



## Karwar Port

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### Why in News

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Recently, the High Court of Karnataka has directed the State government to stop all the developmental activities being undertaken at Karwar port under the **Sagarmala project**.

### Key points

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- Karwar is located in Uttar Kannada district at the Southern side of the **Kali River**.
- It is the **only all-weather natural port** out of 10 minor ports of Karnataka.
- It is sandwiched between the Arabian sea on one side and the Western Ghats on the other.
- It is known as **Kashmir of Karnataka** as it is blessed with a wide variety of flora and fauna.

### Sagarmala Project

- Sagarmala project was approved by the Union Cabinet in 2015 which aims at holistic port infrastructure development along the 7,516-km long coastline through modernisation, mechanisation and computerisation.
- Under this project, port-led development framework government hopes to increase its cargo traffic three-fold.
- It also includes the establishment of rail/road linkages with the port terminals, thus providing last-mile connectivity to ports; development of linkages with new regions enhanced multi-modal connectivity including rail, inland water, coastal and road services.

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