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## Chairman addresses Media on the progress of 'game-changer' Vadhavan Port



**Navi Mumbai-** Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), India's No.1 Container Port, is progressing ahead with its plan of developing an all-weather Satellite port at Vadhavan (near Dahanu), with creating a sustainable living for the local society. Shri Anil Diggikar, Chairman, JNPT addressed a group of 16 journalists, from various local dailies in Vadhavan region, on November 26, 2016 at JN Port's headquarters Sheva, Navi Mumbai. The Journalists also visited JN Port facilities, and learned about port activities & its importance in national interest.

Shri Diggikar apprised the journalists about the on-going progress being made by JN Port in building Vadhavan Port as 'Game-changer' port in the country. Vadhavan Port is being planned in such a manner that it can bring 'Prosperity' for people in nearby villages and to the surrounding region. Vadhavan Port is expected to be built in four-phases with a total investment of Rs 30,000 crore and envisages to create more than 1 lakh direct & indirect employment opportunities.

He emphasised that study of socio-economic survey, environment studies, skill development and marine fisheries survey are being done with appropriate manner. JN Port is planning to create facilities for the local society such as – school infrastructure, strengthening ITI for higher enrolment, safe drinking, computer-aided education program, institution for women & children and cancer awareness program besides others.

JN Port has plans to build cold storage & ice factories in surrounding region for fishermen to preserve fishes and build marketing programs. At the same time, the Port is firming up processes to provide training to fishermen for cage fabrication, cage anchoring & at sea, lobster feeding, disaster management and harvest & marketing activities.

Shri Diggikar highlighted that a special cell to be created under the chairmanship of collector Palghar, wherein representatives from Police authority, Fisheries Department and Local NGOs would involve in conducting surveys and studies every month.