



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

## Shipping Secretary @ Visakhapatnam



Shri Gopal Krishna, Shipping Secretary, IAS @ VCT along with Chairman & Dy. Chairman, VPT

Union Shipping Secretary Shri. Gopal Krishna, IAS accompanied by Shri MT Krishna Babu, IAS, VPT Chairman, Shri P L Harnadh, IRTS, Dy. Chairman of VPT along with other officials visited Visakha Container Terminal (VCT) to understand the container potential in the region.

During the visit, the Shipping Secretary was briefed about the infrastructure available at VCT, the expansion plans of the terminal and other trade impediments like Route Rationalization Scheme of Railway etc were discussed. The Secretary was also urged to facilitate priority berthing of coastal vessels at Kolkata and Visakhapatnam in order to enhance transshipment traffic from Vizag and fulfill the vision of GOI i.e. Transshipment through Indian Ports. Shri Gopal Krishna assured to look in to this priority berthing request and mentioned that 90% work is completed on the Raipur-Vijayanagaram line to address the rationalized route. Therefore, connectivity between Vizag and NCR would soon be a reality for the EXIM fraternity.

## International Customs Day

Theme based International Customs Day is celebrated across the globe under the guidance of World Customs Organisation (WCO) every year where various activities are conducted by the respective customs offices to spread the awareness and strengthen the ties amongst the trade. On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January the customs day was celebrated at Visakhapatnam. For smooth cross-border movement of goods, people and means of



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## KMTC's Maiden Vessel Call @ City of Destiny



M.V. Wieland @ VCT Maiden voyage of KMTC vessel

FME service started calling Visakha Container Terminal from October 2017 offering services to East Bound Sectors like South East Asia, China & Far East. FME partners CMA CGM, APL, RCL, Cosco, TS Lines, Feedertech have witnessed consistent growth since inception of the service. On the initial calls of FME service, about 1200-1300 TEUs were handled at VCT where currently the service is exchanging about 2000-2200 TEUs per call. The overall parcel size of the service increased from 1200 approximately since inception and further moved up to 1900 TEUs parcel size during last 6 months with an increase of 40%. The transshipment in the service kick started during November 2017 and continued thereafter. With the successful run of the service, KMTC shipping line has now joined hands with the other partners. The Korea Marine Transport Co. Ltd. (KMTC) headquartered in Seoul, Korea operates in approximately in 20 countries predominantly in Asia. It is indeed one of the large container lines in Asia with scheduled services connecting Korea, China, Japan and ASEAN countries. With this existence across the East Bound Sector, they have now expanded their horizon in to the east coast of India. KMTC's first vessel M.V. Wieland had her maiden call @ Visakha Container Terminal on 08 January, 2019 with an exchange of 1582 containers. To commemorate the maiden call, a small ceremony was conducted on board the vessel wherein the master of the vessel was felicitated by VCT management in the presence of Seahorse Group, the agents for KMTC India.



Felicitations of memento presentation to the Vessel Captain from the Terminal Head of VCT

## VISITORS AT VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL



(Middle) Mr. Hasan, Head Imports along with Colleague from Haier appliances India Pvt. Ltd., (Left) Mr. Rambabu, from Gateway Distriparks Ltd., Visited on 03.01.2019



(Left) Mr. Abdul Rahman, Director, (3rd from Right) Mr. G. Shivakanth, Director, (2nd from Left) Mr. G. Subba Rao, Branch Manager & (Right) Mr. Ravi Kiran, Manager-Operations from Dhruva Logistics Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 07.01.2019



(Middle) Capt. S.B. Mazumdar, Executive Director, (Left) Capt. Ram J Ganesan, Head – South & Mr. Arjun, Branch Manager from Sea Horse shipping agencies Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 08.01.2019



Team from Logan Minerals Ltd., along with (Right) Mr. Prasanth Sagi, MD from Megasea shipping Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 09.01.2019



Mr. Tejhash R Modh, Country Head from Export Trading Group, Visited on 10.01.2019



(Left) Mr. Edwin Alexander, Director & Mr. Money George, Director from WINWIN Maritime Ltd., Visited on 10.01.2019



(2nd from Left) Ms. Manju Aswani (3rd from Left) Mr. SK Mohapatra from IRQS Team (Left) Mr. Rishad Chinay, Head Safety, (2nd from Right) Mr. Surya Lanka, Head Logistics & (Right) Mr. Suresh Babu, Sr. Manager – Port Operations from TATA Steel Ltd., Visited on 11.01.2019



Mr. Arijit Nag (Left), Manager & his colleague from Sea Hawk Lines Pvt Ltd., Visited on 30.01.2019



Mr. Pankaj Rawat, Inland Operations – East, Rohan Kumar, Manager – Operations, Sudeepthobose, Manager – Equipment & Rahul Pushparajan, Manager – Operations from Maersk Line India Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 22.01.2019



Mr. Tom Liu (Left), Junior Vice-President from Evergreen Shipping Agency India Pvt. Ltd., & Ms. Mousami Guha, Senior General Manager from Boxco Logistics India Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 22.01.2019





(2nd from Left) Mr. Solen Chuang, President (3rd from Left) Mr. Rajan Thakur, Dy. Jr. Vice-President from Evergreen India Pvt. Ltd., (Left) Mr. Goutam Roy, President – Business Development from JM Baxi Group & Ms. Mousami Guha, Sr. General Manager from Boxco Logistics India Pvt. Ltd., Visited on 31.01.2019.

