



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

International Customs Day @ Visakhapatnam



Lightening of Lamp by Dr. D.K. Srinivas,
Principle Commissioner of Customs

On 26th day of January every year the Customs celebrate the International Customs Day across the globe to commemorate the World Customs Organisation (WCO). The day is celebrated with a theme which is dynamic and this year the theme is "Customs fostering sustainability for People, Prosperity and Planet". Visakhapatnam has the presence of major port and is blessed with efficient & effective Customs that plays a significant role in nation building through revenue collection, trade facilitation and safeguarding the economic integrity of the country. Their jurisdiction is extended over Visakhapatnam Port, Airport, Gangavaram Port, VSEZ and are as under GVMC. As part of the celebrations under the theme Visakhapatnam customs along with its stakeholders celebrated the day at Kalavani Auditorium, Port Stadium in the city of destiny Visakhapatnam.

The function was presided by Shri M.V.V. Satyanarayana, Member of Parliament as the Guest of Honour. Dr. S. Surya Prakash, Vice Chancellor, Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University and Dr. D.K. Srinivas, Principal Commissioner of Customs, also presided over the meeting.



Dignitaries on dias @ Function

IEX's Fifth Partner YML's Vessel for Europe from VCTPL



Official from YML Line along with VCT Team

The IEX service is proving itself as a successful bridge between East Coast & Europe. YML one of the partners in IEX service had deployed its vessel m.v.YM FOUNTAIN for this maiden voyage to Europe from Visakha Container Terminal. The vessel m.v.YM FOUNTAIN called the terminal at 1530 hrs on 04.01.2020 and sailed on the same day at 2300 hrs, with a total exchange of 346 TEUs. This is in fact the completion of the first cycle of the service where all the partners witnessed the maiden voyages at the port city Visakhapatnam.

Hapag Lloyd along with the partners – COSCO, ONE Line, OOCL and YML has introduced a direct call to Europe where the service would start and turnaround from the city of destiny. The terminal team presented memento to the vessel's Captain and welcomed them to the city of destiny Visakhapatnam. Mr. Hank Chang, Managing Director – YML was also present at the ceremony onboard the vessel at VCT to welcome the call. The European service is estimated to have an exchange of over 1000 TEUs per call of both Exports Imports put together from VCT.



Mr. Anil Narayanan, Terminal Head Presenting Memento
to YM Fountain Vessel

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VISITORS AT VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL



(2nd from Left) Mr. Akhil Maheswari & Team from Nirma Company & (2nd from Right) Mr. Kapil Modi from CTA Logistics Ltd., Visited on 06.01.2020



Officers of Armed Forces from IIIT, Visited on 21.01.2020



Mr. Vivek Sharma, DGM from Vishwa Samudra Coastal Lines Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 21.01.2020



(2nd from Left) Mr. Neelesh Brahmaiah, Head – CW1 Product, (Left) Mr. Vincy Sebastian, Head - Compliance, (2nd from Right) Mr. Srinivas Battu, Asst. Manager & (Right) Pratap Byra, Asst. Manager from DHL Logistics Visited on 22.01.2020



Mr. Sandeep Gupta, General Manager from CJ Darcil Logistics Ltd., Visited on 23.01.2020



(Middle) Mr. Dharmendra Jain, MD & Team from Kalka Global Visited on 24.01.2020



(Left) Mr. Parikshit Nagpal, Sr. General Manager & Mr. Nabin Chand Boyed, Dy. Manager from Bothra Shipping Services Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 28.01.2020



Team from Sakku Spinning Mills along with (Right) Mr. Samanth Reddy Vangala, MD from Vangala Logistics Visited on 31.01.2020



(Right) Mr. Manoj S. Desai, Counselor for Commercial Affairs, (Middle) Mr. Theodore Immanuel, Office Director & Commercial Specialist, (Left) Mr. SibaPrasadaTripathy, Political and Economic Specialist from Consulate of USA Visited on 29.01.2020.



(Left) Mr. Sandeep, Manager - Commercial & Mr. David Shaun, Costumer Services from APL India Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 22.01.2020



VPT plans to set up an International Trade Hub @ Port City

The container traffic at the port city, Visakhapatnam has been consistent over the years since inception of Visakha Container Terminal. There are good number of Container Freight Stations to cater the needs of the trade, however what was lacking in this region were full fledged value-added services like packing, re-packing, labelling, knitting, bundling, palletizing etc. While the per capita income in Visakhapatnam and its hinterland is increasing consistently, the consumption of FMCG cargo, Electrical & Electronic goods etc., are on a rise too. These commodities are currently coming from the neighbouring ports of Visakhapatnam which adds cost to the consumer for the additional kms of transit. It will be in fact an opportunity to the logistics service providers and a breather to consumers that considering the huge potential available, Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT) has planned and proposed to set up a Free Trade Warehousing Zone (FTWZ) near the port EXIM part close to the airport which will be spread across 106 acres with an estimate of 500 Crore where funding is planned to be done by VPT & Sagarmala Development Corporation Ltd., (SDCL).



