



Press Release

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74th Republic Day Celebration at New Mangalore Port Authority

74th Republic Day was celebrated in the Port with fervor & gaiety. Dr. A. V. Ramana, Chairman NMPA presided over the celebration and unfurled the National flag to mark the occasion in the august presence of Shri K. G. Nath, Dy. Chairman. Chairman later inspected the parade contingent consisting of NMPA CISF Unit Panambur, NMPA Fire Service Unit, Bharat Scouts & Guides Unit from NMPA English Medium School & Kendriya Vidyalay No. 01 and Private Security Service's Unit. This was followed by vibrant march past by the parade contingent.

After the march past Chairman, NMPA addressed the gathering. In his address the Chairman conveyed his wishes to the people present, on the eve of 74th Republic Day. In his opening speech, Chairman recalled the importance of the National Flag & beauty of the Nation through the "Jhanda Gaan - Vijayee Vishwa Tiranga Pyaara" written by Shyamlal Gupta Parshad and said during the war between Russia & Ukraine how civilians of neighbouring countries used Indian flag to save themselves from attack of both militaries, which shows the greatness of the country. He added that India will soon emerge as the world's greatest economy & super power in the coming days. He recollected the sacrifices given by the great freedom fighters of the Nation such as Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Tanya Tope, Sangolli Rayanna, Rani Abbakka, Bhagat Singhand so on. Chairman said it is the duty of each citizen of the Nation especially on today's occasion to remember Babasaheb Ambedkar for his contribution to the Constitution of India which forged a major democracy in the world and gave right to each individuals in terms of equality, religion, freedom of speech, privacy & education in the country.

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 in them. Chairman, lauded the initiative taken by the Honorable Prime Minister to make India achieve 6 trillion dollar economy by 2025. He recalled the role & contribution of Indian Ports in building the economy of the Country and spoke about vision of major ports in enhancing the cargo handling capacity to 2550 MMT by the year 2025. And said that the day is not far when the major ports of the country will grow as

smart ports and move on to become mega ports to boost economy of the nation as well as the world.

Talking about NMPA, he added that port in previous year had handled 39.30 MMT of cargo and this year it will handle 40.50 MMT of cargo. Port's operating ratio is at 40% which is at par with the operating ratio of private ports. Net surplus of the Port in the previous year was 230 crores & this year it is expected to cross 350 crores. Last year the port had handled 1.52 lakhs TEU's & it is expected to handle 1.70 lakhs TEU's this year. Chairman expressed his confidence that cargo handling in the Port will also boost proportionately from 40 to 55 MMT in the next 3 to 4 yrs with improvement in road connectivity to hinterland & Mangalore. He spoke about growing prominence of NMPA in comparison with other major ports in terms of green initiatives, technologies adapted, profitability, automations, online weigh bridges etc.

Chairman also recalled the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister to Mangalore for inaugurating projects of NMPA worth 1200 crores, which will help in generating proportionate amount of employment directly & indirectly in the region. He also added that the Container Terminal by M/s JSW is expected to handle 1.80 lakhs TEU's next year and will be entering into phase – II of the DBFOT project. Chairman stated that a conscious decision is taken by the Port to handle iron ore after availing environmental clearance while ensuring that Mangalore region is not affected by dust & disturbance of trucks carrying iron ore. He further added that a special online platform has been developed for the port pensioners. At the end, Chairman called out for serving the society selflessly and contribute in the growth of the port & economy of the Nation.

Trustees, HOD's, Senior Officers, Officials from Port & CISF, school children & staff were present at the celebration. Prizes were distributed to school children & awards were distributed to CISF & Police personnel's for their exemplary service rendered. Kum. Akshatha Poojary a contractual staff was also awarded for winning gold medal in National Benchpress Championship held in Aurangabad recently.

Secretary
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