



## National Inland Waterways: Cheap and Eco-Friendly Transport or a New Onslaught on Rivers?

In addition to the concerns over the adverse social and environmental impacts, there is a growing concern on the financial viability of the National Waterways. Out of the 106 newly declared National Waterways, 18 were found technically non-feasible after the techno-economic feasibility study. Cargo movement in the National Waterways of Goa (Mandovi, Zuari) has decreased from 11.09 MMT in 2017-18 to 3.76 MMT in 2018-19. The traffic trend for the waterways of Goa is driven by the iron ore exports from Mormugo port. The viability of a section of the NW-4 that was being developed to cater to the construction of Amravati (proposed capital of AP) is now under doubt as there are questions over the capital itself. [Read more...](#)



## Tumkur: To be a Smart City or not, that is the Question

Along with the industries, came their obvious chronic side effects. Tumkur's air quality changed overnight, groundwater levels depleted and people's daily routines began to be governed by the punctual factory clocks instead of the sun. The question is, after more than a decade of such brisk industrialisation, does Tumkur still have the capacity to move further down the same path? Observers count three reasons to illustrate its inability—lack of groundwater, availability of land and ironically, low interest among entrepreneurs. [Read more...](#)

## Bank Charges Must Go Now!

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- 3 Send Postcard to Finance Minister**  
Send Postcard to Finance Minister to scrap the bank charges. Sample copy of postcard is uploaded on [www.fanindia.net](http://www.fanindia.net) website.
- 4 Demand removal of bank charges**  
Talk to your leaders and political representative and demand the removal of bank charges.

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