



## Press Release

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### **73<sup>rd</sup> REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION AT NEW MANGALORE PORT TRUST**

73rd Republic day was celebrated in the Port in a restrained manner avoiding large congregation in the ceremony. COVID-19 appropriate behavior was followed diligently which was absolutely imperative to make sure that the celebration is carried out safely.

Dr. A. V. Ramana, Chairman NMPT presided over the celebration and reviewed the parade by CISF unit Panambur & NMPT Fire Service. After the vibrant march past by the parade contingent Chairman addressed the gathering. In his address the Chairman conveyed his wishes to the people gathered at the juncture. He recollected the sacrifices given by the great freedom fighters of the Nation and also remembered the Bharatratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar who wrote the Constitution of India. He rekindled the significance of the tricolors in the National Flag and called out for following moral, ethical values, transparency and think for betterment of the Nation. Despite of having vast diversity still the Nation is united, due to cultural & ethical values imbibed by ancestors. Therefore it is of utmost importance in inculcating the same values in the younger generations.

Chairman, NMPT informed that all the major Ports in the country put together have handled 529.34 MMT of cargo in the current fiscal till December 2021 surpassing previous year's cargo of 478 MMT till Dec 2020. NMPT in the previous year has handled 25.70MMT till December 2020 & in this year till December 2021 Port has handled 27.46MMT with a growth rate of about 8%. Operating income has increased from Rs. 434 crores to Rs. 460 crores & net surplus has increased from Rs. 145 crores to Rs. 201 crores in-spite of COVID pandemic in the last 2 years. The Port has handled biggest parcel size of 1,13,642 MT of coal carried by cape sized vessel & also handled 5 Navy vessels discharging 370MT of liquid oxygen towards the fight against COVID-19 in this year. Port has administered more than 15000 free COVID-19 vaccines to employees and general

public in the locality. JSW has started to export Steel Coils from its Bellary plant through NMPT from this year. For Official Language Implementation (Hindi) the Port has been awarded with first prize by TOLIC, Mangalore. In view of Ease of Doing Business & reducing container dwelling time, Container Scanning has been started from 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021. NMPT will be starting integrated container operations at Berth No.14 through JSW from February 2022. U. S. Mallya Gate is getting modernized which will reduce the truck waiting period at the gate. The Port has planned to handle edible oil through B No.15 leased to Adani (UPCL) following due procedures. Also 85000 sq.mts. of land at Thannirbhavi will be leased out for a Gas Plant project costing around Rs. 3000 crores which will give additional cargo inflow of 3 MMT of gas to the Port. This will create around 200 direct & 600 indirect employments. Also a land has been allotted to Priya Gold at project cost of around Rs. 600 crores which will generate 100 direct & 300 indirect employments. It has been requested to give emphasis on employing local youths from the region in these above two projects. To increase cargo inflow to the port land has also been allotted for Bitumen handling companies. Coming to long term goals the Port has initiated process for construction of deep draft Berth No. 17. A Skill Development Centre will be started from April 2023. The Port has allotted work of preparing a feasibility report to IPRCL for construction of flyover between KIOCL junctions to Baikampady.

Dy. Chairman, Trustees, HOD's, Senior Officers, Officials were present at the celebration. Awards were distributed to employees of the Port & Port Trust Hospital, CISF, Karnataka State Police personnel's from nearby police station for their exemplary services rendered. Prizes were distributed to school children who participated and won various competitions held in view of the occasion.

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