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Inauguration of Project Seabird Infrastructure by Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, Foc-in-C (WNC)

Chennai, 18 Oct 2026: VAdm Sanjay Vatsayan, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, inaugu rated residential accom modations for the Defence Civilians of Indian Navy, and Station Health Organi sation along with trunk utility and access infrastructure as part of Project Seabird Phase IIA at Naval Base, Karwar, on 15 Oct 2026 in the presence of VAdm Vivek Dahiya, Director General Seabird, and other senior officers.

The inaugurated residential and hospital facilities include five towers of 300 dwelling units for Naval Defence Civilians and Station Health Organi sation Complex as part of augmentation of existing hospital, INHS Patanjali, to a capacity of 409 beds. These are supported by a Two Lakh Litre Hill Top Water Reservoir and a Sewage Treat ment Plant (STP).

The growing strength of Karwar Naval Base demands progressive enhance ment in its clean envi ronment conformity and smooth access facility. Towards this acon temporary integrated Solid Waste Management Facility and access gate along with bridge infrastruc ture to facilitate four-lane vehicular traffic with dedicated pedes trian and cycle pathways were also inaugurated.

These infrastructure developments are part of ongoing Phase IIA of Project Seabird whose scope includes construction of a dual-use Naval Air Station, a full-fledged Naval Dockyard and logistics facilities for ships and aircraft. The Naval base housing approx. 10,000 uniformed and civilian personnel with families, will signifi cantly boost the local economy, industry and tourism and create numerous direct and indirect job opportu nities for the Uttara Kannada region. The Project conforms to extant norms of Ministry of Environ ment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF & CC), Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) and upon completion would be IGBC Gold rated.

The Project aligns with the concept of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, sourcing over 90% of materials and equip ment domestically.