

Rs 3.02 crore Adani grant to fishermen families: Kishore Alva felicitated

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KAIRAMPANI Fishermen's Association President Bharat Kumar along with members Purandara Salian, Sridhar Bangera, Yogendra Kunder, Bhuvanendra Padubidri, Gangadhar Karkera and Leeladhar Kanchan visited Adani UPCL power plant in Yellur village and felicitated UPCL's Joint President Kishore Alva for declaring and disbursing grant worth Rs 3.02 crore to 302 families of fishermen, on Wednesday.

Kairampani Fishermen's Association had appealed to the government in 2010 for release of grant to 302 fishermen's families and the then chief minister of Karnataka B S Yediyurappa met Dr V S Acharya, Lalaji Mendon, the then DC of Udupi Hemalatha, UPCL company's representation Kishore Alva, 6 Kairampani Fishermen association members and Fisheries Department officials. During the meet it was decided that UPCL has to pay grants to these fishermen's families. Subsequently, the members of this association had agreed in the pres-



UPCL's Joint President Kishore Alva being felicitated by fishermen community leaders

ence of the then DC of Udupi Reju to accept the grant of Rs 1 lakh and given a representation in front of Dr G Shankar.

National Institute of Oceanography and Department of Fisheries had given a report that there no harm is done to marine life due to discharge of water from UPCL and the then management of UPCL, Lanco, had not released the grant. Adani, within 6 months of taking over of UPCL, declared grant of Rs 3.02 crore for disbursement to 302

fishermen families to aid their livelihood, enabling them to purchase quality fishing materials. Adani UPCL has deposited the declared grant with DC office and requested for early disbursement to respective families.

Office-bearers of 6 Kairampani Fishermen Association thanked Goutam Adani for the grant and felicitated Kishore Alva for taking the initiative in releasing the grant. Kishore Alva thanked Everyone responsible for the grant.