

## **VIZHINJAM PORT**

Vizhinjam is a coastal Town in Capital City of Kerala (Thiruvananthapuram), South India. Vizhinjam, 'Port of the Future' is located at 8021'N and 770 0' E on the west coast of India

Vizhinjam is just on the outskirts of Thiruvananthapuram (Trivandrum), 16 km away from the City Centre and 1 km away from the City Limits, but located within the Trivandrum Metropolitan City area.

Vizhinjam is a natural port, which is located close to the international ship route. So **it is expected that at least 50% of the nearly 20,000 ships that pass through the Suez canal (per annum) will anchor at Vizhinjam Port.** It is expected that with the functioning of Vizhinjam port in its full swing, the ports of Colombo, Singapore and Dubai might face serious competitor from India. This will boost the trade and commercial activities not only in Kerala but also to entire India. **It is estimated that India could save more than a 100 million U.S dollars a year in terms of foreign exchange.**

Natural dept of 23 meters and could easily accommodate ships with displacement of upto 300,000 tons with little or no dredging. Compare this with the fact that most ports are hard pressed even to accommodate ships upto 200,000 tons even after massive dredging. A comparative scant dredging of 5/6 meters of dredging at Vizhinjam mean that it could accommodate even the largest ship in the world with a whopping dead weight of more than 564,000 tons.