



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

## Multi-modal connectivity @ Port City is at its best



Visakhapatnam, the Industrial Hub with the presence of large public-sector units such as Vizag Steel Plant, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Hindustan Shipyard Limited, etc., is well complemented by the private investments in various spectrum of businesses. Blessed with an extensive Rail & Road network connecting the interior regions and the Major Port, Visakhapatnam Port Trust which is established for 9 decades now connects the EXIM trade to all parts of the globe through its world class container facility, Visakha Container Terminal. The unique and vast hinterland of Visakhapatnam ranging over 750 KMs radius covers 8 states of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal & Telangana that is rich in Minerals & Metals have been using this natural harbour as its preferred gateway through its well-established road & rail network. The much-needed international air connectivity from the Smart City now truly completes the portfolio of the financial capital of Andhra Pradesh.

The commencement of 4 international air services from the Port City to Dubai, Singapore, Colombo and Malaysia should augur well

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## Vizag Gets Drug Controller Office

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST  
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

ALL PORT USERS

NO. ITRA/ SHP/FCIR- II  
DL 17.1.2018

CIRCULAR -No.843

Sub: Transfer of Drug Inspector- Reg

Ref. Dy. Director Admn ( D ) Office order No. F.No. D-21013/133/2017DC Under  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Directorate General of Health services  
Central Drugs Standard Control organization

This is to bring to the kind attention of all concerned that Sri. R.Srinivasan Drug  
Inspector, Mobile No.9870420545 was Transferred from CDSCO (HQ) To CDSCO Vizag

Further to the above "The Central Drugs Standard Control organisation" is situated  
at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Marine Complex-VPT

This is issued at the orders of Chairman/VPT

*[Signature]*  
TRAFFIC MANAGER.

Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals are on a rise at the port city. The exports of Pharma increased by 18% and the imports increased by 26% with an aggregate increase of 22% (EXIM) during CY 17. Ramky Pharma City at Parawada and Pydibheemavaram regions are the centers of Pharma hub in the city of destiny, Visakhapatnam. Despite being a Pharma hub, Vizag was still losing few volumes to neighboring ports for want of Drug Controller Office here. This is now addressed with the drug controller office set up at Visakhapatnam Port Trust on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Marine Complex. Sri. R. Srinivasan, Drug Inspector at Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), Head Quarters has been transferred to CDSCO Vizag basis the incremental EXIM movement that triggered the need for drug inspection in this region. The trade here would now be largely benefitted by this move and Visakha Container Terminal that has been the ideal gateway for the EXIM movement of Pharma and Chemicals of this region is all set to handle the incremental volumes.

## Coffee Exports on a Rise

India is Asia's third largest producer and exporter of coffee. There has been a surge in coffee exports during Year 2017 over 2016 by 8% from 3.34 lakh tons to 3.61 lakh tons. In terms of dollar value, the increase is by 17% up to \$950.8 million from \$818.65 million.

Major export destinations from India are Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Turkey, Russian Federation, Belgium and others. Arabica and Robusta are the widely exported instant coffees from the country with a share of 30% & 70% each amongst all.

Araku Valley located on the Eastern Ghats near Visakhapatnam with its beautiful scenic picturesque spread widely is famous for organic coffee development by the tribes. The coffee has been produced since mid-1950s and is on the move to reach the top shelves of



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## VISITORS AT VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL





(Right) Mr. Rahul, AVP, (Middle) Mr. Vivek Shaw, Manager & Mr. Satish Kumar, Manager from Jindal Stainless Limited Visited on 20.01.2018



(Right) Mr. Amrit B. Shrestha, Partner, (Middle) Mr. Vikram Manot, Partner from Vijaya International Agency & Mr. Tirthankar Banerjee, Partner from Ocean and Air Cargo Management LLP Visited on 22.01.2018



Team from Economic Development Board – Andhra Pradesh Visited on 11.01.2018



(Right) Mr. Peter Coleman, Trade Commissioner & Ms. Sangeetha Krishnamoorthy, Business Development Manager from Australian Trade and Investment Commission Visited on 19.01.2018



(Left) Shri Rajath Sachar, Ministry of Shipping (Advisor Ports) & Trustee - Visakhapatnam Port Trust & Shri P L Haranadh, IRTS, Dy. Chairman - VPT

## USSEC Visits VCT

A delegation from US Soyabean Export Council visited Visakh Container Terminal at the behest of Maersk Line to explore the possibilities of Soyabean imports from US to Nepal through Visakhapatnam. With the established ecosystem here at Vizag, Maersk Line has been relentlessly working on increasing its market share in Nepal business and another step towards it was to establish VCT as the preferred gateway for soyabean imports to Nepal. The delegation post its visit to the terminal tour was fully convinced that this would be the best suitable gateway for their imports both commercially & operationally and assured to bring this commodity on a large scale very soon to the state of art facility, VCT. Sure, Nepal imports through Visakhapatnam is on full throttle now...



