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Visits of Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Ports and IWT, Government of Karnataka to Karwar Port

On June 19, 2024, the Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Ports, and Inland Water Transport (IWT) of the Government of Karnataka visited Karwar Port to discuss the phase wise expansion plan of the port. The meeting highlighted Karwar Port's crucial role in catering to the trading needs of northern Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Maharashtra.

Recognizing the significant cargo potential of Karnataka and the need to boost port-led industries in the region, it is imperative to undertake the expansion works at the port. The Chief Executive Officer, Karnataka Maritime Board, the Director Ports and Member (Maritime & IWT Operations), KMB Chief Engineer, KMB along with other officials briefed the Hon'ble Minister regarding

the project.

The expansion aims to increase the port's capacity to approximately 4.5 million tonnes per annum (MTPA), enhancing its ability to handle more cargo and support regional trade growth. All port officials were present during the visit, emphasizing the collective effort and commitment towards the port's development.



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Stakeholder Meeting hosted by IWAI for the Development of Inland waterways in Karnataka



The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) convened a stakeholder meeting on the development of National Waterways in the State of Karnataka. The meeting was chaired by Shri Vijay Kumar, IAS, Chairman of IWAI. The conference was attended by prominent officials including Shri Jayaram Raipura, Chief Executive Officer of the Karnataka Maritime Board, and Capt. Swamy C., Director of Ports and Member (Maritime & IWT Operations) of the Karnataka Maritime Board. Representatives from the Department of Fisheries, Energy Department, Jungle Lodges, and various private players in tourism and the cruise industry also participated in the event.

The conference began with a detailed presentation by the IWAI highlighting various projects

and works being undertaken by them and further elaborating on their roles and responsibilities. The focus of the meeting was to explore avenues to provide assistance and support to the State of Karnataka and its stakeholders in the development of National Waterways. The presentation underscored the strategic importance of inland waterways in enhancing transportation, boosting tourism, and supporting economic growth in the region.

Following the IWAI's presentation, the Karnataka Maritime Board (KMB) presented its current and upcoming tourism and water ways projects. These projects include Inland Waterways Tourism in various identified locations, the development of an Island Masterplan in Karnataka, Sharavati River tourism, the operationalization of Water Aerodromes in Karnataka etc. The KMB's presentation

showcased the initiatives aimed at improving the maritime infrastructure, promoting tourism, and developing the state's inland waterways. Karnataka Maritime Board and Inland Waterways Authority of India further discussed to jointly explore the potential of Mangalore Water Metro, Sharavati, and Kali Backwater tourism.

The meeting concluded with an open discussion With all stakeholders and Operators in the State.

This session provided a platform for participants to voice their concerns, share insights, and seek clarifications. The Chairman addressed the raised issues, offering guidance on how stakeholders could proceed and effectively manage their concerns. The interactive discussion emphasized collaboration and proactive problem-solving, ensuring that the development of national waterways in Karnataka is carried out efficiently and inclusively.

Dakshin Bharat Utsav organized by the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI)



Mr. Jayaram Raipura represented the Karnataka Maritime Board (KMB) at the prestigious 'Dakshin Bharat Utsav', an event organized by the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI) in collaboration with the Tourism Department Government of

Karnataka. This event gathered key stakeholders from the tourism industry, including government representatives, private sector players, and end consumers, to discuss tourism opportunities and prospects in southern India.



As one of the key speakers at the event, Mr. Jayaram Raipura provided a comprehensive overview of the tourism initiatives undertaken by the Karnataka Maritime Board. His presentation highlighted several key projects aimed at boosting tourism in the state, including the International Cruise and Tourism Port, the operationalization of Inland Waterways, promoting river backwater tourism, the Maritime Museum, operationalizing of sea plans services (Water aerodromes), and Island development.

Mr. Raipura elaborated on the current status of these projects, emphasizing that KMB is actively pursuing them to ensure their successful implementation. He highlighted the potential for these initiatives to attract significant tourist footfall from various

regions, positioning Karnataka as a leading destination in the tourism industry.

