



"VCT has natural depth of 16m alongside - The deepest amongst India Container Terminals"

## VCT Expansion Progress



First Phase of 100 m to be ready by end of March '21. Will enhance the quay length to 550 meters by April '21



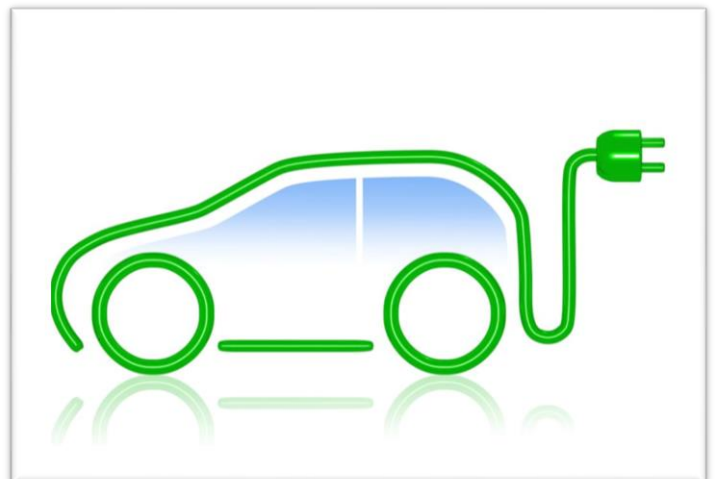
Yard Reclamation Work In Progress

The expansion of Visakha Container Terminal is going on in full swing. Although the project got delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic disruption, the berth construction work is now continuing hassle free. The existing berth length of VCT is 450 meters is being extended by another 395 meters. Post extension, VCT would have the longest berth in leaner way on the East Coast of India. 100 metres of 395 metres quay will be ready by end Mar '21. Total Quay length of the terminal will be 550 metres by Apr '21 which will enable handling of 2 vessels in tandem. Furthermore, the additional equipment - 3 Super Post Panamax Quay cranes and 9 e RTGCs are in pipeline and are expected to be delivered by Sep '21. The additional quay length will create room for more window berth at VCT where new services are poised to make their way into the terminal.

## EV Charging Infra @ AP

The city of destiny will be cleaner and greener in the coming days with new initiatives taken by state as well as Central Government. The Central Govt. of India has recently announced phase-II of FAME (Faster Adoption & Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles). This initiative is to increase the uptake of electric vehicles and deployment of public charging infrastructure.

The Union Govt. will support Andhra Pradesh in developing infrastructure of electric vehicle charging. Around 400 charging stations will be set up across 73 locations in the state.



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As part of an initiative Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Tirupati are full set to be the electric mobility cities. The initiative model will have phase wise goals to adopt electric vehicles, charging infrastructure and new EV enabling building codes. CESL - Convergence Energy Services Limited a wholly owned subsidiary company of EESL – Energy Efficiency Services Limited has been identified and will mainly focus on e-mobility in the country. Mr. Saurabh Kumar - Vice Chairman, EESL said “The government of India has aimed at producing electric three-wheelers operating in the country by 2023, and electric two-wheelers by 2025.

E-mobility has a major impact on environmental protection where Visakhapatnam will be the ideal place in the state to get fruitful outcome. Moreover, the presence of the Visakha Container Terminal can benefit for their shipments that would be generated from the setup of electric vehicle company. Already EESL has established 80 charging stations in Andhra Pradesh and supplied over 300 e-cars to the various Govt. Departments. The Govt. has plans to convert 11000 APRTC’s buses into electric buses by 2029. Electric vehicle penetration will increase energy security, reduce carbon emission and improve air quality to make this planet a better place to live.

Visakha Container Terminal being the perfect gateway on the east coast of India will be an ideal hub for providing hassle free operations to the companies involved in export / import of machinery, equipment & vehicles and also has been consistently contributing in making the city clean and green.

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## AP All Set To Be A Global Hub For Chillies – VCT The Preferred Gateway For The Commodity



Plans are all in place to make Andhra Pradesh a Global Chilli Hub. The horticulture department has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with ITC for a public-private-partnership (PPP) to export quality, pesticide-free chillies. The partnership aims at making Andhra Pradesh a global hub for chilli sourcing and utilizes strengths of both parties to develop an institutional framework for chilli production and delivering the latest technologies to the farming community.

Andhra Pradesh is the largest producer of Chillies in India with a contribution of about 26% followed by Maharashtra @ 15%, Karnataka @ 11%, Odisha @ 11%, Madhya Pradesh @ 7% while the other states contribute nearly 22%. Almost three lakh farmers are dependent on this crop, however there is huge scope for improvement in the quality of crop which can be done by using appropriate harvesting methods and innovation farming inventions reckon the experts.

In the year 2020-21 the project has helped 10,064 farmers from 77 villages, cultivating chilli in over 25,000 acres by following a horti-cluster-based approach, where an ecosystem of 35 technical partners has been formed under the e-Choupal IAEP umbrella. In 2021-22 chilli season over 48,000 tonnes of production is expected from the project for which, market linkage is being worked out to facilitate higher price for produce. Visakha Container Terminal has already been the preferred gateway for the exports of Chillies into China & South East Asian trade lanes where with the estimated growth in the production the incremental volumes are poised to be routed via VCT. Moreover, the terminal expansion will be an added advantage to handle the envisaged growth with increased main line services in near future.

