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Demand for lifting of ban on export of ironore

KMB CEO appeals to Minister Mankala S. Vaidya



K.M.B NEWS Bengaluru: Karnataka Maritime Board Chief Executive Officer Jayaram Raipura has submitted a memorandum to Fisheries, Ports, and Inland Water Transport Minister Mankala S. Vaidya, requesting the withdrawal of the order banning the export of iron ore through minor ports in the state.

During a progress review meeting held at the minister's office on the third floor of Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru, the KMB CEO, Jayaram Raipura, submitted a proposal for an additional grant of ₹15 crore for emergency anti-sea erosion works in Uttara Kannada, Dakshina Kannada, and Udupi districts.

Raipura also requested the minister to release the state's share of funds for the Sagarmala project for the financial year 2024-25 and to re-sanction five Sagarmala projects. He further urged the minister to transfer Tadadi Port Limited, currently owned by the Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (KSIIDC), to the Karnataka Water Transport Board.

The meeting was attended by Dr. N. Sudhakar, Addl. Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure Development, Ports and Inland Waterways, along

Water Aerodrome Project

The operation of seaplane services is an attractive tourism activity that draws significant attention from tourists. The KMB CEO informed the minister that the state government should consider prioritizing the project and give it top importance to enhance the state's tourism offerings.

Recruitment of 60 employees

The Karnataka Maritime Board is recruiting 60 employees to focus on the development of beaches, navigation, and port management in the state. The CEO has requested the minister to prioritize the appointment and approve it at the earliest to support the timely progress of these initiatives.

with Dr. Manjula, Secretary of the Ports and Inland Water Transport Department, KMB Director K.C. Swamy, Chief Engineer Prasanna Kumar Shet, and other department officials.

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CEO, Karnataka Maritime Board (KMB) visit to the proposed project sites in Alamatti and Herakal villages

K.M.B NEWS Vijayapura: Karnataka Maritime Board (KMB) Chief Executive Officer Jayaram Raipura stated that the proposed projects in Alamatti and Herakal villages will be developed to boost tourism and provide benefits to the local communities under the Sagarmala scheme, a major initiative of both the Central and State Governments.

Raipura recently reviewed the feasibility of the proposed project sites in Alamatti and Herakal, located in Vijayapura and Bagalkot districts, focusing on land acquisition and the utilization of water transport for the project. He also visited a proposed fish farming site on 25 acres of land below the Alamatti Dam.

He emphasized that developing tourism along the waterways in the region could provide significant economic benefits to the local population. By promoting tourism through riverbank waterways, the area could attract a large number of tourists, thereby generating more attention and opportunities for local economic growth.



Jayaram Raipura, CEO of the Karnataka Maritime Board (KMB), highlighted that the development of the proposed project in Alamatti and Herakal villages would open up opportunities for both tourists and local residents to engage in water-based sports, significantly boosting tourism activities.

He also pointed out that the project could stimulate local businesses, particularly in sectors such as boat and ship construction, boatyard manufacturing, and the production of related equipment. Furthermore, with nearby tourist spots listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the development of the waterway infrastructure could attract more tourists daily, generating substantial revenue for the government. The visit was attended by Krishnabhagya Jala Nigam Limited Superintending Engineer Hiregowda, Executive Engineer Doddamani, Assistant Executive Engineer Chalavadi, and Karnataka Water Transport Board Assistant Executive Engineer Pandurang Kulkarni, among others.



KMB CEO discusses Ports Department issues with minister



✎ K.M.B NEWS Bengaluru: Minister Mankala S. Vaidya convened a meeting with officials to discuss issues related to the Ports Department at the Minister's Office on the second floor of Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru. The discussions covered a range of topics concerning the development and

management of ports and water transport in the state.

The meeting was attended by Karnataka Maritime Board (KMB) Chief Executive Officer Jayaram Raipura, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department Secretary Dr. N. Manjula, and other staff from the KMB.

Old Port Fishermen's Issue: A delegation of fishermen met with Minister Mankala S. Vaidya in the presence of Speaker Khader to discuss their concerns

✎ K.M.B NEWS Mangaluru: A delegation of leaders from various fisheries associations in Mangaluru met with Fisheries Minister Mankala S. Vaidya, in the presence of Speaker U.T. Khader, to discuss the issues and demands of the fishermen. They urged the minister to address the problems faced by the fishing community.

