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

VCT CFS – Operations Commenced



VCT CFS completed its infrastructure construction and received the final nod from the customs too. The state of the art facility has commenced its operations in July 2016.

CFS has adopted an advanced technology which is first of its kind in India such as:

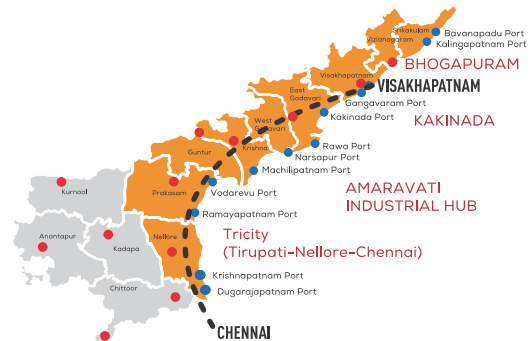
- Geo Grid Technology for Ground improvement.
- Plasma Lights [LEP] for Container Yard Lighting.
- Integrated Office Block to seat the Customs, Customers and the CFS personnel under one roof
- Fully computerised Gate Complex design to provide operational flexibility and facilitate multi directional traffic flow.
- An intelligent layout keeping in mind the operational flows and also safety of people working in the facility.

TS Lines @ VCT

The Taiwan based shipping line that started its services at Hong Kong, Taiwan and Japan has grown steadily by incorporating services across the continent extending from Gulf to Australia. With proven records of continuous growth, TS Lines made its mark at Visakha Container Terminal in July '16 where its first lot of import containers arrived, carrying goods from China & Korea. The growing prominence of Visakhapatnam is driving more & more such global carriers to commence their operations in the port city and cater to the burgeoning container traffic here.



Vizag Chennai Industrial Corridor - VCIC



First phase of India's maiden Coastal Corridor which is aligned with Golden Quadrilateral with Visakhapatnam and Chennai being the major clusters is expected to be completed by 2019, funded by Asian Development Bank (ADB) to the tune of Rs. 2100 Cr. The Govt. of Andhra Pradesh is also likely to share 30% of the project cost. The project which involves Planning, Industrial infrastructure, Roads and bridges, Power transmission & distribution, Water Supply and Safety assessments would be implemented by Andhra Pradesh Industries Infrastructure Corporation (APIIC), Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) and AP Transco. ADB would be funding another Rs. 2100 Cr., for completion of second phase by 2022.

It is indeed a transport corridor that extends North-South over 800 kms along the coast connecting a set of Industrial nodes. The corridor is supported with Kolkata – Chennai rail route, covering 4 operational ports. While the economic growth of AP has matched the national growth rate last year, the latest developments in the north and the continuous expansion of industrial activity in south would contribute to AP's industrial growth.

Govt. of AP is adding further advantage by providing Single – Window Clearances and established industrial Clusters with parks / townships, Special Economic Zones (SEZs) etc., Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs), Make in India and Act East policies are the other catalysts to drive the growth even further. A total of 10 projects would be implemented in the First Phase with AP Transco handling 6 out of them.

Visakhapatnam with its vast hinterland is considered to be the hub for Reefer, Agri Products exports and Pharma imports and exports. The upcoming VCIC will play a vital role for a much faster evacuation and much needed thrust to the containerised cargo. VCT therefore would be the "Ideal Gateway on the East Coast of India" to handle all the incremental EXIM and coastal cargo.

VISITORS AT VISAKHA CONTAINER TERMINAL



BTL Completes 800 Calls at Visakhapatnam

Visakha Container Terminal (VCT) has witnessed yet another milestone marking Bengal Tiger Line's (BTL) 800th vessel at the Port City on 1 July, 2016. This feat was achieved as a part of 13 years of dedicated weekly coverage of their feeder service from Vizag to the Malacca Straits.

This 800th sailing also coincided with the inauguration of SOLAS VGM weight controlling legislation at Visakhapatnam and Mr. Bill Smart, Managing Director congratulated the entire team of BTL for the first



successful VGM loading. He thanked the trade in Vizag for their loyal support over the years during a gathering On-board the vessel. On this occasion, VCT honoured the Managing Director and the Captain of the Ship – Mr. Joffrey by felicitating with a silver salver.

m/v Passat Summer is one among the 20 scheduled vessels operated by BTL which is part of their MD2 service that offers one of the fastest transits to Singapore and Port Kelang from Vizag on a weekly basis.

