

## VCT Completes 19 Years Of Operation

Visakha Container Terminal completed 19 years of operation on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The journey was indeed quite challenging and VCT had to face many hurdles in the process, however, overcame them as one team. This would not have been possible without the support and patronage from the shipping fraternity. Family members of the employees have also given the support which enabled the continuity of the operations 24x7 despite tough times during the pandemic. Thanks to all VCTians, family members, stake holders, shipping fraternity, VPT and Customs for all the support provided during these 19 wonderful years.



Like always, the day started with "Pooja". This year too the celebrations of the success was done differently over virtual platform as we all know that social distancing is the main criteria for one's safety and VCT always gives top priority to safety. The talent of VCT family members was showcased in the form of Art, Singing, and Dance etc. Regardless of the situation, VCT yet again displayed high morality and oneness in making the anniversary celebrations a grand event.

## VCT Organises Blood Donation Camp

As part of 19th Anniversary, Blood Donation camp was organized at VCT – Terminal and CFS. The main reason to donate the Blood is to save a life so you must never think twice to donate blood. It is a sign of humanity. Blood Banks such as Gold Ribbon Cancer Kids Support Society which supports kids with Cancers, Thalassemia and other critical blood disorders, have huge scarcity of Blood as the Donors were not keen towards Donation.

There was an extensive Blood Donation Campaign for about 3 days where VCT team conducted interactive sessions with the HODs, Line Managers, Employees & Contract staff to sensitize the dire need of Blood to City and surrounding towns.

As a result of the campaign, there was overwhelming response from all the VCT employees and trade. 360 donors were turned up, out of which 253 members were qualified and donated blood there by helping 759 patients (1 Unit of blood serves 3 patients) with diverse Blood requirements.



This year VCT associated with Gold Ribbon Cancer Kids Support Society for supporting Child patients with Thalassemia and other Critical Blood Disorders who require blood transfusion at regular intervals and AS Raja Trust Blood Bank. Out of 253 Units, 71 units have been given to this Gold Ribbon Blood Bank which will be reserved for these children and remaining 182 units are handed over to AS Raja Trust Blood Bank which serves the general public. Infact one of the blood donated was instantly used for a critically ill child the same day of donating blood. Thanks to all the VCTians and the trade fraternity who participated and donated blood for this noble cause which is the need of the hour considering the situation we all are going through post pandemic.

### Highest Throughput Handled @ VCT

With strong determination to provide the best services to the shipping fraternity, Visakha Container Terminal once again achieved another milestone. VCT has clocked the highest throughput ever in the month of June '22 by handling 48652 TEUs. The previous highest throughput was handled in the month of Dec '21 with 48199 TEUs. Many more such successes are on the way to VCT where this would have always been a dream without the support of our customers. We would like to take this opportunity to "Thank You" for the continued patronage and best support.

### Highest Seafood Exports From Visakhapatnam

The global pandemic has affected the EXIM traffic quite badly which resulted in lockdown across the Nation. The imbalance of the trade is yet to revive completely. Despite the lockdown, the trade at Visakhapatnam continued to perform consistently with few crests and troughs in a few months. Among major ports in the country, Visakhapatnam port has stood first in seafood exports with a share of 26.5% in value in the financial year 2021-22. India achieved an all-time high in marine exports last fiscal. It exported 13.69 lakh metric tonnes of seafood worth Rs 57,587 crore. Andhra Pradesh accounted for 23.66% of the total exports from the country. In terms of value, the State registered 34.76% growth as it earned a revenue of Rs 20,019 crore through marine exports.

Visakhapatnam Port registered 11.87% growth in export of marine food as 2.41 lakh MT were exported compared to 2.16 lakh MT in the previous year. Krishnapatnam and Kakinada ports stood second and third in exports after Visakhapatnam port in the State.

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Visakhapatnam is the hub for Frozen Sea Food exports.

Central & Southern part of Andhra Pradesh especially the East & West Godavari belt has been the aquaculture hub where 90% of exports in reefer were generated is Frozen Shrimp of Vannamei variety. The US continued to be the major importer of Indian seafood in terms of both value and volume. Terminal has already set a perfect platform to this commodity export with its best in world class



infrastructure with adequate reefer plug points for uninterrupted power supply. With the expansion of the terminal more reefer plug points are placed to meet the growing export volumes.

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### Cordelia Cruise Ship @ VCTPL

Visakhapatnam the city of destiny and a place of attraction for several tourists is ready to showcase new development. The luxury Cordelia Cruise ship berthed at Visakha Container Terminal on 15th of Jun '22. The cruise, which sails along the Indian Ocean coast, travels through Visakhapatnam and Chennai.



