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**Happy New Year**

On behalf of the Karnataka Maritime Board,  
to all the people of Karnataka, may the new year pave the path to new  
goals, new achievements and new success!  
We wish you and your family a very Happy New Year!

# Reviving and Strengthening the Historic Trade Route Between Karnataka and Lakshadweep

Meeting between the Hon'ble Minister, Fisheries, Ports & Inland Waterways, GoK & other senior officers of the Government of Karnataka with the Senior Officers of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration (UTLA)

**ಏ KMB News, Bengaluru:** The Government of Karnataka's Contingent, under the leadership of the Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Ports and Inland Water Transport, Government of Karnataka, Shri Mankal Vaidya, and constituted by Dr. N Manjula (IAS) Secretary, Infrastructure Development, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department, Government of Karnataka, Shri Jayaram Raipura, Chief Executive Officer, Karnataka Maritime Board, and other senior officials of the Government of Karnataka convened a meeting with the Senior Officials of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration (UTLA) to discuss strategic partnerships and infrastructure projects in the Maritime Sector in Kavaratti, Lakshadweep on 02nd December, 2024.



## Emphasis on Development Plan

The plan to develop a dedicated jetty to serve Lakshadweep from Mangaluru is being expedited. This project is being implemented under the Sagarmala Scheme of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, as stated by the Hon'ble Minister Shri Mankal S. Vaidya.

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The visit aimed to promote a collaborative approach for developing key projects at Mangalore, Dakshina Kannada that would greatly benefit the Lakshadweep Islands.

The meeting was centered on accelerating the progress of ongoing project to develop a dedicated jetty for Lakshadweep in Mangalore which will be equipped with a state of the art passenger terminal and other ancillary infrastructures. The project will be undertaken under the Sagarmala Scheme of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, Government of India.

The officials of UTLA opined that the project would greatly boost the connectivity of the Lakshadweep Islands to the Mainland, which is the need of the hour. Further, the potential for other collaborations in the maritime sector were deliberated upon in detail.

Subsequently, the current constraints and challenges faced by UTLA were highlighted by the officials of UTLA. To address these concerns, the Hon'ble Minister expressed Karnataka's strong commitment to bolster the transport of essential goods such as Milk Products, Medicines, and fresh produce from the state of Karnataka to the islands of Lakshadweep. Additionally, it was decided that assistance will be provided to UTLA to set up necessary infrastructure in proximity to the Old Mangalore Port to further facilitate the trade routes.

The Hon'ble Minister reaffirmed Karnataka's commitment to support the development goals of UTLA in the sectors of maritime and trade connectivity. In congruence with this, the Hon'ble Minister further stated that the Karnataka Maritime Board will work proactively to revive and revitalize the historic trade routes between Karnataka and Lakshadweep.

## Initial Preparations in Progress for Mangalore Water Metro

Meeting with Kochi Water Metro Limited Officials – Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Ports & Inland Water Transport, Gok Insights

**KMB News Kochi:** Honourable Minister for Ports, Fisheries, and Inland Water Transport of Karnataka Shri. Mankal S Vaidya, led a delegation of officials from the Karnataka Maritime Board to

visit the Kochi Water Metro project facilities in Kochi. The visit paved the way for multiple fruitful and constructive interactions with the officials from the Kochi Water Metro Limited.





During the visit, the Minister discussed the key details of the water metro with officials from Kochi Water Metro Limited. The Kochi Water Metro officials informed that since the launch of the water metro service in Kochi a year ago, the number of passengers has been increasing day by day, resulting in significant revenue generation for the Kerala government.

It was observed that 15 routes connecting various places within the city of Kochi have been envisaged, and tenders for the same have been initiated. It was also submitted that the water metro is fully electrified and is quickly becoming the preferred mode of transportation for the local populace.

The Hon'ble Minister Shri. Mankala S. Vaidya informed that the Karnataka Maritime Board is committed to developing a similar water metro

## Invitation for tender

An invitation for tender has been issued to appoint a suitable consultancy firm to carry out the feasibility studies for implementing the Water Metro service in Mangalore. The Minister has invited KWML to participate in this tender.

service on the Gurupura and Netravathi rivers in Mangalore, which will benefit 17 different locations, including the international airport.

