



## Press Release

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The Rajya Sabha Committee on Petitions, chaired by Shri Sujeet Kumar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, conducted a review at Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) concerning the petition on "Conserving and Revitalizing the Dying Rivers Across the Country." This review involved key stakeholders including Hindusthan Shipyard Limited, Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited, AP Mineral Development Corporation, AP Pollution Control Board, AP Agro Industries Development Corporation, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, the Ministry of Steel, and the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation.

As the host organization, Dr. M. Angamuthu, IAS, Chairperson of VPA, presented an overview of the Port's operations and achievements. The Committee lauded VPA for securing the 19th rank in the World Bank's CPPI 2023, inquiring into the criteria that contributed to this achievement. It was highlighted that operational excellence and robust infrastructure facilities were pivotal factors in achieving this ranking.

The Committee engaged in discussions with representatives from all participating organizations and commended VPA's "1 Million Tree Plantation" initiative, further inquiring about the survival rate of the planted trees and VPA's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities. Chairperson Dr. Angamuthu informed the Committee that VPA's total CSR expenditure, including projects undertaken in collaboration with GVMC, amounts to approximately Rs. 75 crores for Visakhapatnam city.

The Committee expressed appreciation for the hospitality and arrangements provided by Visakhapatnam Port Authority.

Shri T. Venu Gopal, Secretary, VPA, released the information to Press and Media