Minister Mankala S. Vaidya assured the delegation that appropriate steps would be taken to resolve the issues at the earliest.

Although there are over 1,500 fishing boats at the Mangaluru fishing harbor, at least 500 of these boats lack the necessary ancillary facilities. The state government has allocated ₹49.50 crore for the year 2023. The delegation requested that



the remaining work on the extension of the third phase of the fishing harbor, which has been in the tender stage for over a year, be initiated immediately. They emphasized that the port should be made fully functional for fishermen within the next year.

An ongoing issue of dredging in the estuary of



Mangaluru port, which causes several boats to capsizes each year, has been a major concern. The minister assured the delegation that this problem would also be addressed promptly.

Present at the meeting were Karnataka Maritime Board CEO Jayaram Raipura, Trawl Boat

Fishermen Association President Chetan Bengre, Persein Boat Fishermen Association President Anil Kumar Bokkapatna, Trawl Boat Union Vice-President Ibrahim Bengre, Secretary Rajesh Puthran, Nationwal Fishermen's Association representative Manohar Bolur, and others.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan at Karwar Port

K.M.B NEWS Karwar: Under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan initiative, the Urban Development Department has launched the "Swachhata Hi Seva -2024: SwasthyaSwachhata, Sanskar Swachhata" campaign. This program saw active participation from the staff of the Infrastructure Development, Ports, and Inland Water Transport Department, as well as the Karnataka Maritime Board.

The campaign was organized to commemorate the 155th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, who championed the cause of cleanliness and hygiene. Swachhata Hi Seva embodies his vision of a clean and healthy nation, reaffirming the collective commitment to the principles of cleanliness and public health.



The goal is to enhance the state's water transport capacity, as expressed by the KMB CEO during the Netherlands Posspole interaction

K.M.B NEWS Bengaluru: The state government is actively working on the development and maintenance of ports, inland waterways, and coastal areas in Karnataka, as stated by Karnataka Maritime Board (KMB) Chief Executive Officer Jayaram Raipura.

He made these remarks during the Netherlands Posspole interaction held on the second floor of Krishi Bhavan in Hudson Circle, Bengaluru. The cargo traffic accounts for only 4.5% of the total ports in the country. According to the Karnataka Maritime Board Vision Plan, the state's water transport capacity is expected to increase by 117% by the year 2035.

The state boasts a total of 13 major ports, with Karwar and Old Mangalore serving as all-weather green-field ports, while the others act as anchor and light ports. The Karnataka Maritime Board is currently working on enhancing port connectivity through comprehensive rail and road infrastructure projects. In collaboration with the National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI),



KMB has initiated the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for port road connectivity, with the project expected to commence soon after thorough scrutiny of these reports and feasibility studies.

Karwar Port plays a crucial role in catering to the trade-related needs of the states of North Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Maharashtra. Considering the cargo capacity and the need to upgrade port-based industries in the region, the expansion of Karwar Port is being planned.

The meeting was attended by Netherlands Consulate General Evut de Wit, First Secretary of the Netherlands Embassy in New Delhi Paulina KromicPosspole, KMB staff, and other participants.





The Water Metro to be launched in Mangaluru, linking the Netravati and Gurupur rivers through a waterway



📍 K.M.B NEWS Mangaluru: Mangaluru, already well-connected with national highways, ports, and airports, is now planning to launch a Water Metro project similar to the one in Kochi, Kerala, according to Jayaram Raipura, CEO of the Karnataka Maritime Board (KMB).

The KMB has decided to prepare a comprehensive project report for the Mangaluru Water Metro, which aims to connect Bajal to Maravoor on both banks of the Netravati and Gurupura rivers.

Once implemented, this project will become India's second-largest water transport system, after Kochi. Raipura emphasized that the project will be eco-friendly, with boats initially covering a distance of

approximately 30 kilometers along the backwaters of the Netravati-Gurupura rivers. The route will stretch from Bajal to Maravoor Bridge in Gurupura and will include about 17 modern metro stations.