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for the establishment of Air Cargo movements. While 4 airlines have setup their bases at the Fintech City namely Air India, Silk Air, Sri Lankan Airways & Air Asia, the passenger traffic has been on all time growth here. With a full-fledged Air Cargo Complex set up at Visakhapatnam International Airport, the commercial cargo traffic is also poised to grow exponentially.

India has emerged as the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest growing air cargo market and is expected to grow by 7% CAGR in the next 5 years. Visakhapatnam with its huge potential in the array of EXIM cargoes - Pharmaceuticals, Textiles, Garments, Marine Products, Engineering Components, Defence and Electronic Components, Food Processing etc. would soon emerge as the hub of sea & air cargo traffic in Andhra Pradesh. In anticipation of unprecedented cargo traffic movements, improvised infrastructure to handle specific commodity groups such as cold room for pharmaceutical and perishable products, strong room for valuable cargo etc., are being developed. Tuna Fish one of the delicacies in Japan moves from Visakhapatnam to Chennai in blast freezers for airlifting. CONSOL cargoes due to inadequate facilities here move to Chennai before being air lifted. All these captive cargoes would now be air lifted from Vizag with the commencement of air cargo services here.

The Air Cargo complex is well located amidst the container terminal, industrial cluster, CFSs and the SEZs. It has the best proximity connected by the NH 16 to the Pharma City in Parawada, Brandix Apparel City in Atchutapuram, VSEZ in Auto Nagar and in the backyard, are the container freight stations leading to the Port and the Container Terminal. All these cargo generating centres are in the vicinity of 10 to 40 KMs from the sea & airports which could be covered in less than an hour on the national highway. This combination of air & sea connectivity while complementing each other can largely fulfil the demands of the trade in Visakhapatnam and beyond.

Visakhapatnam has vast and rich hinterland with immense potential. What more can this EXIM trade ask for, best rail /road connectivity, natural port with deepest draft and an International Airport with world class standards completes the service network of Visakhapatnam.

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connoisseurs. The demand of coffee from this region locally is on a rise and is equally increasing internationally too. The tribal farmers are able to produce about 70 kg of coffee per acre adding up to 6000 metric tonnes a year. The government along with Girijan Cooperative Corporation (GCC) - the promoters of Araku coffee are planning to increase the production levels to meet the demand supply requirement.

The Araku coffee made its debut in Paris and then moved onto New York and Tokyo. With more players coming into the market the locally produced organic coffee is more likely to reach European and American regions through the Ideal gateway on the East Coast of India, Visakha Container Terminal (VCT) very soon.

## International Customs Day

World Customs Organization (WCO) chooses a theme every year that is relevant for International Customs Community. The theme of International Customs Day for year 2018 is “A secure business environment for economic development”. Vizag customs has been very proactive in automation and trade facilitation programmes that helped in not only sustaining the volumes in Vizag but also promote new cargoes and generate good revenue during the year 2017. Under this banner, Visakhapatnam Customs organized various cultural programmes at Port – Kala Vani Auditorium, Visakhapatnam on 27 January, 2018 wherein all stake holders and staff of Commissionerate along with Visakha Container Terminal participated largely and received accolades. During this event, sports were also conducted as part of the programme and VCT took part in Volley Ball and won the competition. In Chess, VCT stood as Runners.



## Road Safety Week - 17 January, 2018

An awareness campaign “RISK ONCE REGRET FOREVER” was conducted by VCT to observe the Road Safety week. As part of this programme a walkathon was organised from Kali Temple to YMCA which was flagged off by the Chief Guest Shri P L Haranadh, IRTS, Deputy Chairman, VPT. About 60 personnel participated in the walkathon programme at beach road displaying innovative messages through placards aimed at creating awareness among the bystanders. After completion of walkathon, the Chief Guest addressed the gathering at YMCA and conveyed a strong message on recent road mishaps and how it could have been avoided. Later the renowned invitees also spoke on Road Safety and importance of creating awareness among the personnel particularly the younger generation. The Chief Guest and other dignitaries inaugurated the “Risk Once Regret Forever” campaign. The programme was followed by a small awareness skit based on a true incident performed by VCT employees. The latter part of the day, VCT employees spread awareness at Ushodaya Junction to four-wheeler and two-wheeler riders regarding use and importance of seat belt and helmet.



### Visakha Container Terminal

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