

Vaaritha

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

Shipping (Secretary), Ministry of Shipping visits the port city

The port city's eminence has moved a step ahead with the visit of the Shipping Secretary Shri Rajive Kumar, IAS on 15th October, 2015. The port city has been attracting various officials from both state and central government to understand the potential and developments envisaged here.

Shri Rajive Kumar visited the Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT) to understand its progress in terms of performance during the last fiscal along with its future prospects. While doing so, he also visited the BOT operators of VPT during which Visakha Container Terminal (VCT) had its privilege of receiving Shri Rajive Kumar at the facility.

Shri Rajive Kumar was accompanied by the VPT Chairman Shri M T Krishna Babu, IAS along with various other dignitaries. The guests made the aerial view of the terminal to understand the infrastructure and the future expansion plans of the port.

The Shipping secretary also visited the lighthouse restored by VCT post terminal visit and suggested to open it to the public as a tourist destination.



The main agenda of Shri Kumar's visit was a prelude to the International Fleet Review (IFR) that would be conducted at the port city, Visakhapatnam in February 2016. A separate session was held in the later part of the day to discuss the challenges and way forward with all the BOT operators of the port.

Kothavalasa - Kirandul (KK) single line will be doubled



The Ministry of Railways gave its green signal to go ahead with the proposal of doubling the portion of Kothavalasa-Kirandul line. The current KK line is a single line which falls

under the Waltair division of the East Coast Railway (ECoR). The permission was given by the ministry as part of the fast track execution of 77 capacity augmentation projects under the railway budget 2015 - 16. The expected length of the total KK line is about 445 km.

From Kothavalasa (Vizianagaram district) to Jagdalpur (Bastar district) of Chhattisgarh the railways approved for doubling about 299 km stretch. In this stretch a part of it covers about 189 km from Kothavalasa to Koraput (Odisha) and the second part covers about 110 km from Koraput to Jagdalpur.

This is indeed a great initiative taken by the government in making the single line to double stretch as Chhattisgarh & Odisha are in the hinterland of the port city Visakhapatnam. Upon its implementation the cargo evacuation will be at greater pace than before and would facilitate seamless container movements by rakes.

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VISITORS AT VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL



Team from Starcast (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., and BWC Forwarders Pvt. Ltd., visited on 06.10.2015



Team from Brandix Apparel Solutions Limited - Essentials, visited on 06.10.2015



Mr. Debabrata Mitra, Regional Manager-Sales, Marine Container Services (I) Pvt. Ltd., visited on 13.10.2015



(Right) Mr. Vikyath Kumar, Director, Sales and Mr. Krishna Ettikala, Manager Sales Execution, Hapag-Lloyd India Pvt. Ltd., visited on 13.10.2015



(Left) Mr. Sajit Namboodri, Regional Manager-India South East, Sima Marine (India) Pvt. Ltd., and Mr. Jagannadh, Manager, J. M. Baxi & Co., visited on 14.10.2015



(2nd & 3rd from right) Mr. V. Sudarshan Rao & his Partner, VS Eximast, (left) Mr. BV Sarma, Lalitha Enterprises and Mr. Rajesh, Raghavendra Shipping, visited on 14.10.2015



(Right) Mr. Binod Bihari Sahoo, Dy. Manager, Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd., and Mr. Umesh Babu, Seaways Shipping, visited on 26.10.2015



Mr. Ashish Runthala, Central Coordinator & Head-FG Operations, Hindalco Industries Limited, visited on 17.10.2015



(2nd from right) Mr. Rabindra Agrarwal, IAS, Jt. Secretary, Shipping visited on 17.10.2015



(Middle) Mr. G. Ravi Kumar, Group General Manager (C&O), South Central Region, Container Corporation of India Limited, visited on 28.10.2015

Business with Bavaria in Germany

Bavaria, a state in Germany has been trading in terms of exports and imports from and to India since last few decades. It is located in South Germany and Munich is the capital of the state with 12.60 million population. It was considered to be the poorest state until World War II. With lot of determination among the locals and immigrants from India this state today is the biggest economy of Germany.

The Government agency representatives of Bavaria conducted an interactive session with the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) who are keen to invest in foreign countries to grow. The investment opportunities in the State of Bavaria are in the areas of IT, Manufacturing, Automotive, Infrastructure, Power, Engineering, Aerospace Agricultural, Forestry, Healthcare etc.



