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PRESS NOTE

DCIL launches beach nourishment work for VPT



Visakhapatnam, February 10: Sri K. Rama Mohana Rao, I.A.S ,Chairman of Visakhapatnam Port Trust and Dredging Corporation of India Ltd inaugurated the 2020-21 year beach nourishment work by DCI dredger Dredge XX at RK Beach today.

Speaking on this occasion Chairman,VPT& DCIL conveyed the message that every citizen has to respect and protect Nature otherwise it reacts badly. Elaborating on the beach nourishment work taken up by DCIL he informed that during monsoon season the sand material at beach gets eroded affecting the Kursura area and also adjoining roads. To protect the beach from erosion and for beach nourishment work, VPT has a three years contract agreement with DCIL upto 2022 at an annual cost of around Rs 15 crores.

To commence this year's dredging DCI has deployed DR XX to dredge at the VPT sand trap area and the dredged material will be pumped through floating pipelines to Kursura area situated at a distance of 4 kms from the sand trap area. The quantity to be dredged is about 2.10 Lakh cum and work will be completed within 30 to 40 days.

Chairman further added that the work of beach nourishment is being taking up by VPT under Corporate Social Responsibility along with other works such as sprinkling polymer on coal to form a cohesive layer so that coal dust does not spread out due to wind.

Speaking about DCIL he said that with the present fleet, DCI is catering to about 60million cum of maintenance dredging requirement of our ports annually. It is felt that DCI will be requiring more number of dredgers to tackle about 160 million cum of annual maintenance dredging requirement in coming 10 years as projected. To meet this requirement various options are under consideration for procurement of new 12000 cum hopper capacity dredger at a cost of around Rs.600-800 Crores and also for augmentation of hopper capacities of existing dredgers.He commended DCIL's team for successful completion of dredging projects.

Sri Rajesh Tripathi, MD&CEO, Prof Dr.G.Y.V.Victor, MD&CEO designate, Shri J. Pradeep Kumar, CVO , Cap. S.Divakar,CGM and other senior officials from DCIL attended the event.