

## **DEDICATION TO THE NATION: GANGAVARAM PORT**

### **The Ultra Modern Deepest Port of India**

**Hyderabad, July 12, 2009:** Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy inaugurated and dedicated the Gangavaram Port to the Nation at a grand ceremony held today at the Port.. Gangavaram Port is the deepest and the most modern port of India, which has redefined port operational standards in the country. Also, gracing the occasion were Hon'ble Member of Parliament Dr. KVP Ramachandra Rao, Hon'ble Minister of State for HRD Smt. Purandeswari, Hon'ble Minister of Major Industries, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Sri Kanna Lakshmi Narayana, Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Welfare, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Sri P. Balaraju and other senior leaders and official of Government of Andhra Pradesh.

**Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Dr.Y.S.Rajasekhara Reddy on the event of Inauguration and Dedication ceremony of Gangavaram Port said, "Gangavaram Port is the deepest and the eco-friendly Port in the country.This is a special day in the history of Vizag with the opening of the second port in the city. I congratulate Sri. D.V.S Raju for developing this port which will be helpful for Industrial development of the State. Further to this he also added that it is a joint venture with the Government. Government has supported by providing land and R&R packages to the villagers. Gangavaram Management has already provided 300 jobs to the project affected people and another 300 jobs will be provided in a few days."**

Gangavaram Port is a public private initiative by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Strategically located in Visakhapatnam, Gangavaram Port is the deepest and the most modern port in India with all weather round the year operations. The Port's state of the art highly mechanized cargo handling equipments will result in efficiency of operations and substantial savings to importers and exporters. Gangavaram Port is the only port in the country that has the infrastructure to handle the largest bulk cargo vessels of upto 200,000dwt i.e. the Capesize vessels. Gangavaram Port has the unique distinction of being the only greenfield port project to be completed in such a short span of time.

While welcoming the dignitaries and speaking on the occasion, **Sri D.V.S Raju, CMD, Gangavaram Port**, said, “Our vision was always to create a truly world class port infrastructure in the county. We are delighted that Gangavaram Port is now operational and with its deep draft berths and most advanced mechanized handling systems will act as the gateway port for imports and exports from India. Its ability to handle larger vessels efficiently will result in substantial savings to trade and port users.”

The Port will provide efficient cargo handling services for a variety of bulk cargo groups including Coal, Iron Ore, Bauxite, Limestone, Steel products, Fertilizers, etc. The Port, its related facilities and material handling system have been planned to meet the highest environmental standards.

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