Bavaria's Global Trade (2014)	Exports: €168 billion & Imports €150 billion
Bavaria's Global Trade (Jan -June 2015)	Exports: €87 billion & Imports €78 billion
Bavaria's Total Global Trade (2014)	€318 billion
Bavaria's Total Global Trade (Jan June 2015)	€165 billion
Indo - Bavarian Bilateral Trade (2014)	Bavarian Exports to India €1.3 billion & Bavarian Imports from India €1 billion
Indo - Bavarian Bilateral Trade (Jan - June 2015)	Bavarian Exports to India €714 million & Bavarian Imports from India €571 million
Total Indo - Bavarian Bilateral Trade (2014)	€2.3 billion
Total Indo - Bavarian Bilateral Trade (Jan - June 2015)	€1.2 billion

Mr. John Kottayil & Mr. Sampath Kumar, the representatives of the Government agency from Bavaria invited the MSMEs from Vizag to explore the opportunities in the growing state of Germany. They highlighted the huge potential of bilateral trade between the countries especially between Vizag & Bavaria. This city in A.P was chosen because of the natural advantages it has and a major port that facilitates the trading between East Coast of India and Germany.

There were proposals of Angiogram set up to be done in Vizag considering the German health sciences being very strong. Siemens who is the equipment technology owners of medical sciences across the globe has shown interest to support Bavaria (German technology) to set up their medical manufacturing units at the port city, Visakhapatnam.

Visakhapatnam with a pharma city and a second one intended to be set up soon has proved its mettle as the hub of pharmaceuticals. With these allied industries mulling over to set up their facilities here would translate in to EXIM container traffic and thus exhibiting the signs of development for the city of destiny.

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The cargo potential in these regions is very high with Agri Products movement from Chhattisgarh and rich natural minerals movement from Odisha. Visakha Container Terminal (VCT) being the ideal gateway for both Chhattisgarh & Odisha is expected to envisage a multifold growth in cargo movement from these regions with this development.

VCT already has established rail connectivity to Jharsuguda in Odisha and ICD Raipur of Chhattisgarh into the terminal and now this doubling of railway line would allow more rakes to come in to the terminal without any delays en-route and a hassle free last mile connectivity.

Swachh Bharat & VCT

Visakhapatnam Port Trust in association with its BOT operators organized beach cleaning as a part of Swachh Bharat on 17th October, 2015 at RK Beach. The VCT staff along with VPT participated in the noble cause by cleaning the most visited tourism spot RK Beach area to create awareness on a sustainable environment which is now-a-days vulnerable to many hazards. All the non-biodegradable garbage collected from the beach was then disposed-off safely.

The programme was conducted under the supervision of the VPT Chairman, Shri M T Krishna Babu, IAS. He encouraged the participants especially the students



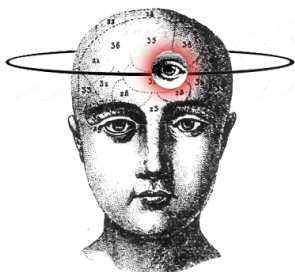
who are the future of the country to continue their efforts and ensure that every individual's locality to be kept clean to make our living areas garbage free and environment friendly.

Maiden rake service to VCT from ICD Raipur

VCT witnessed the maiden rake service from ICD Raipur on 20th October, 2015. This service would now pave way for a dedicated movement on a scheduled basis between the terminal and ICD Raipur to cater to the agri products and metal/mineral industries in the region



Third Eye Hazard Identification



Safety is considered to be the utmost priority at VCT. To break the routine methods of identifying the hazard, team safety of VCT came up with an idea of "Third Eye Hazard Identification". It is believed that the energy center of human mind lies at the unseen eye (third eye) which allows an individual to explore more than normal. The same was

taken into account and a competition of "Third Eye" was rolled out by team VCT. The idea behind the competition was to bring in team work, inculcate safety amongst the employees and to build a strong network to identify the hazards within the surroundings of VCT.

The first of its kind competition was conducted on 25th September, 2015. Three teams participated in the event namely Operations, Engineering and Rest of VCT. The participating teams observed designated areas for one hour and came up with identified risks, hazards and unsafe acts on a form given to them. The submitted forms were scrutinized by judges and the winning team was announced. It is planned to conduct this competition every month so as to cover all the employees. The hazards identified by the team members are being taken up on priority and action items are being generated to mitigate the risk involved in the hazards.

First ever gearless Panamax Vessel at Port City

m.v. Navios Centaurus the first ever gearless Panamax vessel, fully laden, berthed at Visakhapatnam Port Trust's inner harbour on 29th September, 2015 weighing 70,000 tonnes. The length and breadth of the vessel is about 229 m & 32.26 m respectively. In May 2013 the inner harbor was dredged up to 16 m to handle the cape size vessels. With the required marine parameters in place, the port is all set to attract more such large size vessels.



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