The Cordelia Cruise sails from Visakhapatnam to Chennai and offers a tour package of three nights and four days. The ship can carry up to nineteen hundred people at a time and takes 36 hours to travel from Visakhapatnam to Chennai. The Cordelia Cruise has a total of 11 floors with several sophisticated facilities. The passenger lounge starts from the third floor after the engine and cargo and from there the elevator can go up to the tenth floor. The 10th floor has a large terrace-like deck followed by a special den set up specifically for watching sunrises and sunsets on the eleventh floor. It has also a large campus for children's games called the Cordelia Kids Academy, a gym, a swimming pool, a casino, auditoriums for comedy shows, theaters for new movies, and a 24- hour supermarket respectively.

Visakhapatnam being a tourist place which attracts large number of footfalls every day. Visakhapatnam is a perfect location on the east coast of India which is very well connected through Ocean, road, rail and air. Moreover, the terminal expansion will be an added advantage to handle the new projects like cruise by not hampering the main container EXIM activities. These developments will showcase new horizons for the development of new services where VCT would be ideal gateway having global connectivity.

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## CVI's Third Partner RCL's Maiden Vessel @ VCT

The CVI service is proving itself as a successful bridge between China – Vietnam & India. RCL one of the partners in CVI service had deployed its vessel m.v. Xutra Bhum for this maiden voyage to China & Vietnam from Visakha Container Terminal. The vessel m.v. Xutra Bhum sailed on 11.06.22, with a total exchange of 767 TEUs.

RCL along with the partners – PIL and IAL has introduced a direct call to China & Vietnam where the service would start and turnaround from the city of destiny - Visakhapatnam.

The port rotation is as follows: Visakhapatnam – West Port Klang – Ho Chi Minh – Ningbo – Shanghai – Chennai – Visakhapatnam.

CVI service will provide clients with better transit times and additional service options. This new service will be the gateway to the trade for direct shipments that would in turn create room for more container traffic from / to the city of destiny.

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## FTCCI Participated In Trade Meet Organized By VPA

Visakhapatnam Port Authority is putting its continuous efforts to support the shipping fraternity with the most possible way. VPA has organized a trade meet in Visakhapatnam on 10th of June 2022 @ Sagaramala Convention Hall. The trade meet was participated by Federation of Telangana Chamber of Commerce (FTCCI). Around 15 EXIM players from Telangana region attended this trade meet.

The Port of Visakhapatnam is very well connected to the Eastern Markets of China, Singapore and Far East. With the increasing demand in the EXIM trade to Far East, FTCCI has led a team of Telangana trade fraternity and visited Visakhapatnam Port to have a understanding of port operation and evaluate the potential.

VPA and FTCCI officials long with EXIM players from Telangana visited VCTPL in the first half of 10th of June '22. They were escorted for a terminal round wherein the Terminal operation was explained to them followed by personal interaction with Mr. Anil Narayanan, Terminal Head, VCT. In the Interaction it was discussed about the EXIM movement between Visakhapatnam & Telangana



## Visitors @ VCTPL



(2nd from left) Ms. Gayatri G, Group General Manager – CONCOR along with (Right) Mr. K Ramachandram, Mr. Amol Yamyar (Extreme left) Mr. Chandra Mouli Visited on 03.06.22



(2nd from right) Mr. Dennis Tso, Sales Representative, (Left) Mr. M Gunasekaran, GM - from Interasia Shipping, (from 2nd left) Mr. Bobby Lawrence, Branch Manager, Mr. Mohan Ipe, Regional Manager South (extreme right) Mr. Praveen, Sales from Abrao Group Visited on 04.06.22



Mr. Anshoo Pandey, IRTS, Director Traffic Commercial (Rates) - Ministry of Railways Visited on 06.06.22



(2nd & 3rd from left) Mr. Deepak Sarawagi & Mr. Kaushal Thakkar - Rushil Decor Ltd. (Right) Mr. Rajesh Sarangam (Left) Mr. Hrithik Sarangam - Raghavend Shipping Visited on 08.06.22



Team From Maersk Visited on 08.06.22



Delegates from Nepal Media Visited on 09.06.22



(From Left) Ms. A.Tasleema Begum, Mr. Johnsn Villavarayer & Mr. M. Ganesh Babu from Allcargo Logistics Ltd. Visited on 14.06.22



(From Left) Mr. Suresh Babu Ravipati, Mr. Amit Choubey & Mr. Sanjay Kumar Satapathy from Tata Steel Mining Limited Visited on 14.06.22