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

Longest Vessel @ VCT

The longest container vessel ever to call the Port of Visakhapatnam berthed at Visakha Container Terminal (VCT) on 20th November, 2015. The Singapore flag vessel m. v. MAERSK SEBAROK, as part of the CHX service of Maersk Line, has length overall (LOA) of 318 m and beam of 40 m and capacity of 6648 TEUs.

On this occasion, VCT organised a facilitation ceremony on board the ship where Shri PL Haranadh, IRTS, Dy. Chairman, Visakhapatnam Port Trust, attended as Chief Guest and handed over the Silver Salver to the Captain of the ship. While addressing the gathering, Shri Haranadh said that this is indeed the beginning of a new era at VCT that is all geared to envisage the growth undoubtedly. He congratulated the Marine Department of VPT, VCT management and Vessel Crew for making it a smooth affair. Capt. SS Tripathi, Deputy Conservator (VPT), VCT Officials and Maersk Line representatives were present during the function.

m. v. MAERSK SEBAROK was docked alongside the container berth with ease due to excellent marine parameters in the natural harbour of Visakhapatnam Port.

VCT located in the outer harbor of Visakhapatnam Port is blessed with a natural depth of 16.5 metres alongside,



channel depth of 21 m and the best marine infrastructure in the country. To encourage bigger size vessels, Visakhapatnam Port Trust is offering 50% rebate on the VRCs for vessels more than 50000 GRT and also to vessel services offering direct connectivity from Visakhapatnam to new ports of call.

Located in the centre of the East coast of India, VCT is an ideal gateway to the eastern sealane. With its uncongested capacity and infrastructure facilities to handle large container vessels, several main line services are now calling at VCT. It is gradually evolving as a transshipment hub in the region.

Visakha Customs House Agents Association (VCHAA)



VCHAA in order to support the advancements taken up by the Central Board of Excise & Customs to implement paperless functioning of customs activities has launched a

newly designed and a vibrant website - www.vchaa.com. This gives information to its members as well as to trade in all aspects of International Trade. The launch was done by Shri Sudhakar Misra, IRS, Additional Commissioner of Customs. Earlier to this event, The Principal Commissioner of Customs, Shri C Rajendiran, IRS, inaugurated a new office premises at the ground floor of the Customs House on 30th October, 2015 in the presence of all the office bearers of VCHAA and trade members.

The Association is a body of the authorised agents of Visakhapatnam Customs that was formed in 1974, who are engaged in clearance of Import and Export goods at Seaport and Airport of Visakhapatnam.

One of the main objectives of this association is to take up issues with the government for ease of doing business, also to put effective systems in place and remove all barriers of trade and commerce.

VISITORS AT VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL



(Left) Mr. Mohan Nambiar, CEO and Mr. Rupak Roychoudhury, Director, Sabooritech International INC, visited on 03.11.2015



(2nd from left) Pavan Kanth, Regional Manager, Mr. Gopaiah, Executive Engineer, Mr. Lakshmana Rao, Manager, Central Warehousing Corporation and Mr. Venkata Reddy, Managing Director, Srinivasa Transports, visited on 03.11.2015



Mr. Abhinav Agarwal, Country Manager-America, Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd., visited on 04.11.2015



(Middle) Mr. Praveen, International Paper along with Srivalli Shipping, visited on 06.11.2015



(Middle) Mr. Jayakumar Selvam, Manager, (left) Mr. Sridhar, Dy. Manager, Kerneos India Aluminate Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Feroz Shaik, AGM-Marketing, Seaways Shipping & Logistics, visited on 10.11.2015



(Right) Mr. G. Srinath, Dy. Manager, ITC Limited and Mr. Sravan, Director, Sravan Shipping, visited on 19.11.2015



(2nd from right) Mr. Ahmad Zaki, Manager, Readymix Concentrate, (3rd from right) Mr. P V Narasimha Rao, Director, (right) Mr. Narayana, General Manager, Mr. Srikanth, Executive, Invicon Fly Ash Pvt. Ltd., visited on 20.11.2015



(Left) Mr. Thomas Robert Calder, Australian Trade Commissioner and Mr. Ramakrishna Dastrala, Manager, Australian Trade Commission, visited on 26.11.2015



(Right) Lt. Col. M. F. Dastoor, General Manager, Darabshaw B. Cursetjee's Sons Pvt. Ltd., Mr. G. G. Rao, Manager, Chowgule Brothers Pvt. Ltd., visited on 24.11.2015



(2nd from left) Mr. Y. P. Sachdeva, Group General Manager, Mr. Hariram Rao, General Manager and Mr. B.S.R. Seshagiri Rao, Jt. General Manager, RITES Limited, visited on 26.11.2015

Food Processing Units @ Andhra Pradesh (AP)

Andhra Pradesh is rich in agro foods & food products. While the East & West Godavari regions are famous for Shrimps, Kakinada is known to be the rice bowl & Guntur is popular for chillies. Similarly Srikakulam, Palasa regions are major cashew producers. Considering the potential of these food products the AP government has come up with guidelines to implement special schemes under the AP Food Processing policy 2015 - 2020 offering various incentives / benefits to food processing enterprises being set up in the State. The setting up of these food processing units is expected to create direct and indirect employment for about 30,000 people in the state.

