

VICE-PRESIDENT DEDICATES MPA PROJECTS TO THE NATION, CALLS MORMUGAO PORT A SYMBOL OF INDIA'S MARITIME STRENGTH

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Dedicating the 3MW Solar Power Plant costing Rs. 18 crore, the commercial operation of two Harbour mobile cranes on Berth No 10 and 11 costing Rs. 100 crore, and the JSW project costing Rs 165 crore, to the nation, the Vice-President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar said that the Mormugao Port, is a symbol of India's maritime strength and a beacon of sustainable progress. He said that the Port is a leading iron ore exporting port in India, handling a significant portion of the country's total iron and also handles other cargo, including coal, fertilizers, and general cargo, playing a vital role in Goa's economy and contributing to India's trade and industrial development. Shri Dhankhar was speaking at a function organized by the Mormugao Port Authority at Headland Sada in Vasco today.

Speaking in the presence of Governor, Shri P.S. Sreedharan Pillai, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Shantanu Thakur, the Vice-President, highlighting the significance of the Mormugao Port, said that the Port is a prime location for exporting iron ore to international markets.

Further speaking he said the inauguration of this new infrastructure will boost economic growth. The Government, he said under Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, intends to build world-class ports, thereby strengthening India's Blue Economy, and ensure sustainable growth. This bold plan includes Rs. 80 lakh crore in investments and creation of 4 crore new jobs he informed.

Shri Dhankar further said India is witnessing a leap in maritime progress which has been remarkable in the last 10 years which has elevated India's position in world trade. These newly inaugurated three projects costing around Rs 300 crores were completed within time limit indicating the vision of the Government to strengthen infrastructure and enhance mechanization for Ports in the country, he said adding that the Mormugao Port remains in operation for which authorities of MPA are worthy of praise.

The Chief Minister, Dr. Pramod Sawant while addressing the gathering said that Mormugao Port is one of the leading ports in the country. While developing this Port, he urged Vice-President to extend employment opportunities available to local people on priority. The Chief Minister added that Goa's double engine Government has propelled the State in witnessing infrastructural development in various sectors. The newly dedicated projects will help boost economic growth enhancing the blue economy in the State and in the country at large, he added.

Earlier, Shri Dhankhar along with his wife Dr. Smt. Sudesh Dhankhar and other dignitaries planted a sapling under the campaign 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' in the premises.

Union Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy, Shri Shripad Naik, MP, Rajya Sabha, Shri Sadanand Shet Tanavde, MLA Shri Sankalp Amonkar

and Shri Daji Salkar, Secretary (Ports, Shipping and Waterways) Shri T.K. Ramachandran IAS, Chairperson, MP, Dr. N. Vinodkumar, IPOS, Collector South Goa, Ms. Eгна Cleetus, staff of coast guard MPA and others were present at the function.

Earlier, MoS Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Shantanu Thakur welcomed the guests.

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