## VISITORS AT VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL



(Middle) Mr. Indrajit Sengupta, Director – MSC Shipping India Pvt. Ltd. , (Left) Mr. N Krishnakumar, Sr. Vice President, (Right) Mr. Santosh Kumar, Sr. Manager – Samsara Shipping. Visited on 02.02.21



(Left) Mr. Venkateshwar Rao, Head Logistics, (Left) Mr. Ravi Sinha, AGM – Jindal Stainless Limited. Visited on 03.02.21



Mr. K. V. Krishna, Asst. Manager – BALCO. Visited on 05.02.21



(Right) Mr. Devdita Samanta, GM, (Left) Mr. Laljee Prasad, Asst. Manager – TM International Logistics Ltd. Visited on 09.02.21



(Left) Mr. Satish Kumar Koda, Associate Manager, (Right) Mr. Abdul Rahman, Manager – Jindal Stainless Limited. Visited on 09.02.21



(From right) Mr. Subramani Munusamy, Mr. Nikhil Modi, Ms. Madhavi Shah & Mr. R. Karthikeyan from EXIM FAIR PLAY Visited on 17.02.21



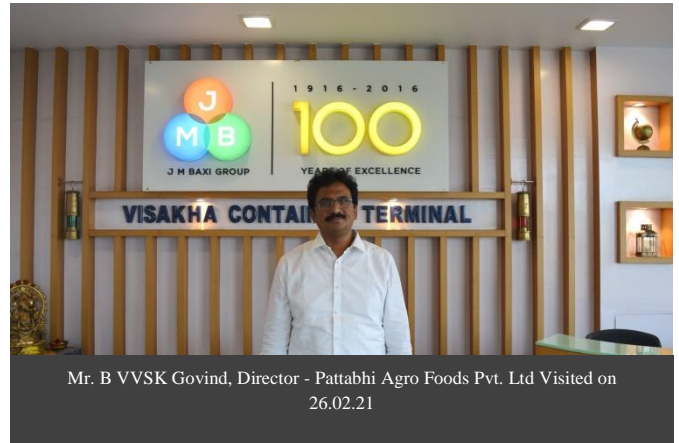
(Right) Mr. Vijay Varma, Manager (Left) Mr. Rajnish Singh, Sales Head from Mango Freight Visited on 18.02.21



(Middle) Mr. Murali Rambabu, Manager – M R enterprises, (Left) Mr. R. Suribabu, GM, (Right) B. Sailaja, Executive from Venus Services Visited on 22.02.21



(From Left) Ms. Shabina Yashmin, Export Manager & Mr. Debasish Battacharjee, Lead Distributor from ORICA, (Second from right) Mr. C. S. Chellamuthu Kumaran, Country Manger & Mr. Chandrasekhar Kanduri, Executive from Gaerish Logistics Pvt. Ltd. Visited on 22.02.21



Mr. B VVSK Govind, Director - Pattabhi Agro Foods Pvt. Ltd Visited on 26.02.21

## AP's largest Floating Solar Project @ The City Of Destiny, Vizag



Taking one more step towards a sustainable future, a 25-MW floating solar power plant is all set to come up at the city of destiny – Visakhapatnam. The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Simhadri is executing the project at Visakhapatnam. Visakhapatnam is the lead runner to have the largest floating solar power project in Andhra Pradesh. The officials at the NTPC are making arrangements to commission the plant by the end of this financial year. Upon completion, the project will be one of the largest renewable energy installations in the country.

The floating solar panels that are to be installed is estimated at a budget of Rs. 110 crore. It will be spread on 150 acres of water surface over the Raw Water Reservoir of NTPC – Visakhapatnam. NTPC has its own water reservoir and draws water from Yeluru Canal. The project was actually proposed in July 2019 and was initially assigned to Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL). The completion period of the engineering work was supposed to be 15 months, but the project was delayed due to COVID-19 outbreak. The installation activities have picked up now after relaxation in the lockdown following the unlock guidelines.

The solar power plant will be capable to supply 25MW per hour in proper sunlight and after commissioning it will be the largest solar power plants in the country. After completion, Visakhapatnam will have its second floating solar plant along with the mini project over Meghadrigedda reservoir owned by Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation.

Visakhapatnam being well connected by Sea, Air & Road channels will not have any issues in procurement of solar panels / modules from other countries once again making Visakha Container Terminal as their ideal gateway for project imports.

## Highest Exchange In A Single Call @ VCT: 3770 TEUs

On 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2021, Visakha Container Terminal (VCT) handled the highest exchange of TEUs on m.v. Kota Latif holding the flag of Singapore - CHX service, operated by Maersk. The total number of TEUs handled was 3770 with export and import of 1580 TEUs and 2190 TEUs respectively. This is the highest volumes handled in a single call so far. Erstwhile, it was m.v. Varada with an exchange of 3658 TEUs handled in the month of May 2020 under the banner of CCG service. VCT is well equipped with the latest equipment and world-class infrastructure to handle bigger vessels with faster turnaround. With the expansion of berth being in progress that would be ready by 100 mts during March '21 end will allow more feeder and MLOs make their way into VCT. Moreover, VCT is getting ready to handle larger vessels with an LOA up to 390 meters and is all set to handle the envisaged growth with the upcoming infrastructure.



## VCT Gets An Award From Dr. Reddy's



Apart from excellence in container operations, Visakha Container Terminal always emphasizes on the safety aspects of its employees in the best possible manner. VCT & VCT CFS conducted several seminars on health awareness. These seminars were in the field of Cancer Awareness, Diabetes Awareness & Dental Awareness. This type of health awareness sessions not only help the employees to take precautionary

steps to avoid deadly diseases but also enable them to educate the same to the loved family members and friends. Dr. Reddy's a leading multinational pharmaceutical company based in India and overseas recognized the initiatives taken by VCT in the health sector and felicitated the organisation with an award for the best health awareness in work premises to the employees and maintaining a healthy culture. It is indeed a great honor for both VCT and VCT CFS to be a part of this legacy and will always continue to carry initiatives like these in order to make VCTPL a safe and better place to work.