“Their visit was to study the potential of Vizag’s hinterland and also explore new business avenues for Evergreen in the next financial year.”

## Port City is the talk of the town



Silver Discoverer, Cruise Vessel's maiden voyage @ Visakhapatnam Port Trust

The Port city gets more prominence and has become the talk of the town. Earlier, the city witnessed major business events like East Coast Maritime Business Summit, International Fleet Review, CII Partnership Summit and many others. Later, Yacht festival took place at the city of destiny entertaining the citizens especially with the beautiful picturesque view at nights followed by balloon festival that took place on the Eastern Ghats of Visakhapatnam region. The jewel of the east coast, Visakhapatnam also boasts the submarine museum the first of its kind which is located on the shore of the eastern sea-lane, Bay of Bengal. Not to forget the TU 142 aircraft, another attraction that is located just opposite to the submarine museum contributing towards increased tourism.

The city now is ascending a step further where the Cruise Liner made its maiden entry into the port city Visakhapatnam. The cruise liner “Silver Discoverer, the 1989 Russian-Built arrived at the city of destiny on 24 January, 2019 from Trincomalee in Sri Lanka via Chennai. The Secretary, Ministry of Shipping Shri Gopal Krishna, IAS graced the occasion and said that the port has all the potential to become a world class cruise terminal. On the same context, Shri MT Krishna Babu, IAS, VPT Chairman mentioned that there are two more cruise liners which are more likely to call Visakhapatnam soon. The Port City has all the advantages to become the major tourist destination and hence poised to get increased cruise vessel calls in near future.

JM Baxi group that has been the agents for various shipping lines offering bulk cargo and container services were the agents for this cruise liner too, an added feather to their cap.



Felicitation of memento presentation to the Vessel Captain from Port Chairman in the presence of Shipping Secretary

## Port Elevated Corridor



Faster transit, quick evacuation & cost effectiveness are the buzz words for any port that will give room to handle incremental traffic with seamless movements. The proposal to create an Elevated Port Corridor that was conceived some time ago at the port city has started bearing fruits with the work being kicks tarted. A flyover is planned from Convent Junction which is about 4 kms away from the Container Terminal and would end at the Ambedkar Statue inside the port area. The entire length of the flyover will be about 700 m. Upon completion of the flyover heavy freight vehicles will have a different thoroughfare which will allow a free flow of civic traffic to the railway station in the close vicinity.

The main objective to build an elevated corridor is to reduce the logistics cost and facilitate faster movement which will allow quicker turnaround of trucks & trailers. The other advantage is to avoid any accidents which might occur because of the increasing civic traffic taking this route to highways. The new corridor will strengthen the linkage between the National Highway and the port therefore the cargo would reach customers at a faster rate than earlier. The flyover will connect from port to convent junction and from there it will further connect to National Highway at Sheela Nagar. This entire stretch connecting multiple corridors will be dedicated for the cargo movement to and from the port.

With this Port Elevated corridor getting ready, Visakha Container Terminal (VCT) would be better connected to the National Highway and therefore to the hinterland.

The photograph shows a formal panel discussion taking place on a stage. Seven individuals, including officials and industry representatives, are seated in white armchairs arranged in a row. Behind them is a large, colorful backdrop for the 'International Customs Day-2019' celebration. The backdrop includes the Indian Customs emblem at the top left, followed by the word 'Celebrate' in cursive, and the main title 'International Customs Day-2019' in large blue letters. Below this, the theme 'Smart Borders' is written in green. A horizontal band across the middle of the backdrop displays logos for the Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Directorate General of Customs & Excise, and several corporate partners: Vedanta, Tata Steel, Yashwantrao Chavan Pratishthan, Adani, and Essar.

Apart from the meetings and sessions, the Visakhapatnam Customs House moved one step ahead and organized volley ball, badminton and cricket tournaments where Visakha Container Terminal had the privilege to participate in the all the events. Awards on various categories were also announced where the achievers got the privilege to take the award from the Honourable Member of Parliament.

## Effective Handling of Specialized Cargo @ VCT

The vessel M.V. Mogral had allocated a slot on the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier on deck for this cargo. Now the challenge was to lift it with a hook beam, load and place this over width cargo which was overhanging by around 6 feet on either side of the flat-rack on board the vessel. The Operations team was geared up to execute this challenging task. The package was secured to the hook beam and steadying ropes tied to the ends to eliminate the swinging of the package. The operation commenced at 0230 hrs on 15 January 2019 and within an hour the loading was completed to the satisfaction of the exporter, shipping line and the vessel master. The presence of mind of being prepared to load flat-rack prior vessel arrival and post arrival of vessel, loading of the cargo on flat-rack by team operations was commendable. There have been quite a few situations earlier too that was handled effectively by team VCT, yet this is another situation that has left a foot print as an example of excellence.

## Balloon Festival at Araku Valley