In this meeting, Dr. N. Manjula (IAS), Secretary, Infrastructure Development, Ports, and Inland Water Transport Department, GoK, Shri. Jayaram Raipura (IRS), Chief Executive Officer of the Karnataka Maritime Board, and other senior officials of the Kerala government participated.



The Karnataka Maritime Board has taken steps to develop a water metro service that will connect 17 different locations, including the international airport in Mangalore, akin to the existing facilities at Kochi.



## Committed to the Development of a Fishing Port in Kulai, Dakshina Kannada District



**K.M.B News Mangalore:** Minister Shri. Mankala S. Vaidya held a meeting regarding the public grievances about the construction of the fishing port in Chitrapura (Kulai) at the New Mangalore Port in the city.

According to the Hon'ble Minister Shri. Mankala S. Vaidya, officials have stated that Four locations have been identified for the construction of a fishing port for the convenience of the people of Chitrapura.

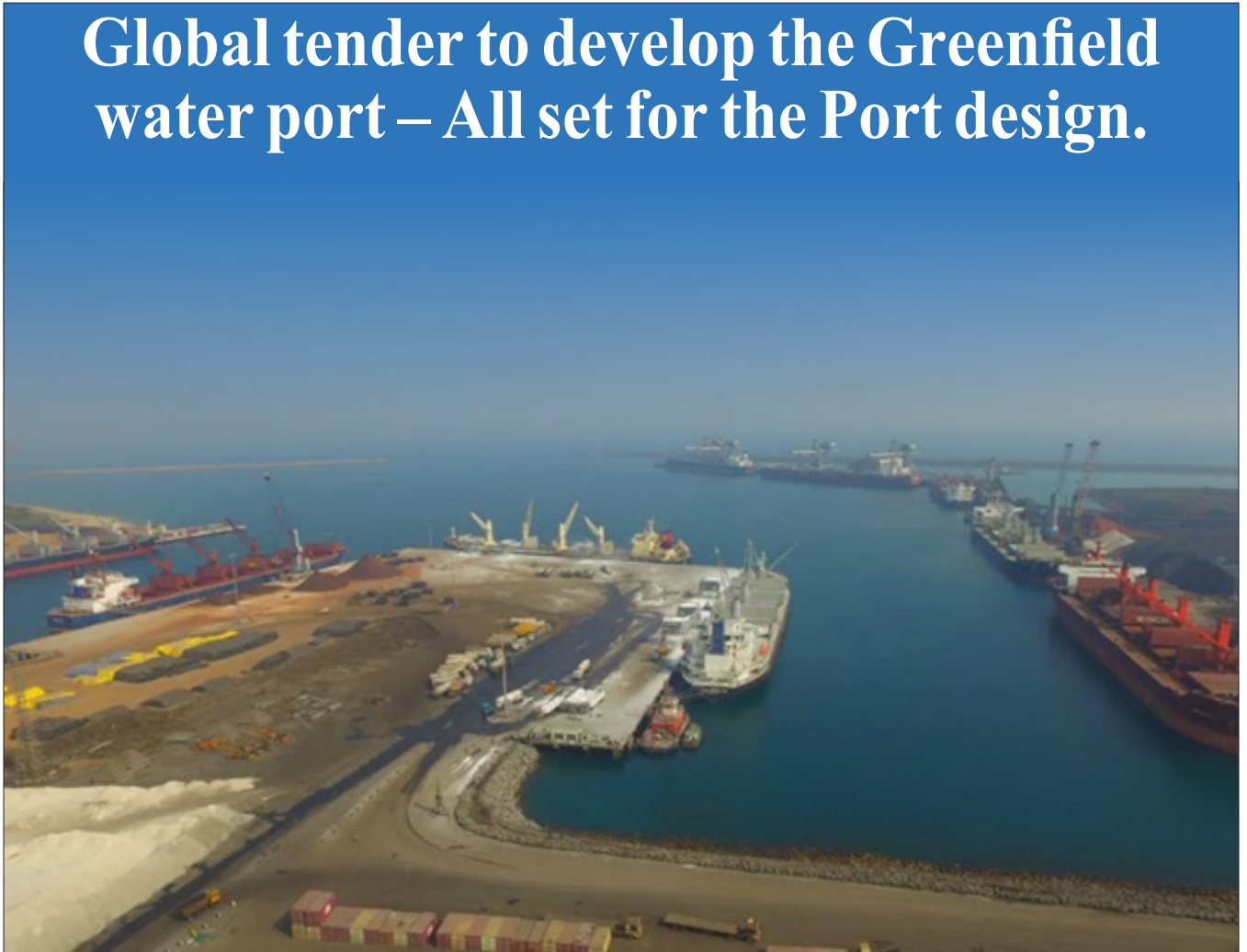
The meeting was attended by Shri. Jayaram Raipura, Chief Executive Officer of the Karnataka Maritime Board current and former Members of Parliament, local legislators, the District Commissioner, leaders of Dakshina Kannada District and various fishermen's associations.