Furthermore, Mr. Raipura shared that several major players in the tourism industry have expressed interest in partnering with KMB to implement and operate these projects. This interest underscores the commercial viability and readiness of these initiatives, giving confidence to potential investors

In conclusion, Mr. Raipura emphasized that Karnataka is a land of immense opportunities and invited stakeholders to invest in the state's tourism sector. He assured that KMB would extend full support and provide necessary details to any interested investors, fostering a collaborative and prosperous future for Karnataka's tourism industry.

Meeting Under the Joint Chairmanship of Hon'ble Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Assembly and Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare





With the monsoon season intensifying across the state, Speaker U.T. Khader has advised the officials of the Infrastructure Development, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department (IDP&IWT) to take necessary and urgent measures to prevent coastal erosion in the coastal areas of Karnataka.

During a meeting held at Vikas Soudha, officials discussed the issues faced by fishermen in the Ports and Inland Water Ways.

Speaker U.T. Khader emphasized that the onset of the monsoon in Dakshina Kannada district often brings anxiety to coastal residents. He highlighted the need for officials to work on reassuring the local population.

In certain parts of Someshwara, coastal erosion has increased. The Government has previously implemented several projects and released funds for the construction of temporary retaining walls. However, Speaker Khader advised officials to seek a permanent solution in the coming days. Officials from

the Department of Ports and Inland Water Transport requested the district in-charge minister of Dakshina Kannada, Dinesh Gundu Rao, to allocate more funds for a permanent solution, to which the Hon'ble Minister agreed.

Additionally, Chief Executive Officer of the Karnataka Maritime Board, Mr. Jayaram Raipura, requested Hon'ble Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao and Hon'ble Speaker U.T. Khader, along with the Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Ports, and Inland Water Transport, Mankal S. Vaidya, to emphasize the importance of the Sagarmala project to the State Government. Their response was positive.

The meeting was attended by Secretary Infrastructure Development, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department, the Director of Ports the (Karnataka Maritime Board) Chief Engineer and member of the Karnataka Maritime Board, along other engineers from the Department.



Visit of Deputy Accountant General, Karnataka to KMB

Deputy Accountant General of Karnataka, Mr. Dileep Eknath Bivapurkar, visited the Karnataka Maritime Board office located on the third floor of the Khanija Bhavan on Race Course Road, Bengaluru. He was warmly welcomed by Sangeetha Bhat, the Chief Accounts Officer of the Karnataka Maritime Board. Senior Audit Officer Jayachandra, Chief Engineer Prameet, Executive Engineer T.S. Tharanath Rathod, and other office staff were also present on this occasion.

Visit of Flag Officer, Karnataka Nautical Zone to KMB

Shri.K.M. Ramakrishnan, the Flag Officer of the Karnataka Nautical Zone, visited the Karnataka Maritime Board located at Khanija Bhavan on Race Course Road in Bengaluru. He was warmly received by Shri Jayaram Raipura, the Chief Executive Officer of the Karnataka Maritime Board. During this visit, Chief Engineer KMB, Executive Engineer, and other staff members of the Karnataka Maritime Board were also present. Various port board projects proposed in Karwar were discussed at length.



MOU between Posspole and KMB

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed by the Karnataka Maritime Board, Government of Karnataka and Posspole Pvt. Ltd. on 24th June 2024. This collaboration aims for innovation and sustainability in the maritime sector.

Posspole and the KMB are dedicated to create impactful changes through research and development that will benefit not only the maritime industry but also the broader environmental landscape. By fostering a holistic approach to maritime ecosystem development, this partnership sets a precedent for future endeavours in maritime ecosystem and technological advancement.

Through this collaboration, KMB and



Posspole anticipate enhanced operational efficiency and increased sustainability within the maritime sector. The initiative aims to not only advance technological integration in maritime applications but also significantly contribute to the preservation and restoration of marine ecosystems.



