

Vaarthha

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

Maiden Rake To ICD Birgunj



After a long pursuit Vizag emerged victorious in hosting the first rake movement to Nepal. Indeed a historic moment for both Vizag and Nepal when a sustained effort from both sides unlocked the potential to commence a direct rake service between Vizag and Birgunj. The new product from Maersk to offer containers at the door step of importers in Nepal has fulfilled long cherished dream of Nepal trade. With Main Line services connectivity, the terminal is well positioned to handle Nepal cargo as transshipment product with much efficiency. Ground work for direct product started six months ago when Maersk Line came out with this strategy aligned with VCT's vision for Nepal trade. Maersk has gone extra mile to design an excellent product which is a first of its kind here on the east coast of India offering Bill of Lading till ICD Birgunj. On 6 June, 2017, history was created with first ever rake movement of 50 TEUs to Nepal from Visakhapatnam.

Relentless efforts put in by Maersk Line team to make this happen is worth appreciation and VCT complemented it with able support. Srivalli shipping played an important role to clear the CTD (custom transit declaration), the most essential document for Nepal's transit cargo. Right from collection of necessary documents, clearance from embassy of Nepal & Vizag customs and eventually clearance from the land customs station at the border was well orchestrated by Srivalli Shipping.

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Food Parks In AP



The Sunrise State Andhra Pradesh is considered to be the Land of Opportunities where Agri and Marine products are abundantly produced and exported. Raw Cashew imports are high in Northern Andhra where the processing of the cargo is done manually and distributed to various parts of the country. To complement the ever increasing EXIM food products traffic the government of Andhra Pradesh plans to set up 5 mega food processing parks. The Financial Hub of Sunrise State is in radar to get mega food parks along with Vizianagaram, Srikakulam and East Godavari districts.

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New Investments in Vizag

The State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB) of Andhra Pradesh has cleared six investment proposals worth Rs. 3,808 Crore. Chettinad Cement Corporation Private Limited, KCP Limited, Rain Group, Mohan Spintex India Limited, Indo Count Industries Limited & Vishwa Apparels are the companies whose proposals were cleared.



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VISITORS AT VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL



(Left) Mr. E.V.L. Murthy & Mr. Lindon Belin from TRIMEX SANDS Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 03.06.2017



(2nd from Left) Mr. Junny Varghese , AGM, (Center) Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Pathania, Manager, (Left) Mr. Aswini Kumar, Quality Incharge from Eisai Pharmaceuticals India Pvt. Ltd & (Right) Mr. Suresh PV, Manager & Ms. Archana, Asst. Manager from Yusen Logistics India Pvt Ltd - Vizag Visited on 13.06.2017



(Left) Mr. Gerrit Kristen, Line Manager (Right) Mr. Michael Davies, General Operations & (Center) Mr. Venkatewarlu General Manager From BTL Visited on 14.06.2017



(Center) Mr. Vivek A. Dubey, Sr. Manager - Procurement, (Right) Mr. Hareesh Yarad, Asst. Manager, Rom Apar Industries Ltd., & Mr. Demello Don, Branch Manager, Bhavani Shipping. Visited on 19.06.2017



(Right) Mr. Jayanth Das, Director & Mr. Mrinmoy Nandy, Manager, Sales & Operation from JAK Maritime & Logistics India Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 21.06.2017



Ms. Nymphae Banerjee, AGM, Corporate Marketing, Seaways Group, Visited on 28.06.2017



(Right) Mr. Satrajit Das, Branch Manager & Mr. Satish from Kintetsu World Express (India) Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 28.06.2017



(2nd from Right) Mrs. J. Sherni Bernard, Manager Pricing & Space Management from PIL (India) Private Ltd., (1st from Left) Mr. Basha, General Manager, Mr. Uma Shankar, Asst. Manager & Mrs. Sandhya, Asst. Manager from Seamaster Shipping and Logistics. Visited on 30.06.2017

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Container Corporation of India, the rail operator has been supportive of the whole venture since the time it was conceived by declaring competitive rail haulage from Visakhapatnam to ICD Birgunj on a two way basis and also was kind enough to oblige for carrying 50 TEUs only on the maiden rake. They have assured the trade to provide adequate rakes for this circuit with best transit time possible.

The maiden rake to Nepal has now opened the doors for many more customers to use this product. VPT has also agreed to allot office space for Consulate General of Nepal to be set up in the port city which would further augment the process. With envisaged growth between the landlocked country – Nepal and Visakhapatnam, the Port city is poised to handle burgeoning EXIM traffic through VCT for Nepal.

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AP Food Processing Policy 2015-20, comes with an objective to provide adequate infrastructure for food processing industry along with the value chain from farm to market. Agriculture, the predominant sector in Northern Andhra Pradesh strengthened the economy along with other allied industries with 14.03% growth during FY 2016-17. Fisheries recorded growth of 30.09%, Livestock with 12.18% and horticulture with 16.79%. In order to cater to growth the government has rightly decided to establish food parks.

