

FORT -1852

Fort is an area located in the city of Visakhapatnam. Visakhapatnam has an international mix of people from various parts of the country and the world. It is enclosed on three sides by partly covered mountain ranges. The south eastern city is protected by the Bay of Bengal. The city has borne always an important place on the map right from ancient times. Visakhapatnam is a successful industrial city in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh with a busy port, huge dry dock and a successful ship building industry. The port of Visakhapatnam is a major landmark in its history.

On 9th December 1851, the second batch of Sisters led by Mother St. John Boissat, arrived providentially at Visakhapatnam. They remained eight days in Visakhapatnam and then left for Yanam. In **March 1852**, when they returned to Visakhapatnam, the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (M.S.F.S.) vacated the '**Fort House**' on the sea-shore and gave it to the Sisters temporarily. This became the first Convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy in Visakhapatnam. The M.S.F.S. fathers stayed in St. Ann's Cathedral site close to the then partly built sanctuary.