There are about 17 FPU identified in the hinterland of Visakhapatnam. 6 in Odisha, 4 in Chhattisgarh, 1 in Jharkhand, 4 in East & Godavari districts, 1 in Bobbili of Vizianagaram district and 1 in Gambheeram of Visakhapatnam. These are categorized as MFP - Mega Food Park, IA - Industrial Area, FP - Food Park, IE - Industrial Estate, PP - Private Park.

There are various schemes announced, called as the fiscal incentives that are categorized as Land conversion charges, Market Assistance, Transportation, Export incentives etc. These schemes are introduced to facilitate a setup of integrated food parks, mega food parks, ultra mega food parks, cold chains, agri / horti / dairy, meat production, modernisation of abattoirs along with units to process waste produced in food processing units (FPU) at identified clusters.



The policy of FPU features 'Ease of Doing Business', Skill Development Initiatives, Research & Development and Testing Laboratories. Government of Andhra Pradesh is also working to explore to set up Mango Development Board on the lines of commodity boards like Banana Board, Spices Board and Coconut Board etc.

The fiscal incentives announced ranges from 50% to 100% reimbursement of VAT / CST. These magnanimous schemes are expected to attract strong food processing industries in A.P backed by an efficient supply chain like the allied infrastructure in the form of cold chain and distribution centres. The upcoming logistics parks in Visakhapatnam soon would render the necessary back up for these units. The state of the art container terminal that has global connectivity provides the right impetus encouraging the food processing industries for increased EXIM traffic.

Debut of Sugar rake in VCT



Silk Road Sugar, Kakinada, exported Sugar to Myanmar for the first time from Visakha Container Terminal by rail. With

the excellent road and rail connectivity, the movement from Kakinada to VCT was seamless. This has been indeed both time saving and cost effective for the customer.

In fact the breakthrough helped the Silk Road Sugar to meet their customers' requirements in time using m. v. Herbilan Success as the Service provider to carry their goods as it calls directly to Yangon every fortnight from Visakha Container Terminal.

The terminal is all geared up and looking forward to handle more such cargo that can be exported with smooth and efficient logistics to reach the customer's expectations.

40 mm Anti Air Gun installed at Old Light House by VCT.

VCT restored the 59 foot old light house built in 1903 on the beach road to its original glory and dedicated to public by Shri MT Krishna Babu, IAS, Chairman of Visakhapatnam Port Trust in June 2015. VCT went a step ahead to add another feather to the cap to make it more attractive by installing 40 mm Anti Air Bofors gun (obsolete) which was acquired from Indian Navy recently. After reasonable spending to give it a facelift, the gun was installed successfully on 23rd November, 2015. History states that during 2nd World War, the then ruling British installed two Anti Air Guns beside the light house on elevated pedestals to retaliate the anticipated Japanese attack on Visakhapatnam Port. Subsequently, those guns were withdrawn but the reminiscent structures such as elevated pedestals and bunkers still remain at the location. It is said to be that the bunkers were used for shelter to soldiers and elevate pedestals to facilitate mounting of the gun and ammunition silo as well.



Lighthouse that once stood grandly on the shores of the East Coast, serving as beacons of hope for mariners is now developed as travellers' destination for Visakhapatnam tourist.

Seat Belt Campaign

Visakhapatnam is one of the fastest developing cities in the country where the trade and population are increasing day by day. With the increased population the usage of automobiles are on rise too.

Motor vehicle crashes are one of the serious causes of fatal injuries on roads. Seat belts are designed to limit the movement of the occupant that will reduce the chances of serious or fatal injuries. Wearing a properly adjusted seat belt reduces the risk of fatal or serious injury by up to 50%. With the advent of advanced technology, Seat belt reminder systems have been installed in all the latest vehicles to increase seat belt wearing rates, however human brain works faster than any machine hence the vehicle users have adapted a non-positive practice of keeping the seat belt connected from behind the seat. Poor machine does not recognize that the seat belt is neglected by the user.

The common excuses for not wearing a seat belt are:

- ❖ I am traveling only a few kilometers - Most road accidents happen close to home.
- ❖ I am a safe driver and generally drive vehicle with lesser speed- What if someone else who is driving fast crashes with your vehicle.
- ❖ Seat belt makes me feel very uncomfortable while driving- It is not about comfort it is for life.

Keeping the above facts in the mainstay, VCT team initiated a seat belt campaign to motivate the LMV and HMV drivers to put on the seat belt while driving the vehicles inside the premises of VCT. Team VCT promoted the positive benefits of seat belt use. Certainly there was a resistance during the initial stages of the campaign but gradually the campaign had brought an enormous change in the behavior of the end beneficiaries.

As part of the campaign, the personnel are being counseled to wear a seat belt always, irrespective of driving the vehicle inside or outside the premises of VCT. The campaign is in full swing and it is expected that it will create a stir in the minds of all the personnel who are a part of VCT.

Safety - There is no substitute to it. SAFE - Seatbelts Are For Everyone



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