



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

Cargo movement to Nepal to increase through the Port City - Vizag



Delegates from Nepal Transit & Warehousing Co. Ltd.

Following the increased rail bound movement of Nepal Imports through Vizag, the trade is mulling over bringing more imports through the port city. To encourage the trade, Ministry of Commerce & Supplies has also held discussions with Nepal Transit and Warehousing Co Ltd (NTWC), the customs house agent for government cargoes, to import government cargo via Vizag port. To study the process of Nepal bound container movements through Vizag Port, delegates from NTWC visited Visakhapatnam in December.

Consistent movement of rakes between Vizag and Nepal has been now happening for the past 6 months which has encouraged the Government of Nepal to explore the import of its cargoes like chemical fertilizers, machinery, IT equipment, Aircraft equipment etc. through Visakh Container Terminal (VCT). The advantages of having more main lines operations, cost effectiveness, faster transit and availability of scheduled services at Vizag is providing the much needed visibility to the traders in Nepal thereby eliminating the unwarranted costs.

Maersk Line has been providing multimodal bill of lading facility to traders wherein the line takes full responsibility of the cargo from the port of origin to the destination port - Birgunj. This makes Vizag a better option with availability of mother vessels and competitive ocean freight cost. Soon to establish, Nepal Consulate office also would augur well for the increased imports through Visakhapatnam Port. Therefore, the established ecosystem here in Vizag has prompted other carriers to join the fray and route shipments through Visakh Container Terminal.

Awards & Recognition



Visakh Container Terminal (VCT) was awarded "Container Handling Terminal of the Year" at East Coast Maritime Forum 2017 held at Kolkata recently. VCT won the award for its proactive measures undertaken to improve efficiency and considering the overall performance during the year. The

award is judged on the parameters like the operational performance, efficiency parameters, Infrastructure set up and Customer Service. VCT has initiated several steps to increase the overall efficiency of the terminal which include paperless documentation process as part of ease of doing business and upgrading the infrastructure to cater to the ever-growing container traffic.

Shravan Shipping Services Pvt. Ltd - The success mantra of Shravan Shipping Services Pvt. Ltd., is passion for innovation, business excellence, customer satisfaction, continuous clients support 24x7. Rightly recognising his contribution to the trade,



The Managing Director of Shravan Shipping & President of AP Chambers of Commerce and Industry Federation Mr. G. Sambasiva Rao was awarded - Shipping and Logistics personality of the year 2017 from EXIM India at East Coast Maritime Forum 2017 held at Kolkata recently.

Gateway Distriparks Ltd - The integrated logistics solutions providing container freight station Gateway Distriparks Ltd., has its presence in Vizag, Chennai, Cochin etc. The group is also into Cold storage, rail movement, warehousing & dry port terminals handling. Gateway distriparks received Container Freight Station Operator of the Year 2017 award from EXIM India at East Coast Maritime Forum 2017 held at Kolkata recently.



VISITORS AT VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL





Wan Hai Team Visited VCT to study further opportunities and enhance their market share @ Visakhapatnam



Shri Binoy Kumar, IAS, Special Secretary (Logistics) Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India and Team along with Port Dy. Chairman Visited VCT to understand the issues related to shipping and logistics

Samudera Shipping @ VCT

The Indonesian based company, Samudera Shipping Line Ltd., have their presence in South East Asia, China, Indian Subcontinent and Far East as well. Their first lot of containerised cargo reached the city of destiny on 13 December, 2017 through the FME service wherein the carrier has dedicated slot allocation. Considering the potential available at Visakhapatnam and its hinterland, the group has established their presence and planning to expand more eventually.



TS Lines on FME service - Maiden Call @ VCT

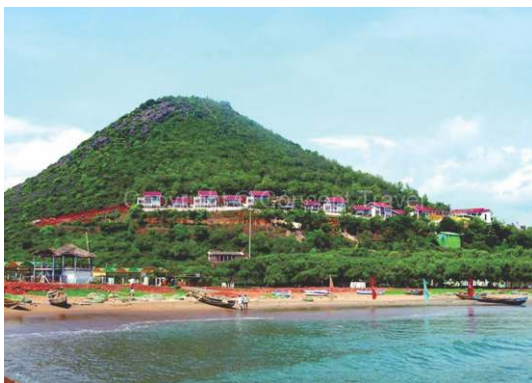


m.v. Herma P, TS Lines, 26 December, 2017

Visakhapatnam, “The Eco Tourism Hub”

Visakhapatnam, “The City of Destiny” nestled between the Eastern Ghats is the buzz word today with its scenic, picturesque beauty all over the landscape. The 23 kms long coastline with clean beaches, water sporting opportunities and other adventure sports like, sky diving, hot air balloon, go-karting, helipad tourism showcases the beauty of the city and many more such attractions are luring tourists from various places to enjoy their holidays here.

