



Visakhapatnam Port Authority Investment of Rs.20 Crores under CSR funds for Beach Nourishment as announced by VPA Chairman Sri K.Rama Mohana Rao, IAS, on 13.02.2023 at Ramakrishna Beach have become the Talk of the town and had made the headlines on 14.02.2023. Few clippings from the wide media Coverage.

# Beach nourishment work begins at RK Beach


VPA awards the contract to DCI for ₹20 crore; about 10,000 tonnes of sand is pumped daily and nearly 40% of the money will be spent on fuel for the dredger, says an official

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**T**he Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) on Monday started the annual beach nourishment works at RK Beach near the NTR statue here. To dump about two lakh cubic metres of sea sand on the shore at RK Beach, the VPA awarded the work to Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCI) for ₹20 crore. The work which started on Monday will be completed in another 30 days.

VPA Chairman K. Rama Mohan Rao inaugurated the works.

Speaking to reporters on the occasion, Mr. Rao explained that beach nourishment is a regular activity of the VPA as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). As the wind pattern changes twice a year during the southwest monsoon and northeast monsoon, the sandy material on the beach is eroded. This result in erosion of the



Visakhapatnam Port Authority Chairman K. Rama Mohana Rao breaking a coconut to inaugurate the beach nourishment work at RK Beach in Visakhapatnam on Monday. V. RAJU

beaches, he added.

To protect against the beach erosion, the VPT will spend ₹20 crore of its CSR funds for beach nourishment works in Visakhapatnam this year. As beach erosion is not limited to the city, VPT and DCI are ready to take up the same work in other beaches of the State if the government directs them to do so with allocation of necessary funds, Mr. Rao added.

For this year's work, the DCI deployed Dredge XIX to work in the sand trap area, pumping the dredged material through floating pipelines to RK Beach, 4 km from the VPA channel.

The entire stretch of the Visakhapatnam city coast needs at least 30 to 40 lakh cubic metres of sand for beach nourishment.

About 10,000 tonnes of sand is pumped daily, and nearly 40% of the month's work cost of ₹20 crore will be spent on fuel for the dredger, a DCI officer said.

# Vizag soon to have clean beaches

VPA launches beach nourishment prog during which sand will be pumped into the areas

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**BEACH** nourishment programme taken up by the Visakhapatnam Port Authority with ₹20 crore was launched here on Monday. The Dredging Corporation of India which was given dredging works deployed the dredger XIX to undertake the dredging works. The work will be completed within 30 days.

Dredging will help regenerate beaches by pumping back sand onto beaches. A large quantity of sand will be pumped into the areas where erosion occurred. Besides strengthening the beaches dredging will also help increase depth in the sea so as to ensure smooth movement of ships in the sea. Beach nourishment was taken up at the Children's Park where the retaining wall of the park collapsed due to soil



VPA chairman K Rammohan Rao at the beach road in Vizag | G SATYANARAYANA

is not protected, many unforeseen incidents will occur, he added.

Pointing out the recent where several residents of Turkey and Syria lost their lives due to earthquake, he said the port authority has been trying to control the erosion by regularly nourishing the RK Beach with the sand available in the sand trap at the outer harbour.

Shoreline changes i.e. Erosion or accretion is a natural phenomenon that occurs throughout the coast with varying magnitude due to natural processes and man-made interventions, the chairman said.

"The seasonally changing winds during the southwest monsoon (June-Sep) and northeast monsoon (Dec-Feb), gener-

ate wind-waves from different directions towards the beaches. There is a moral responsibility on VPA, GVMC and the district administration to protect the beauty of the city of Visakhapatnam. The port authority taken up the beach nourishment with ₹20 crore," he said.

The DCI was undertaking dredging works in Kolkota, Paradip, Chennai, Kochi and other ships and it has been a continuous process. He said the RK beach was popular and there was need for protecting beauty of the Vizag beaches. It was responsibility of citizens to maintain cleanliness and don't litter in the beach, he appealed. As a part of CSR activities the VPA in association with the Red Cross has undertaken health programmes in schools, tree plantation and afforestation programmes, he added. He further stated that the Dredging Corporation is

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బీచ్ రోడ్డు: ప్రతి ఒక్కరూ ప్రకృతిని గౌరవించాలని.. లేకుంటే అనేక అనర్థాలు చోటుచేసుకుంటాయని విశాఖ పోర్ట్ ట్రస్ట్ చైర్మన్ రామ్మోహన్ రావు అన్నారు. రూ.20 కోట్ల వ్యయంతో సోమవారం ఆర్కే బీచ్ లో డ్రెడ్జింగ్ పనులను ప్రారంభించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఆయన మాట్లాడుతూ తీరాన్ని పరిరక్షించాలనే ఉద్దేశంతో ఏటా డ్రెడ్జింగ్ పనులను చేపడుతున్నట్లు తెలిపారు. సముద్రంలో పూడికను బయటకి తీయడం చాలా ఖర్చుతో పాటు సమయం పడుతుందన్నారు. విశాఖ పోర్టు సీఎస్ఆర్ కార్యక్రమంలో భాగంగా ఏటా రూ.20 కోట్లతో ఈ డ్రెడ్జింగ్ పనులను చేపట్టడం జరుగుతుందన్నారు. నెల రోజుల పాటు సాగే ఈ డ్రెడ్జింగ్ పనుల్లో రెండు లక్షల క్యూబిక్ టన్నుల ఇసుకను బయటకు తీయడం లక్ష్యంగా పెట్టుకున్నట్లు తెలిపారు. సముద్రం అలల తాకిడికి బీచ్ కోతకు గురవుతుందని, అందమైన విశా



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## DCI plans to acquire dredger worth ₹850 cr

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**Visakhapatnam:** The Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) and Dredging Corporation Limited (DCIL) chairman K Rama Mohan Rao said that DCI is acquiring more drudgery to meet requirements.

It would get a dredger worth Rs. 850 crore or 12,000 cubic meter capacity dredger by 2025, which is under construction in Cochin Shipyard.

After inaugurating the dredging works or beach nourishment opposite Novotel Hotel here on Monday, the DCI chairman Rama Mohana Rao said that DCI would achieve its ₹1,000 crore turnover this year which is the highest ever since its inception. The last highest turnover of the DCI was Rs. 803 crore in 2021. The DCI has already achieved more than 825 crore turnover by third quarter of this finan-

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cial year. "The erosion of beach would occur due to changes in the south-west and northeast winds which change the wave activity," Rama Mohan Rao said.

He said the present dredging would provide scope for beach beautification with nourishment of around 2 lakh cubic meters of sand that would be dredged and placed on the beach in the next 30 days with an estimated cost of ₹20 crore.

With the available fleet of nine dredgers of DCI, it would dredge around 60 million cubic meter of sand whereas the country needs 100 million to 125 million cubic meter of dredging.