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JNPT-APEC Port Training Centre aims attaining self-sustainability within 3 years



MUMBAI : In a path-breaking initiative, the Hon'ble Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Shipping during his visit to ANTWERP in November, 2014 invited the Antwerp Port Authority and its Training Centre, APEC Antwerp/Flanders Training Centre, to set up a similar international class Port Training Centre in India.

This has been firmed up with an MOU having been signed between Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust and APEC Antwerp/Flanders Training Centre on 12th February, 2015 to establish the JNPT-APEC Port Training Centre in JN Port area at Navi Mumbai. The APEC-Antwerp/Flanders Training Centre is affiliated to the Antwerp Port Authority, a municipally owned agency.

The Centre has since successfully organised two training programs in

February and August, 2015 with 52 participants from Major Port Trusts, Private Ports and Terminal Operators. The programs were conducted by experts from Antwerp and included classroom sessions and interactive workshops and exercises providing theoretical knowledge and building practical skills. The participants, in their feedback, have immensely valued the training content and felt better equipped to handle the new challenges and meet customer requirements. The Centre is envisaged to be managed by a non profit company jointly formed by APEC Antwerp and JNPT with equal equity participation and aims at attaining self-sustainability within 3 years. The infrastructure for Centre meeting international standards is being developed at JN Port.

During the coming year 2016, at least 6 training programs have been planned

with different themes - "Strategy, Policy and Business Development in February; "Managing Change and Effective Leadership" in April; "Ports and Terminals in Supply Chain Logistics" in June; "Port Administration and Management" in August; "Port and Terminal Operations: Achieving Operational Excellence" in October and "Engineering Ports to Exceed Customer Expectations" in November. Registrations are open to participants from Major Port Trusts, Private Ports and Terminals in India and from Ports/Terminals abroad. Apart from the key aspects of port operations, the underlying focus is also to enhance and develop skills for Business development Strategies and Marketing and also instilling behavioural changes to lead effectively in the fast-changing business environment.