First-of-its-kind integrated food park is being developed in Vizianagaram district with an area of 37 acres at a cost of Rs. 50 Cr. The facility would carry infrastructure such as – warehouse, cold storages, packaging & labelling, etc. along with other value added services like – training centre, testing laboratory, etc. Food processing industries would be benefitted by the Food Park which is expected to provide employment to more than 5000 skilled & semi-skilled labour. Port city being just 50 kms away from Vizianagaram, government's vision is to make the products available to meet the standards of both domestic and international market and create export opportunities from Vizag.

Visakha Container Terminal (VCT) located in the port city has been witnessing huge exports of Agri Products, Marine products and imports of Raw Cashew etc., will be the ideal gateway to handle the envisaged EXIM traffic from the food parks.

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SIPB is headed by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu as the Chairman with 8 members - Mr. Yanamala Ramakrishnu, Mr. K.E. Krishna Murthy, Mr. Nara Lokesh, Mr. P. Narayana, Mr. Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy, Mr. Pithani Satyanarayana, Mr. N. Amarnath Reddy & Mr. K. Kala Venkat Rao-ministers of Andhra Pradesh.

Highest investment proposal was made by Chettinad Cement with Rs. 1350 Cr. to set up grinding units at Visakhapatnam District and manufacturing facility in Guntur district. The commercial operations is expected to start by March, 2019 by providing employment to 1250 people.

The Rain Group would invest Rs. 1,046 Crores to set up a Calcined Petroleum Coke Plant, Cement Grinding Unit, R&D facility and Waste Heat Recovery Power Plant at Visakhapatnam – SEZ, Atchutapuram in 80.33 acres.

Mohan Spintex which is already using the Port city as a gateway to export its products is also establishing another unit in Visakhapatnam. Visakha Container Terminal which is the major Growth Engine for the establishment of these industries would be the gateway for both domestic and international traffic. Government of State along with the Central are aligned to entrust the Port City's capability to set up the units and create employment opportunities.

VCT CFS - Update

VCT CFS completes the first year of operations and crosses the coveted 10000 TEU mark. The facility is attracting new cargoes, new customers and is also working towards reviving old trade lanes between Chhattisgarh, Hyderabad, Nagpur and Guntur. VCT CFS, being a true state of the art facility has been attracting the major corporates & trading houses. Today it enjoys the patronage of all the Shipping Lines operating in Visakhapatnam owing to the operational efficiencies and superior infrastructure.



VCT Celebrates 14th Anniversary

On 26 June, 2017, Visakha Container Terminal celebrated its 14th Anniversary in a grand ceremony.

The event started with Pooja & Blood Donation Campaign organized by A.S. Raja where more than 155 employees, contract employees, trade partners joined together for a noble cause and donated blood. The event was inaugurated by Shri Harinarayanan, IAS, Commissioner of GVMC along with Mr. Chakradhar, Zonal Commissioner and also planted a sapling at the Terminal.

The programme continued in the evening at Hotel Green Park where the Chief Guest, Smt. & Shri Dr. D. K. Srinivas, IRS, Commissioner of Customs, lighted the lamp and graced the occasion. The event exhibited cultural talents of the employees and recognized the employees' children who excelled in academics.

On this event, Chief Guest congratulated the terminal which had taken very less time from documentation to implementation stage & successfully completing 14 years of operations and taking Vizag port to international standards.



Shri Harinarayanan, IAS, Commissioner of GVMC, Inaugurating the Blood Donation Camp and Participating in Pooja.



Mr. & Mrs. Dr. D.K. Srinivas, IRS, Commissioner of Customs, cutting the cake at the ceremony.

VCT Observes World Environment & Yoga Day

VCT observed World environment day on 5 June, 2017, theme for this year was "Connecting People to Nature". The day was kick started by participating in a mass walkathon organized by Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB). VCT represented by VCTians walked past the glory joining hands with various other organizations who also participated in the event. After the programme a group of volunteers headed by Management of VCT planted around 30 saplings in the Government Railway High School located near New Colony and inside the terminal premises as part of Green plantation programme "Connecting People to Nature".

World Yoga Day was observed on 21 June, 2017 by VCT. As part of the wellness programme a Mass Yoga Camp was conducted by Yoga Tutor, Mr. Shiva Kumar, an employee of VCT. Both VCT and Contract employees participated in the programme and enlightened themselves with Yoga Mudras, asanas and meditation. The employees became conversant of the health benefits and other advantages of observing Yoga in their daily lives. The declaration of this day came after the call for its adoption as International Day of Yoga by Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during his address to UN General Assembly on 27 September, 2014.



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