Visakhapatnam has the global connectivity to / from the Eastern Sea Lane & the Western Sea Lane where the main line services calling Visakha Container Terminal from both the corridors can act as a bridge to attract imports of aforementioned goods which can be worked through the FTWZ. Similarly, other spares of electronic goods like AC Panels, mobile panels, chargers, power banks etc., can also be routed through VCT into Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and other hinterland of Visakhapatnam. Fruit imports is yet another commodity that can be worked through the city of destiny, Visakhapatnam that comes from China & USA. The good news is that one of the big retail players with a group of channel markets is already entering into Visakhapatnam domestic market supply and had identified huge land for this process set up. With the initiation of the FTWZ, more international players, investors would eye to invest in this region that would in turn increase the container traffic movement through the ideal gateway on the East coast of India, Visakha Container Terminal of both EXIM and coastal movement.

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Apart from the staff and officers of the department, EXIM players, Customs House Agents, Custodians of cargo handling agents, representatives of several public sector enterprises also attended the event. Visakhapatnam Customs in line with the Ministry's current policy adopted various trade friendly measures such as submission of import/export documents online, Single Window Process, Direct Port Delivery, Document Identification Number and many more such initiatives. Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee disposes Refunds and Drawback claims and Grievances with in no time. Visakhapatnam Customs has been granted with BIS (Beureau of Indian Standards) Certification too facilitating faster clearance of electronic goods specifically..

Breather to Cashew Traders

The year 2020 laid a new ray of hope to the domestic cashew industry in Northern Andhra clusters. A notice issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade suspending the ad-hoc norms approved in July 2018 for the export of cashew kernels (wholes and pieces) against the import of shelled cashew kernels has brought cheer among cashew exporters from North Andhra.

Exporters were struggling to overcome a slowdown and recover losses caused by multiple cyclones on the east coast. There have been various complaints regarding misuse by some companies who dumped low quality cashew kernels in the country using loopholes and gaps in the system, forcing processors to suffer huge losses as the prices dropped to almost ₹ 200 per kg.



North Andhra, comprising Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam and Vizianagaram districts, has nearly 800 processing units of which some of them have shut down the operations due to heavy losses. The turnover in the region is estimated to be over ₹100 crore. Visakha Container Terminal has been the gateway to carry EXIM activities of this cargo on east coast of India. For the local consumption & foreign exports, the demand of cashew still continues where for the same purpose the imports of raw cashew are high while the domestic production supports the supply demand. The suspension of the ad-hoc norms decision will definitely boost up domestic cashew suppliers to come up with more cargo for exports. This will eventually increase EXIM to rest of world from the ideal gateway on east coast of India i.e. VCT.

VCT CFS handles OOG cargo

Yet another milestone achieved by Visakha Container Terminal – CFS. The first ever vehicle movement handled at Visakhapatnam by VCT CFS. M/s Raghavendra Shipping Services Pvt. Ltd. had come up with a shipment for loading Bharat Benz Vehicle 5528T - trailer prime mover on a 40 ft flat rack container. VCT CFS accepted to handle the shipment with open arms which was the first of its kind in Visakhapatnam. The initial shipment is of 4 TEUs consisting of 2 flat racks loaded with two vehicles on each flat rack. The vehicles were manufactured by Bharat Benz that got exported to the port of destination – Tanzania, Dar Es Salaam.

VCT CFS has the expertise in handling variety of cargoes be it loose, bulk, packed etc., complemented with few over dimensional cargo handling as well. However, this time it was not a usual case of handling a regular container movement. It needs better planning, proper expertise, skilled labour and obviously the implementation & execution. While it is quite challenging to handle such OOG cargoes, for VCT CFS it was an opportunity to prove its mettle and were successful in doing so.

VCT is always ready to accept new challenges as per the customers' requirement in order to provide complete satisfaction without compromising the safety norms.



OOG Cargo Handled @ VCT CFS



OOG Cargo Loading on Vessel @ VCTPL

Visakha Container Terminal

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