



## Press Release

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### **75th Republic Day celebrated with fervour & gaiety in NMPA**

New Mangalore Port Authority today celebrated the 75th Republic Day with a vibrant ceremony marked by patriotism and unity. Dr. A.V. Ramana, Chairman, NMPA, presided over the function unfurled the National Flag and emphasized the importance of unity in diversity and upholding the values enshrined in the Constitution.

At 0800Hrs Dr. A. V. Ramana and other dignitaries paid tribute to the statues of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, and Late U.S. Mallya, paying respects to the founders of our nation and a key contributor to the development of the port.

Thereafter, during the Republic Day celebration at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Stadium the majestic National Flag was unfurled by Dr. A. V. Ramana, Chairman in the presence of Shri K.G. Nath, Dy. Chairman, and Shri Padmanabhachar, Chief Vigilance Officer. Following which Chairman reviewed the Parade contingent. This was followed by a ceremonial parade by CISF personnel, NMPA fire servicemen, private security, Bharat Scouts & Guides, and school children, showcasing their unwavering dedication to the nation.

In his inspiring address, Chairman, NMPA lauded the sacrifices of freedom fighters and highlighted the significance of the Constitution in shaping India as a democratic republic. He encouraged everyone to uphold the values of equality, freedom, and justice enshrined in the Constitution and contribute to the nation's growth.

Chairman outlined India's ambitious vision of becoming a \$5 trillion economy by 2025 and achieving a \$40-\$60 trillion economy by 2047. He emphasized the key role of ports in this growth trajectory and mentioned NMPA's impressive contributions in increasing cargo handling capacity. He expressed his pride while speaking about growth trajectory of the Port in past few years in terms of cargo handling. He also mentioned on the new projects to be undertaken by the Port such as modernisation of KK gate, separate cruise gate, construction of two covered storage sheds, introduction of robots in firefighting, four laning of road

between KK Gate & NH 66 near Baikampady, 360 degrees scanning of cargo trucks, construction of Berth No.17, Kulai Fishing harbour, transhipper facilities at the Port. He stated that with the improved connectivity the Port will achieve 48MMT cargo handing by 2024-25 and wished that NMPA will continue to contribute for the development of the region and industries around.

Rewards were distributed to 28 children of members of NMPA displaced Mogaveera Naalku Pattana Samyukta Sabha(R) for their academic accomplishments. Awards were also given to Port Officers & employees, CISF and State police personnel who rendered exemplary services during 2023.

A vibrant cultural program by school children of D.K.Z.P. Higher Primary School, NMPA English Medium High School & K.V. No.1, Panambur enthralled the audience, showcasing the spirit of patriotism and national pride. Central Industrial Security Forces displayed their quick reflex demo highlighting their combating skills and NMPA's fire service team conducted impressive demonstration on their readiness & skills in firefighting.

The event was followed by planting saplings in the Administration Office building area led by Dr. A. V. Ramana, Chairman, NMPA to commemorate the day and contribute to environmental sustainability.

The 75th Republic Day celebration at NMPA was a resounding success, uniting the port community and the local residents in a spirit of national pride and commitment. It served as a reminder of the sacrifices made by past generations and the collective responsibility to build a stronger, more prosperous future for India.

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