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

Major Manufacturing Unit plans to reach the city of destiny

The Sunrise State is on rise yet again with 4 major units planning to set up their manufacturing plants in the state with an approximate investment of 4000 crore. One amongst them is Saint Gobain, the French multinational company planning to set up their manufacturing unit in Atchuthapuram near Visakhapatnam. The estimated investment for the plant is about 2000 crore with an approximate production of 11 lakh metric tons per annum.

The flat glass of Saint Gobain is considered to be one amongst the best worldwide. The group is into many sectors like Glass, Abrasives, Ceramic materials, Performance Plastics, Technical Fabrics, Ductile cast iron pipes, Plasterboard, Gypsum etc. Saint Gobain has placed their first foot step in India during 1996 and achieved strong and profitable growth since then. The group has about 19 manufacturing units in the country with huge growth opportunities. Now for the first time, the company is stepping into the city of destiny making it their next destination to mark their plot of new era.

Over the last few years there has been a drastic growth in terms of constructions, infrastructure development at the port city of Visakhapatnam where it is equally growing in the surrounding hinterland too. VCT is all set and geared to handle the envisaged import and export opportunities that are to be provided to these new manufacturing units. Besides this, Visakhapatnam is waiting for more producing industries to come up for a better contribution to the state.



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Scanners installation @ 14 ports gets an extended deadline



Cargo traffic in most of the major ports is on a rise especially the container traffic is growing continuously. To avoid illegal cargo, weapons, combat terrorism etc., getting imported / exported through any of the major ports, the ministry of commerce has come up with a solution to install scanners.

India is also a major importer of scrap specifically un-shredded scrap. There is a possibility that the scrap imported might have come from the war zones that could generate radioactive rays which is harmful to mankind. Also, as per the US regulations they have started emphasizing to import cargo that are already scanned at the origin port and certified for export without any harm. Considering this fact, the commerce ministry has asked all the major ports to install radiology scanners.

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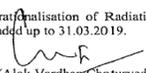
Subject: Amendment in Para 2.54 of the Handbook of Procedures, 2015-2020.

In exercise of powers conferred under paragraph 2.04 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020, the Director General of Foreign Trade hereby amends sub-para (v)(i) of Para 2.54 of the Handbook of Procedure (2015-20) and extends the deadline to install and operationalize Radiation Portal Monitors and Container Scanners by 31.3.2019. Accordingly the revised Para 2.54 would read as under:

Amended sub-para (v) (i) of Para 2.54

The existing designated sea ports namely Chennai, Cochin, Ennore, JNPT, Kandla, Mormugao, Mumbai, New Mangalore, Paradeep, Tuticorin, Vishakhapatnam, Pipava, Mundra and Kolkata will be allowed to import un-shredded scrap till 31st March, 2019 by which time they are required to install and operationalize Radiation Portal Monitors and Container Scanner. Such sea ports which fail to meet the deadline will be derecognised for the purpose of import of un-shredded metallic scrap w.e.f 1.4.2019.

Effect of this Public Notice: The period for installation and operationalisation of Radiation Portal Monitors and Container Scanner in the designated ports is extended up to 31.03.2019.


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(Left) Dr. Narendra Jena, DGM & Mr. Ravi Kumar Sinha, Sr. Manager from Jindal Stainless Ltd., Visited on 28.11.2018

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The commerce ministry has given timeline of scanners installation by end of October 2018 and due to certain challenges, there are few ports that are yet to complete the same. Hence, DGFT has extended the period of installation and operationalization of container scanner in the sea ports at JNPT, Kandla, Mumbai, Chennai, Cochin, Tuticorin, Visakhapatnam, Ennore, New Mangalore, Paradip, Pipavav, Mundra and Kolkata, if not yet installed till 31 March, 2019. As per the circular issued by DGFT, if any of the ports fail to do the job before the timeline, they will be derecognized for the purpose of un-shredded scrap imports with effect from 01 April, 2019.

Visakhapatnam Port is already in the process of installing the scanning machine and is planned for operation shortly. Installation of this scanner will give a boost to the scrap importers and will benefit the major steel industries in the region.

India to boost Coastal Shipping

Coastal shipping is the cheapest mode of transportation, however, currently majority of the cargo movement is happening through Road & Rail. The road / rail movements are not only increasing the burden on the traffic but also generating pollution by release of toxic emissions from the vehicles that are non-environmental friendly. The Indian Ministry has taken several significant steps to boost and develop coastal shipping.

As per the studies done on the costings of various transportation modes, while the road cost is about Rs. 2.50/- per km/ton, the rail is about Rs. 1.36/- per km/ton. The interesting part is that the water transportation is only Rs. 1.06/- per km/ton. If 5% diversion of road/rail is done into inland water way movement, there can be a cost saving of Rs. 230 billion besides the significant reduction in carbon footprint.

Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Minister of State for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Chemicals & Fertilizers, said that the Directorate General of Shipping has issued an order in August 2018 that will boost coastal shipping. This facilitates Inland Vessels of less than 3000 GRT to carry cargo except dangerous goods within 5 nautical miles of base line or up to 2 meters of significant wave height condition. He also mentioned that the relaxation in cabotage for coastal movement of EXIM transshipment and empty containers/agriculture, horticulture, fisheries and animal husbandry commodities /fertilizers by foreign flag vessels have shown a positive growth in coastal shipping.

The rise in coastal movements at Visakha Container Terminal with a direct service between Kolkata / Haldia and Visakhapatnam is a testimony to the government's initiatives. There is huge potential of coastal movement to/from the city of destiny where VCT will be ideal gateway for their movement. With the presence of cement industries exporting to West Bengal region, continuous infrastructure developments at Visakhapatnam has increased the demand of tiles, refractories in the imports form, fertilizer company's presence creating room for more imports and many others will be moved through the gateway -Visakhapatnam on coastal vessels. The port city is poised to witness huge coastal movements in the near future.



Vir Visakha Sails from VCT.

Visakha Container Terminal Organises “SHRAMDAN” in The Premises of AVN High School

As part of “Swacch Bharat” initiative Visakha Container Terminal organized a “Shramdan” programme in the premises of AVN High School. About 350 personnel that includes VCTians, School Staff and children participated actively in the programme. The school children formed in groups along with the VCT Employees and started cleaning the entire premises of the school. The shramdan programme started at noon and continued until late evening. VCT Employees spread awareness among the children during the programme. The initiative kick started almost a year ago and there had been lot of programmes conducted so far as a commitment towards Swacch Bharat.

The last working day or a day in the third week of every month is being observed as “Shramdan Day” by Visakha Container Terminal. AVN High School staff had been very co-operative by providing support to the organisation and made the event a great success. Prime aim of the programme is to educate the children on how to keep the school premises neat & clean and contribute towards Swacch Bharat initiative. At such a young age the children can assist and adopt community cleaning as a social responsibility.



Shramdan @ AVN High School.

DMICDC Logistics Data Services starts operations at Visakha Container Terminal

The digital container tracking solution of the Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (DMICDC) Logistics Data Services (DLDS) has launched its services at Visakhapatnam Port. The launching of fixing RFID tag on the first container was done jointly by Mr. Alkesh K Sharma, IAS, CEO and Managing Director, DMICDC; Dr. D. K. Srinivas, IRS Commissioner Customs, Mr. P.L. Haranadh, IRTS, Dy. Chairman, Visakhapatnam Port Trust.

Expanding its operations in India's eastern corridor, the digital container tracking solution of DMICDC Logistics Data Services (DLDS) would tremendously streamline the container logistics operations at the ports in India. The launch of Logistic Data Bank (LDB) operations at the Visakhapatnam Port is going to create visibility of container tracking beyond the port till it reaches the destination and all the stakeholders in the supply chain operations will benefit with this initiative.

The pan-India extension of LDB's services, which is the product of a unique Indo-Japanese technology partnership, coincides with India's significantly better performance in the World Bank's latest 'Doing Business 2019' report covering 190 countries. Ranked at the 77th position (from its 100th slot in 2017), the country's performance was assessed across 10 indicators, focusing on policy measures related to business regulations and its enforcement.

According to the report, India has recorded a dramatic improvement in the "Trading Across Borders" indicator, which jumped from 146th position (in 2017) to 80th rank in the latest report. The indicator measures the time and cost for documentary and border compliance as well as domestic transport within the process of exporting or importing shipment of goods. The findings of the World Bank's ease of doing business report are a shot in the arm for the Indian logistics sector, which has been plagued by a slew of challenges.



New Equipment - Enhancing Efficiency & Productivity

With the implementation of the new Quay Cranes, VCT continues to enhance its productivity and efficiency. Recently VCT achieved the highest Ship Productivity (SMPH) of 105 mover per hour on m.v. Varada (CCG Service) which sailed on the morning of 31 October 2018 bettering the earlier figure of 102 moves per hour thereby setting up new benchmarks of productivity levels.

At VCT, we constantly enhance terminal infrastructure, IT systems to provide faster and cost effective trade solutions to our customers. With the successful implementation of the new equipment, VCT has augmented capacity and enhanced operational efficiency at the terminal, resulting in faster turnaround of vessels and hence giving room for more container vessel service opportunity to call at Visakhapatnam. Through high productivity, VCT facilitate faster movement of shipment, thereby reducing the cost of logistics and improving effectiveness of the supply chain to the EXIM trade.



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