The scheme aims to promote inclusive development, enhance livelihood opportunities, and improve the quality of life.

The project is designed to stimulate economic growth, address traffic issues, and reduce carbon emissions. Key locations such as Someshwara Temple, Ullal, and New Mangalore Port are included in the proposed route. State-of-the-art electric and diesel boats will be utilized, and necessary infrastructure will be provided to support the scheme.

Water Metro to Mangalore

🚢 KMB Special Story: The Karnataka Maritime Board (KMB) has outlined five ambitious plans to enhance water transport infrastructure in Mangaluru. Among these, a second port is set to be developed, establishing Mangaluru as a true port city.

One of the flagship projects is the introduction of a water metro service. The proposed hydrometro will operate on the Palguni (Gurupura) and Netravati rivers, significantly boosting connectivity and sustainable urban transport.

The Jal Metro service will connect 17 jetties, creating a comprehensive water transport network across Mangaluru.

The Jal Metro service will operate along a 17 km stretch, starting from Maravoor Bridge on the Phalguni River to Ullal on the Netravati River, passing through Kuloor and Thanneerbhavi. The project will include a total of 17 jetties, with 10 already under construction as part of other initiatives. These existing jetties will be integrated into the Hydrometro project, significantly reducing costs, as only seven additional jetties need to be built.

To ensure seamless connectivity, bus transport will also be provided for passengers commuting to and from the jetties.

What is jal metro project?

Currently, Kochi in Kerala is the only city in the country with a hydro-metro service. The proposed water metro in Mangaluru will function similarly, operating like a small ship to navigate rivers and coastal waters, connecting major towns along the coast and riverbanks.

With its sleek and attractive design, the hydro-metro promises faster transit, efficiently transporting passengers to their destinations while alleviating

road traffic congestion. Additionally, this initiative will strengthen the transport network in coastal areas, boosting tourism and enhancing trade activities in the region.



Construction of Mangalore International Cruise Tourism Port at Ullal, Someshwara

The Karnataka Maritime Board (KMB) is planning to develop the Mangaluru International Cruise and Tourism Port (MICTP), located 8 km south of Mangaluru at Ullal. IIT Madras has been tasked with preparing the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for this ambitious project.

While the primary focus of the port is to promote cruise navigation and tourism, provisions will also be made to handle clean cargo, ensuring the port's sustainable and continuous operation. This dual-purpose approach aims to balance economic growth with environmental considerations.

Establishment of Karnataka Maritime Museum
A Karnataka Maritime Museum is set to be established in Mangaluru, utilizing approximately 1.5 acres of land owned by the Karnataka Water Transport Board near the Old Port. This museum will showcase the rich history of shipping and water transport in Karnataka, offering visitors a glimpse



into the state's maritime heritage.

A highlight of the museum will be the installation of a statue of Rani Abbakka, the legendary queen and maritime defender of coastal Karnataka. The initiative aims to preserve and celebrate the region's historical connection to water transport while promoting cultural and educational tourism.



New coastal berth in Bengre

Currently, the Old Port of Mangaluru is primarily used for fishing activities, with only around 50 cargo ships docking annually. Despite its limited operations, the port retains its historical charm, attracting tourists.

To enhance its utility, the Karnataka Water Transport Board has developed a plan to modernize the Old Port and transform it into a vibrant water transport hub. Additionally, a coastal berth is under construction at Bengre to improve cargo handling and support increased maritime activity in the region.

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The Karnataka Maritime Board is set to undertake comprehensive development at Old Mangalore Port. The existing berths are being modernized to enhance functionality and capacity. This transformation will turn the Old Mangalore port into a bustling hub of maritime activities, boosting both trade and tourism in the region.

- Shri. Jayaram Raipur, Chief Executive Officer, Karnataka Maritime Board

Dredging at the Old Mangalore Port

The movement of boats and cargo ships at the Old Port of Mangaluru has been hampered by siltation.

To address this issue, dredging work at Halebandar is set to commence shortly.

The Karnataka Maritime Board has already issued work orders to contractors for the project. The dredging, aimed at restoring smooth navigation, will be undertaken at a total cost of ₹30 crore, according to the board's Chief Executive Officer.

