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

Smart City Improvising Its Tourism



Pristine Beaches, Araku Valley & Buddhist Monastery

Visakhapatnam, the Jewel of the East Coast is crowned with various names such as Port City, Smart City, Financial Hub and City of Destiny is now becoming the Tourism City of the Sunrise State (Andhra Pradesh). The city which has history since 5th Century of Ashoka & Krishna Devaraya Dynasty until the formation of Dutch colonies in 18th Century is now poised to attract both International and Domestic tourists.

The City of Destiny is now the tourist destination for many with various attractions available here. Just about a 100 kms away from the City are the wonderful scenic beauties like Tyda with Tree house, the first point one would venture in to prior reaching the picturesque Araku valley. While reaching the highest peak point with best view of the Eastern Ghats of Araku there is another great attraction which are Borra Caves near Ananthagiri hills. They are the largest in the country with an elevation of 705 m exhibiting speleothems with stalactites and stalagmites (structures from roof top and floor) that evoke the tourists to visit frequently. The tourists can also relish the best tribal coffee and enjoy the local dance of the tribal community - Dhimsa with bonfire at nights which is a thrilling entertainment especially during winters. To adventure more into the hilly valleys, a 4 km off-road trek from Borra Caves would lead to breathtaking Katiki Waterfalls. To promote valley tourism, a new air-conditioned train, Vistadome coach with glass ceiling and rotating seats has been inaugurated between Vizag & Araku Valley stations which is the first of its kind in the country. The specially designed coaches featuring glass roof & panoramic glass window, seats that rotate 360 degrees & GPS based information system allows the tourists to enjoy the scenic beauty through the journey.

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Trade Partners Flagging Off the Rake on 04.08.2017

Mr. M. T. Krishna Babu, IAS, Chairman, Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT), along with Mr. M. S. Mathur, IRTS, Divisional Railway Manager, Dr. D. K. Srinivas, IRS, Commissioner of Customs and Mr. Vir Krishna Kotak, MD, Visakha Container Terminal flagged off a Nepal-bound container train at 4 pm on Monday from the VCTPL rail siding. Supporting this prestigious project, Container Corporation of India obliged to move the 1stRake in June 2017 despite not being full (50TEUs), which was successful and found to be economically viable for the trade in Nepal.

Traditionally, Kolkata and Haldia have been the gateway for Nepal cargo since the inception of the Indo-Nepal Treaty. Nepal's traffic has been increasing consistently that gave birth to the idea of an additional port which could handle the movement. Vizag was the obvious choice as the only container terminal in East India and second closest to Nepal after Kolkata. Adopting Vizag as the additional gateway took shape from then on. After a brief struggle to modify the treaty, which had only allowed Kolkata, the government of India and Nepal signed on the dotted line to include Vizag in the treaty.

Maersk Line, the largest shipping company in the world, decided to offer a unique product to customers. It was a long-cherished dream of Nepal trade to have a transshipment kind of set-up for their international trade. Maersk introduced a direct transshipment product pertaining to Nepal traffic exclusively through Vizag. This will enable the consignee to get his container in Nepal eliminating the expenses of middlemen & detention charges. The carrier had taken the responsibility of delivering the container in Nepal on their account.

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VISITORS AT VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL

















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Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (APTDC) has mega plans and huge investments of about 10 Cr., to develop Lambasinghi, often referred as Kashmir of Andhra Pradesh for its sub-zero temperature in winters. Dallapalli and Chintapalli – Narsipatnam Ghat Road regions are also in the radar for development. The long beach stretch of 50 kms from Rama Krishna (R.K.) Beach Road until Bhimili covering Vuda Park, Rushi Konda, Thotlakonda etc., are the spots which the visitors would not want to miss out on. Not to forget the beautiful Yarada beach which is nestled between hills on three sides and azure waters of the Bay of Bengal on one side is an ideal spot for a day out. The Tourism department is proposing to include beach furniture for the visitors. (30 recliners and umbrellas), few of which have already been installed at RK Beach, one of the prime tourist spots. They are also planning to work on beach leisure activities like – Surfing, Kayaking, Go-Karting, Live Music, Climbing, Grip Wall Climbing, Jamer Wall Climbing, Rappelling, Aiming games, various rides etc. Kailasagiri, a hill top park in the city of Vishakhapatnam is at 360 feet and it overlooks beaches, forests & the city. There are huge idols of Lord Shiva and Parvathi which gives the place a religious flavor. Tourists can indulge in adventure games like paragliding & a cable car route that takes one to the top of the hill to have a bird eye view of the whole city & bay. It is the first of its kind in Andhra Pradesh. The toy train ride at the park is one of the newest attractions added.

