots with bituminous roads, 5 MVA sub - station, Effluent Treatment Plants, 40 MT weigh bridge, 5000 MT multi chambered cold storage facilities, 15000 sq. ft. warehouse, Quality Control Laboratory, Research Station. About 20 entities have shown interest to the MFP facilities where Frozen Products, Fruits, Beverages, Milk based products, edible oil refineries etc., are planned to be set up.

Reefer containers movement has been recording an increasing trend of 14% YoY growth at Visakha Container Terminal (VCT). With this new set up, the refrigerated cargo movements would see a steep growth in the coming years.

Drip Irrigation System

VCT shows its commitment again towards environment with implementation of Drip Irrigation System in the terminal to save water. In the recent times there is a prominent outcry on water crisis around the world and lots of industries are now showing their commitment to environment too. Drip irrigation is a form that saves water and drips slowly to the roots of various plants either onto the soil surface or directly onto the root zone through a network of valves, pipes, tubing, and emitters. It is done through narrow tubes that deliver water directly to the base of the plant. It is chosen instead of surface irrigation for various reasons, often including concern about minimizing evaporation. It is a proven example where there is no requirement of electrical power or human resource for maintaining a thick belt of greenery as the system runs on gravity. The same kind of system is being planned to be implemented in other areas on progressive basis.



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