

## Press Release

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## Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot visits New Mangalore Port

Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot visited New Mangalore Port on 02nd February 2023 at 1500HRS. Upon his arrival at NMPA Administration Office building, the Hon'ble Governor was welcomed by Dr. A. V. Ramana, Chairman, NMPA & MoPA along with Deputy Chairman, Shri K. G. Nath and Senior Officials of the Port. Hon'ble Governor was welcomed with "welcome song" sung by group of students from Srinivas University. Chairman, NMPA apprised the Hon'ble Governor about several infrastructural and technological advancements harnessed by the Port. This was followed by a meeting with the Port Management, Officials from HPCL, UPCL and other stakeholders. Hon'ble Governor was briefed by the Chairman on Port's future plans as well as the host of initiatives undertaken to enhance its Ease of Doing Business, Green Port Initiatives etc. future expansion programs, infrastructure projects and other proposals for enhancing the productivity of the Port.

After this the Hon'ble Governor virtually inaugurated the project of "Up-gradation of existing weigh-bridges to automated, unmanned weigh bridges" in the Port. The Port under its initiative of Ease of Doing Business, converted all its weighbridges to unmanned automated weighbridges for faster clearance and transparency in the process. All trucks entering port are RFID enabled. The whole process will be completed within 25 seconds, whereas conventional weighment process will take upto 6 minutes.

The advantages of the automation of weighbridge are such as; Fast turn-around time for trucks, Transparency in process with no human intervention, Drivers don't have to alight form the truck/trailer cabin during weighment process, Cashless process, as weighment report can be generated agency wise for billing purpose at the end of the day, Fuel saving for the truck/trailer as the process is faster, Weighment details are stored in server for retrieval and audit trial, Weighment details will be sent via email to the authorized agency for verification.

The Governor expressed his happiness & appreciated the Port developmental works and various infrastructure facilities provided. The honourable Governor arrived in Mangalore on 01.02.2023 for the 47<sup>th</sup> Indian Coast Guard Raising Day after which he visited the Port.

Secretary
New Mangalore Port Authority