The INS Kursura (S20) a diesel-electric and India's fifth submarine on the shore of the R.K. Beach region is preserved as a museum for public. Several other international projects are designed to make Visakhapatnam an attractive tourist destination where Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority (APTA) plans to develop tourism on par with international standards. World's one of the oldest aircraft carrier and flagship of Indian Navy – INS Viraat is being converted into a major tourist floating attraction. The vessel would house a 4-star hotel with world class amenities. Indian Navy's long range maritime patrol aircraft – TU 142M is already put up as a tourist attraction. The Hele-Tourism Project is set to take-off Vizag coast to showcase the lush green hills and deep blue waters from a helicopter providing enthralling experience to the tourists. A six-seater chopper would be equipped to ride over the city for 15 minutes and would be extended till Araku for 30 min ride depending upon the demand.

With so much happening around, the prominence of the port city is increasing consistently and the Air Traffic at this region is at all-time high too. Besides the regular flight services to the major Indian cities, today 4 International destinations – Dubai, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore & Colombo are connected from Vizag. With world class hotels presence in the city, the standard requirements of the international visitors are fulfilled too. The Tourism promotion in such a large scale is poised to increase the leisure travel community in a big way and truly make this city a globally recognised tourist destination.

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The trade wholeheartedly accepted this offer and the first rake was formed in June with a load of 50 containers. The maiden rake shed all apprehensions regarding the new transit process. Soon after the first rake, Maersk witnessed a surge in bookings for this unique product. Now there is talk about a fifth rake, while the second rake was flagged off. To mark the occasion, VCT organized a small get-together of all stakeholders.

Increase In Marine Exports From Vizag

Production of Marine products in Visakhapatnam has grown phenomenally in the past 5 years. According to the state fisheries department, the fish and shrimp culture in the district increased to 1.54 L tonnes in 2016-17 from 1.26 L tonnes in 2015-16. Vannamei Shrimp is the major contributor as the shrimp is available all through the year and enjoys huge demand in international markets like - US, Europe, SE Asia, China, Japan, and Far East.

While the production capacity has increased by 22%, the marine products exports through the Port City has increased by 32% in FY17 over FY16. The average year-on-year growth has moved to 26% from 15%. Visakhapatnam which is among the top exporter of Frozen Shrimps has influenced the trade to expand its production capacities and hence existing exporters are setting up



new processing plants. Frozen Shrimp continued to be the major item of export in quantity and value, accounting for a share of 39.53% in quantity and 66% of the total USD earnings. The export of Vannamei shrimp has been the major growth followed by Frozen Fish, Cuttle Fish, Crab Meat and Frozen Squid are the other seafood being exported.

Forecasting the market, along with the exporters other trade players are also gearing up for this spike. Shipping lines have been increasing their fleet of reefer containers to cater to the demand. Visakha Container Terminal too has been enhancing its infrastructure especially the reefer segment at a notch above the desired quantity. The terminal which is already having an adequate 252 Reefer Plug Points is now increased to 396 Points. This development in infrastructure & technology to handle the reefer cargo shall further strengthen the exports from this region.

VCT CFS

The year old VCT-CFS has made its mark in the market with its state-of-art facility. Today, the largest CFS in the Port City spread over 34 acres of land is blessed with some of the unique features:-

- Direct connectivity to the four-lane industrial connectivity road
- Only 12 kms away from the Container Terminal
- 5 Gate Complex (2 In, 2 Out, 1 ODC)
- · 3 Weigh Bridges
- Online Planning System For quick tracking of empty
 containers
- Adequate Mechanical facilities and Man-Power to Stuff & De-Stuff cargo
- Round the clock attention
- Highly secured area Access Control Systems, CCTV, Entry Checks
- Customized services
- Total Transparency No hidden costs.
- Electrical Sub-station and Yard Lighting through High Masts and Plasma Lighting
- Strong IT Backbone with an OFC (Optic Fiber Cable) ring connecting the Server to all the operational Locations

With a consistent growth in Vizag hinterland's containerized cargo, VCT-CFS stands out in providing the finest facilities to hasten the process in the Supply Chain. Investing in Technology, we are seeing a new era of Logistics solutions through VCT-CFS.