Japan – A Stronger Market for Indian Products

Sesame seeds are among the oldest known oilseed crops and are loaded with the highest oil content among all the seed types. They are commonly used as an ingredient or constituent in many cuisines globally, thanks to their nutty texture and the rich flavour. The world produces about 3 million tons of Sesame seeds per year on an average with about 60-65 countries producing it.

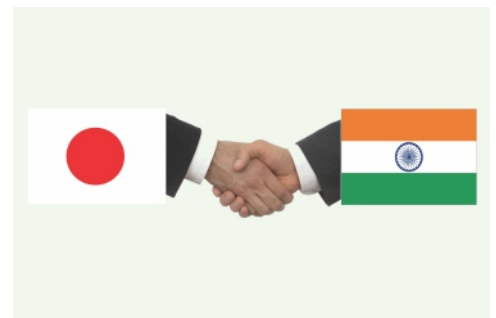
India takes the second position in the production of Sesame Seeds and occupies number 1 position in terms of exports. The country's tropical climate and large scaled crop area makes it possible to produce more than 13% of the total annual production of the seeds globally.

With respect to the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement which was formed in 2011, Indian commerce ministry is proposing Japan to bring its trading companies like – Itochu, Mitsui & Mitsubishi for purchase of Sesame Seeds in large quantities. Japan is the world's second largest consumer of the seeds after China and South Korea averaging an annual import of 1.6 Lakh Tonnes. The seeds are used in a variety of Japanese cuisine. Sesame Oil is used in cooking and manufacturing of soaps, perfumes and pharmaceuticals while Sesame meal is used as poultry feed. There is a huge demand in the East Asian countries for Sesame seeds.

Present prices of Indian Sesame Seeds are 30% less compared to last year and according to common view of the traders and stockists the prices are expected to reduce further. The reducing prices of Sesame Seeds will lead to the growth in Indian market internationally and domestically.

Prime Ministers of both the nations seek a stronger bilateral partnership in the coming future in the areas of Infrastructure, manufacturing & high technology, advanced transportation systems, civil nuclear energy, solar power generation, space, biotechnology, rare earths and advanced materials. High-speed trains and nuclear deals are another important outcome of the bilateral relations.

Andhra Pradesh, the sunrise state has attracted a large set of Japanese firms to invest in the near future. The state is also well connected with Road and Rail to all parts of India and therefore can be a great opportunity for Visakhapatnam to be used as the gateway for Export of Sesame Seeds and Sesame Oil to Japan.



Cryogenic Plant for Encouraging Food Exports



Linde India Limited, formerly BOC India Limited, is a leading industrial gas company in India. They own and operate India's largest air separation plant and run more than 20 production facilities and filling stations across the country supplying more than 20,000 gases and mixtures as well as provide a range of related services including the construction and installation of plants, equipment, pipelines and associated engineering services.

The firm is slated to invest Rs. 500 Cr. in Andhra Pradesh to set up an air separation plant and a lab for food processing industry for cryogenic freezing. AP govt., has approved an Air Separation Unit (ASU) by Linde India, a

Linde Group subsidiary. This facility is likely to come up at Bhimavaram, West Godavari dist., that would provide liquid nitrogen at -196 °C which benefits food associations and exporters. The firm is understood to invest in a lab for food processing industry and a training facility as well.

VCT Initiatives

13th year of VCT has not just shown growth in terms of volume but the responsibility to serve the society has been equally commendable over the years. VCT team has been on continuous research in terms of understanding the needs of the society and trying to provide the best possible solution which it is good at.

Kudasingi is a village located in the midst of Eastern Ghats which is about 170 kms away from Port City. The remote area with a population of 200, struggles for clean drinking water. VCT Team identified flow of water uphill which is 3.5 kms from the village. By establishing two 2000 litre water tanks with 6 tap points across the village, today the rural population gets drinking water 24x7.

The above project was named – **“JAL VIKAS DRINKING WATER PROJECT”**.

Likewise, the organization felt responsible to nurture young minds of the city by donating benches to a Government run school.

‘Paathasalaki Abharanam Merugaina Chaduvuki Srikaram’ – Improved infrastructure for the schools is the beginning of better future.

VCT donated 114 benches to the school with attached desks for 6 classrooms. The school which was established in 1967 has a total strength of 296 students. Idea behind the project is to provide better comfort to the students for brighter education in building their future.

Chief Guest – Dr. K. Haribabu, Member of Parliament, Visakhapatnam applauded the initiative taken by VCT and promised to provide proper infrastructure to all the 81 government schools in Vizag. VCT is now contemplating to adopt the school to improve infrastructure and academic facilities.

VCT has been doing such projects to support the needs of the society and would continue doing so religiously in future too.