The Financial Capital of the state also houses various business meetings, major events (national & international) etc. For events like CII Partnership Summit, East Coast Maritime Business Summit, IISS, International Fleet Review etc., Visakhapatnam has been the gateway with its well established Road, Rail, Air & Sea connectivity. It has all the necessary infrastructural support with interested audience presence to entice such large events. During visitors’ leisure the city has been the arena of entertainment with fresh and clean environment. The Smart city today is the 3rd cleanest in the country and 9th richest in terms of economy.



The city of destiny has become one of the most sought after tourist destinations for many holiday seekers because of its eco friendly environment, amazing landscapes especially the drive to Araku Valley where the nature embraces visitors with affection. Not to forget the Anantagiri hills that is famous for coffee estates and Borra Caves. There are various other places like Kondakarla Aava, Damuku, Lambasinghi, Tadipudi Reservoir etc., one would be mesmerized with their beauties. Kambalakonda is an eco-tourism sanctuary where adventure seekers can indulge in trekking too. One of the major attractions in the city is the Red Sand Hills - Erra Matti Dibbalu which is on the Vizag-Bhimili beach road stretch. The natural rock bridges on the Rushikonda Beach, serpent hood like structures near Gangavaram Beach, Yarada Beach, Thotlakonda etc., are other wonderful stretches where the nature is at its best. Visakhapatnam endowed with such natural advantages is indeed becoming the Eco-Tourism Hub.

The President Inaugurates TU 142 Museum @ Port City

The TU 142 which was de-inducted and arrived at the port city in the month of April, 2017 was planned to be converted as museum by Andhra Pradesh Government for public visit. The idea of the museum is to impart knowledge to the citizens on the activities carried out by Indian Navy and its services to the nation. During 1988 - 2017 it is TU 142 that had rendered services to the country with utmost pride. Moreover, it is also considered to be the fastest turboprop aircraft.

After taking necessary actions to convert the aircraft into museum with the support of Navy the time to open it for public had come. It is a privilege that the port city is bestowed with such great Air Fighter and being converted as a monument where none other than the First Citizen of the country The President Shri Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated it on 08 December, 2017. During the inauguration, the Chief Minister of the state Mr. Nara Chandrababu Naidu presented TU 142 souvenirs to the President of India. Interestingly, Visakhapatnam is the only place in the country to have Submarine and Aircraft Museum side by side as tourist attraction.

Chief Admiral Sunil Lamba, Civil Aviation Minister Mr. P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of ENC Karambir Singh, Lok Sabha members, Zilla Parishad Chairperson, Port Trust Chairman, Principal Secretary, Tourism, Vuda Vice Chairman, MLAs and MLCs have been part of the event.



Inauguration of TU 142 Museum

Shrimp Exports - Continuous Rise

India stands on the top spot in Shrimp Exports across the world complemented majorly by the States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Kerala and Maharashtra. While the country's sea food industry touched all-time high in the year 2016 with 13% growth, it is expected to grow further in 2017 and upcoming years. Andhra Pradesh occupies the first position of Shrimp Exports in the country with a share of 36% where Vizag occupies "1st Position" with a share of 31% overall in the country.

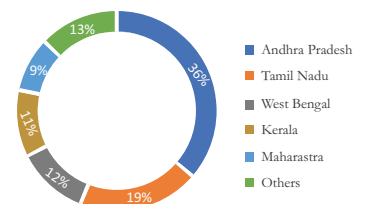
India, Vietnam, Ecuador, Indonesia and Thailand are top 5 countries that export Shrimp, however India continues to be on top of the cards amongst all in Shrimp Exports because of its better quality, higher yield and better technology of shrimp culture. Andhra Pradesh has adopted better methods of aqua culture with abundant availability of natural resources thereby producing the best quality shrimps at competitive price.

Visakhapatnam which is the hub of Shrimp Exports with the presence of world class facility - Visakha Container Terminal (VCT) that has been handling Shrimp Exports over the years, topped continuously for 3 consecutive financial years in terms of Dollar Value. There has been a steady YoY growth of Shrimp Exports at VCT with an expected growth of 32% in 2017. Envisaging the growth to be higher in future too, VCT came up with upgraded reefer infrastructure where additional plug points were installed making it to the total of 366. VCT with its modern infrastructure continues to be the preferred gateway for seafood exports.



India tops in Shrimp Exports

SHRIMP EXPORTS - Q1 - Q3



Wellness Programme @ VCT

A happy and healthy employee is the best ambassador for any organisation. The productivity of the employees too will be high when their health is at its best. An ethical, happy and fun atmosphere will make the staff innovative producing better results. Like every month, VCT has done it differently by arranging a wellness programme within the premises to create a healthy and happy environment. Flash sports were organized to both VCT and contract employees as part of the programme. The main idea was to create more awareness on the importance of physical & mental fitness of an individual that would be helpful at work and home as well. The other thought process is to build teamwork, bonding and develop leadership skills amongst the employees. There was active participation in the event at all levels where the winners are awarded with a health trophy. More such events are lined up that would be conducted at the terminal.



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