



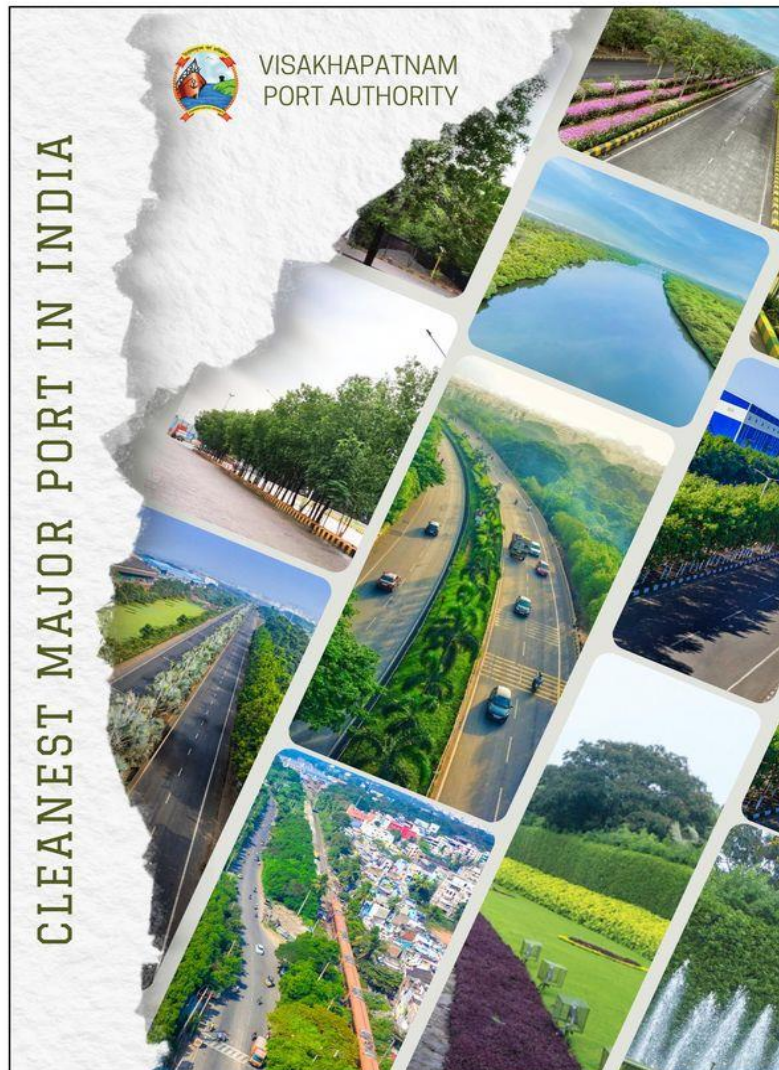
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VPA's Million-Tree Mission: Greening Vizag for a Healthier Tomorrow

Green Initiative to Improve Urban Air Quality



Visakhapatnam, 03rd March 2025: In a remarkable effort towards environmental sustainability, Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) 1 million trees across the city in just three years plantation drive program . This initiative aims to reduce pollution, enhance green cover, and contribute to the city's overall ecological balance.

As part of its commitment to environmental responsibility, VPA has strategically undertaken massive afforestation drives, focusing on high-traffic zones, port premises, and public spaces to mitigate pollution caused by industrial and vehicular emissions. The newly planted trees serve as natural air purifiers, absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen, significantly improving the air quality in Visakhapatnam.

To ensure the long-term impact of this initiative, VPA has implemented an advanced irrigation and maintenance system for the plantations, utilizing drip irrigation and regular monitoring by environmental experts. Special emphasis has been placed on planting native and pollution-resistant species, contributing to the city's biodiversity and resilience against climate change.

Speaking on this Plantation Program, T.Venu Gopal , Secretary , VPA stated, "Visakhapatnam Port Authority remains committed to fostering a cleaner and greener city. This afforestation drive is a testament to our dedication to reducing pollution and ensuring a sustainable future for Visakhapatnam." This green initiative aligns with the Swachh Bharat Mission and National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), reinforcing Visakhapatnam's position as one of the cleanest and most environmentally conscious port cities in India. VPA continues to explore innovative solutions to curb pollution, including electrification of port operations, dust suppression systems, and eco-friendly transportation measures. With ongoing environmental projects, the Port Authority remains steadfast in its mission to create a sustainable urban ecosystem for the residents of Visakhapatnam.