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## MESSAGE

While celebrating the Golden Jubilee of our Port, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. Fifty years ago, we embarked on a journey fuelled by passion, innovation and commitment to excellence. Today we stand as a testament to the hard work and dedication of each and every employee who has been part of the journey.



From our humble beginnings to become a leader in port sector, we have made significant strides even after facing challenges like pandemic. Let's take pride in the fact that we've not only handled cargo but also built lasting relationships with our stakeholders and the community. This milestone is not just a celebration of our achievements, but also a moment to honor the relationships we have built along the way. Our success is a reflection of the trust our business community have placed in us and the unwavering support from the stakeholders. As we look back to the past, let us also look forward to the future. Together, we will continue to embrace challenges, seize opportunities, and strive for reaching new heights. Let us carry the spirit of collaboration and innovation into the next chapter of our journey.

At this auspicious moment I feel proud to be part of this Port since 2019. The port has achieved many laurels during this period . Be it in traffic, finance, digitalization, or infrastructure addition, NMPA was in the fore front. The traffic throughput of the Port has reached an all time record of 46.01 MMT in Fy 2024-25. The net profit after tax of Rs. 137 cr in 2019-20 has increased to Rs.390 crores (after tax) in 2024-25. The operating ratio stood at 34.87% on par .with corporate ports

Mechanisation of container handling at B.14 became operational and dedicated to the Nation by our hon'ble Prime Minister on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022. He has also laid foundation stones for various port led industries and all these projects are now completed and operational. The main entrance of the Port – Mallya Gate is renovated with four lanes with state of the art RFID system. In addition, KK gate of the port is now under renovation and an exclusive gate for cruise passengers is nearing completion. Another major development is the construction of 150 bedded super specialty hospital, which will be the first of its kind in Major Ports, which not only benefits the port employees and pensioners but also the general public of the region. As part of enhancing the capacity, the port has taken up the project of construction of one more deep draft general cargo berth (B17) which will be awarded shortly. Other infrastructure works like construction of additional covered sheds, additional truck parking terminals, four laning of roads etc. are in various stages of progress. Once all these works are completed, I am sure that the Port will emerge as a model port in the country.

Also, we are not lagging behind in protecting the eco system. We have launched several schemes like generation of power through solar panels, switching over to e-vehicles/CNG vehicles, vermi-composting, rain water harvesting, etc. The Port is now self sufficient in power/water requirement.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and for being part of the journey. Happy Golden Jubilee.

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