

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

### Visakhapatnam – Takes the Top Card



The 13 major ports handle about 67% of Indian maritime trade in the country and so it makes an interesting study to gauge the performance pattern of these ports. Therefore, Dun & Bradstreet introduced the study of Port Performance Index and gave grades in three different categories as - "Good, Average & Poor". continued on page 3

#### Vizag Port Facilitates fastest connectivity to Nepal

The third country trade via Visakhapatnam Port for Nepal has been quite successful. The EXIM fraternity in Nepal trade are overwhelmed with the unique product offered by the carriers where new importers are adding up in the list along with new cargoes finding its way to the port city for Nepal. Following this, till date 40 trains have departed for Nepal since last six months with momentum being gained in 2018 with 12 rakes railed out in January and 13 already railed out in February, virtually a train every second day.



### VCT – Upgraded Infrastructure



The growth rate at Visakha Container Terminal is consistent with a CAGR of 24% since inception. In order to cater to the burgeoning container traffic and envisaging the surge in volumes, VCT has up scaled its sea side and yard side equipment with two new post Panamax Quay Cranes and four Rubber Tyre Gantry cranes from ZPMC, China.

These sophisticated Post Panamax Quay Cranes are equipped with special features like capturing of container number, detecting damages on container if any while handling, using OCR cameras.

The RTGCs are equipped with Directional Global Position System for auto steering and container position auto updation. They are safe working equipment with truck positioning system in place. Similar to QCs these have OCR/RFID fitted for identification of container numbers. Other special features include Truck anti-lift system, stack profiling system etc.

It was a seamless effort from the crew and the technicians in discharging the Cranes & RTGCs which otherwise could have been a week-long operations. Although 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February was dedicated for discharge of cranes at VCT, the operations were completed much earlier and the vessels berthing & operations were as per their windows without any delays.

With the new infrastructure in place that are expected to be operational by mid-March, the productivity of the vessels would be much higher than usual facilitating faster turn-around of vessels and thereby creating windows for new services. Thus, VCT would have increased capacity and therefore proving once gain its mettle in enhancing the operational efficiencies that are par excellence.

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#### VISITORS AT VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL



VCT - The Ideal Gateway on the East Coast of India



### Visakhapatnam – Takes the Top Card

Be it containerized or bulk cargo, Visakhapatnam Port has always been in the race occupying the top position. As per the study it was understood that the performance of Visakhapatnam Port has been remarkable and received a grade of "Good" over other ports besides JNPT and Kamarajar. The data was collected and feedback was taken too on qualitative & quantitative methods from all stakeholders in relation to the business transactions of both containerized and bulk cargo at ports.

The state of the art infrastructure, faster evacuation methodology, innovative methods, automation, ease of doing business, process driven operations with efficiency and effectiveness etc., are the prime contributors for Visakhapatnam to get a good score in terms of performance. The consistent growth in throughput, the automation at its best with modern infrastructure that is proactively developed much before the need arises are the hallmark of this Port thus creating a niche for itself as the "preferred gateway on the east coast of India" be it the bulk or break-bulk cargo handling or the container terminal operations.

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The Commerce Secretary, Shri Chandra Kumar Ghimire led delegation including Joint Secretary Shri Ravi Shanker Sainju, Executive Director of Nepal Intermodal Transport Development Board, Shri Laxman Bahadur Basnet, Director General of Nepal Customs, Shri Jagadish Regmi and Chairman, Nepal Chamber of Commerce Shri Rajesh Kazi Shreshtha visited Vizag on 10, February 2018 to

understand the modus operandi and investigate the reasons for delays in railing of Nepal bound containers as per various news reports. However, when the ground reality was checked during the meetings with concerned authorities they were quite surprised that there were no delays attributable to Visakhapatnam Port, Customs or CONCOR. They were pleased that the containers were being railed out within three days, whenever relevant documents were produced by the consignees.

The product offered by Maersk Line, few other lines and NVOCCs out of Vizag is unique wherein the consignee or his appointed representative need not be present at Vizag. Moreover, the goods can be cleared only after the container reaches ICD Birgunj which is a major advantage to the Nepal trade. The rail bound movement to Nepal through Vizag is moving at a great pace which is attracting more new

carriers who are inclined to offer the similar product that is now established and unparalleled.



## VCT CFS – Unique & Different

The state of the art facility set up in 34 acres of land being operational since June '16 is on a rise and witnessing consistent growth.

#### VCT CFS is unique because

- Safety of the staff, visitors is top priority
- Specialised systems in place to track the containers Empty & Laden (Yard Management System)
- Access to clients given to track logistical activities through a web-based application
- First CFS to receive ISO 23001:2013 accreditation in the city of destiny
- One stop shop for all logistics solutions

#### VCT CFS is different because

- World class facilities 5 lane gate complex
- 3 weighbridges 100 MT capacity
- Under CCTV surveillance Cargo pilferage is at 0%
- Cost efficient and transparent transactions
- Operations: Smart, Quick, Effective and Efficient

# CII Partnership Summit @ City of Desitny

The city of destiny has become the chosen location for, yet another conference meet conducted by Confederation of Indian Industry -CII Partnership Summit 2018. The key objectives of the summit is to chart out a road map outlining the priority areas and to facilitate & attract investment in the Sunrise State - Andhra Pradesh.

During the event the government has signed as many as 734 MoUs majorly 14 MoUs in automobile sector. About Rs. 4.39 lakh crore worth MoUs were signed that would generate about 11 lakh jobs overall.

Major companies like - Mytrah Mobility for electric Vehicles, JBM Group for electric mobility, Solar power generation and auto components, Adani Group, Essel Group, Dubai's Lulu Group, Mahindra Holidays, Grasim Industries, Reliance Industries and many others. The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh said during the meeting that he would personally monitor the projects progress and will assure that the relevant clearances to the investors will be granted within 21 days.

Investments announced, and signed MoUs are as mentioned:

- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and its partners Rs. 55,000 crore investments in electronics, energy etc.
- Aerospace & defense sector Rs. 9406 crore
- Food processing sector signed 169 MoUs worth investment of Rs. 3,534 crore
- Textile Industry 26 MoUs, Investment Rs. 5,337 crore
- IT & Electronics Rs. 18,220 crore
- Infrastructure 15 MoUs, Rs, 43,486 crore





Qatar based Gulf Warehousing Corporation, Singapore Business Federation, and many other companies have keen eye to invest in the port city, thanks to the huge potential available here that has been triggering various new ventures. Visakhapatnam now being the land of opportunities; disposable income, wealth generation, per capita income and consumerism is on the rise. Complementing this, the Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor moving at a brisk pace and the Port Led Development are paving ways for the establishment of Logistics Park within the vicinity of Vizag- the city of destiny and thus making it the distribution hub on the East Coast of India.

#### Shramdan Programme by VCT

As part of "Swachh Bharat Initiative" Visakha Container Terminal organised a "Shramdan" programme in the premises of Zilla Parishad Girls High School, Gopalapatnam. VCT Employees created awareness among the children by explaining the importance of maintaining cleanliness of our surroundings and personal hygiene during the programme. The programme was aimed to educate the children in keeping the school premises neat & clean and contribute towards Swachh Bharat initiative. VCT observes the last working day of the month as "Shramdan Day".



#### Visakha Container Terminal

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