



A view of the East Quay-1 berth in the inner harbour at the Visakhapatnam port developed by Adani group.

Adani completes Vizag coal terminal ahead of schedule

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Completing the Rs 400-crore steam coal terminal at Vishakhapatnam port eight months ahead of schedule, Adani Ports and SEZ Ltd (APSEZL), India's largest commercial and private port operator, on Wednesday announced commencing its operations on the East Coast.

EAST COAST ENTRY

The terminal, having a capacity to handle 6.4 million tonnes (mt) of imported coal a year, marks the entry of Adani Ports on the East Coast.

The company has created infrastructure for handling cargo of up to 9 mt of coal at this terminal to be supplied to power plants in Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra.

The Adani Vizag Coal Terminal, a subsidiary of APSEZL, had entered into a concession agreement with Vishakhapatnam Port Trust to set up a steam coal handling facility project in March 2011 with a completion deadline of August 2014.

COAL HANDLING

The facilities created at the port can handle steam coal volumes of up to 9 mt.

The Visakhapatnam port is strategic for coal imports to feed the local industries and power plants of the adjoining states, said Karan Adani, Executive Director, APSEZL.

The company also operates ports in Mundra, Hazira and Dahej, in Gujarat and is setting up coal handling facilities at Mormugao in Goa and at Kandla in Gujarat.