# Committed to The Development of Pavinakurve Port

Global tender to develop the Greenfield water port – All set for the Port design.



📌 **K.M.B. Special Story:** The Karnataka government has once again invited bids to construct a new port at Pavinakurve in the state. This bid, with an investment of approximately ₹3,04,786 crore in private capital in Uttara Kannada district, marks the second attempt in the last two years to develop this project under a public-private partnership, with the state government giving a green signal.

## Preparation for port design

Green ammonia and green hydrogen have been in high demand in the market for the last two years, and the Pavinakurve port is envisaged to handle their export.

In this round of the tender, the state government has earmarked the development of the Pavinakurve



port. Apart from this, the Karnataka Maritime Board, a state government agency responsible for developing ports in the Karnataka, has retained all other tender conditions unchanged, said Shri. Jayaram Raipura, the Chief Executive Officer of the Karnataka Maritime Board

Due to inflation, without considering the price hike, the estimated project cost for constructing the port has been fixed at ₹3,047.86 crore. This remains the same as the previous tender.

Previously, The Keni port has been awarded to JSW Infrastructure at a royalty rate of ₹17.25 per metric ton of cargo in November 2023. For the same reason,



The state government has decided to privatize one cargo berth at Karwar port, two berths at Old Mangalore port, and one cargo berth at Malpe port. These berths are being privatized.

▪ **Shri. Jayaram Raipura**  
Chief Executive Officer of  
Karnataka Maritime Board.

the Karnataka Maritime Board has fixed the royalty reserve price for the Pavinakurve port at ₹17.25 per metric ton of cargo, as stated by the CEO, KMB.

## Proposed port construction at Pavinakurve

The Proposed port will be constructed near Pavinakurve village, located on the banks of the Sharavathi and Badagani rivers in Honnavar taluk of Uttara Kannada district. In September 2022, the state government invited a global tender to develop deep-water Greenfield ports at Pavinakurve.



## Priority for port development

The responsibility for the development and management of the port will be given to the company that quotes a price higher than the reserved rate per metric ton of cargo for a period of 30 years. The royalty for each metric ton of cargo will be adjusted annually according to the Wholesale Price Index (WPI). The cargo profile for the new port remains unchanged, except for the addition of green ammonia and green hydrogen to the existing mix of goods, which includes iron ore, coal, coke, limestone, dolomite, liquefied natural gas (LNG), and finished steel products.

## Green Hydrogen right at Pavinkurva..!

The private company constructing the new port will be expected to set up green ammonia and green hydrogen plants either independently or through experts at Pavinakurve port itself, and green ammonia and green hydrogen will be exported directly from there, as stated by Shri. Jayaram Raipura, Chief Executive Officer of Karnataka maritime board.

## Expansion to a higher million tons.

The planned Pavinakurve port has the capacity to handle 14 million tons of cargo in its initial phase, and by 2050, its capacity can be expanded to handle 37.4 million tons. The new port is envisaged to have the capability to handle the largest container ships, including the mega-sized vessels.



2025 was welcomed by the Chief Executive Officer of Karnataka Maritime Board, Shri Jayaram Raipura, the Director of Ports of Karnataka Maritime Board, Shri K.C. Swamy, the Executive Engineer, Taranath Rathod, and other officials of the Karnataka Maritime Board.



