



## New Mangalore Port Trust

### Brief History

Mangalore has a long history dating back to the early Christian era. Mangalore is mentioned in the manuscripts of the Great Library of Alexandria, Egypt. Roman history describes Mangalore as a Port on the mouth of the river Netras (Netravati) as the old port was located at the confluence of Gurpur and Netravati rivers. Greek drama also alludes to Mangalore described as Mangala. Ptolemy, the astronomer and famous explorer of the 2<sup>nd</sup> century makes a mention of Mangalore in his travelogue. During the time of Vijayanagara Empire, Arab traders had established a flourishing trade in silk and spices between Mangalore and West Asia and even now is known as the Gateway of Karnataka.

Situated at the convergence of Gurupur and Nethravathi rivers, the Old Port(Bunder) had its own constraints to meet the growing demand for sea trade. The need for a new port was felt and the New Mangalore Port was born.

The Mangalore Harbour Project was set up in the year 1962. The maritime works on the project commenced in 1968. The New Mangalore Port, the only Major Port of Karnataka was declared as the 9<sup>th</sup> Major Port on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1974 and was formally inaugurated by the then Prime Minister of India, Smt. Indira Gandhi on 11<sup>th</sup> January 1975. The provisions of the Major Port Trust Act 1963 were applied to NMPT with effect from 1.4.1980. Since then the Port has been functioning as a centre of activities for Importers and Exporters of this region.





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Over the years the Port has grown from the humble beginning of handling less than a lakh tonnes of traffic to the present level of handling 39.15 million tonnes during the last financial year 2019-20. The major commodities exported through the Port are POL Products, iron ore pellets, containerized cargo, etc. The major commodities imported through the Port are POL Crude for MRPL, Cement, coal, fertilizer, edible oil, liquid chemicals, containerized cargo etc. The Port is providing all the facilities for handling the cargo of mega Industries like MRPL-ONGC, OMPL, KIOCL, TOTAL GAZ, MCF, HPCL,IOC, UPCL, etc.



### NMPT Chairmen

	Chairman	Period
1	Shri E.S. Rajabather	01-04-1980 to 17-10-1985
2	Shri B. Mahapatra, IAS	07-09-1987 to 07-09-1992
3	Shri A.N.M. Kishore	17-06-1993 to 31-01-1997
4	Capt. R. Ramkumar	15-04-1997 to 30-4-2001
5	Shri N. Dhana Raju	25-07-2001 to 31-10-2003
6	Dr. P. Tamilvanan	10-12-2004 to 31-12-2013
7	Shri P.C. Parida	15-03-2014 to 31-07-2017
8	Shri Venkata Ramana Akkaraju	11-06-2019 to --