

Shreyas Shipping launches Vizag-Dubai container service

Exim cargo for Gulf countries to be shipped from here



SSL Gujarat of Shreyas Shipping and Logistics, which made its maiden call to Visakhapatnam, at the VCTPL berth on Friday. CV Subrahmanyam

Visakhapatnam, February 6:

Shreyas Shipping & Logistics Ltd, of Transworld group of companies and a leading Indian coastal container shipping line, on Friday, launched a direct service from here to Jebel Ali (Dubai) with the maiden call of *SSL Gujarat* at the Visakhapatnam container terminal here at the port.

SSL Gujarat is the new acquisition in the company's fleet and directly deployed on PIX2 (Pan India X-press) service.

SSL Sagarmala deployed on East coast service will provide feeder support to PIX2 service connecting Kolkata, Haldia, Paradip and Kakinada over Vizag for import as well as export cargo and develop Vizag as trans-shipment hub on the east coast of India for both domestic as well as exim cargo.

"The exim cargo for Gulf countries, which are being trans-shipped from Colombo at present, will get trans-shipped at Vizag and shipped out directly from here," said Captain VK Singh, CEO, Shreyas Shipping & Logistics Ltd.

He said the service would cater to the movement of domestic containers between Indian ports, coastal Exim trans-shipment containers and direct liner cargoes to and from Gulf countries. The service has commenced with two vessels on a fortnightly basis and very soon one more vessel will be inducted.

Sushil Moolchandana, COO, Visakha Container Terminal Private Ltd, said it was a major development which augured well for the VCTPL.

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