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## PRESS RELEASE

### KCCI welcomes the introduction of Vande Bharat Express trains between Mangaluru and Madgaon stations.

KCCI is happy to learn that our coastal region is being granted a **Vande Bharat Express** train, which will connect Mangaluru in Karnataka to Madgaon in Goa. Goa is one of the favourite tourist destinations of the people of Mangaluru & Dakshina Kannada District, considering its proximity to the district. There are a good number of tourists travelling between the two cities even as they share many common things, including language, culture, etc. Both Dakshina Kannada & Goa are known for their scenic beauty, rich heritage, and vibrant cultural traditions. It is a blessing for the tourism industry of the two states as this connectivity is an important factor for trade and business to improve and flourish.

KCCI had been relentlessly pushing for the need for the Vande Bharat trains between these destinations in different forums, including the meetings conducted by the Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committee (DRUCC) at Palakkad, where KCCI is one of the nominated associations. KCCI had also, during the visit of Goa Chief Minister Shri Pramod Sawant at Mangaluru on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023, submitted a memorandum to him requesting him to impress upon the Central Government Officials the need for having Vande Bharat Express trains between these destinations. Enhanced connectivity would boost economic and tourism activities, thereby helping the growth of trade and commerce in the regions.

KCCI also acknowledges the efforts of Dakshina Kannada Member of Parliament Shri Nalin Kumar Kateel in impressing upon the Railway Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw on the need for the same. The introduction aligns with the government's vision of expanding railway connectivity and fostering economic development across the country. We thank the Union Government for the introduction of Vande Bharat trains between Mangaluru and Madgaon.

Yours faithfully,  
For **KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

  
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