

PM Modi Unveils India's Maritime Vision at Global Maritime Leaders Conclave 2025

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India Maritime Week 2025 Latest News

- PM Modi addressed the Maritime Leaders Conclave and chaired the Global Maritime CEO Forum at India Maritime Week 2025 in Mumbai.
- He welcomed participants from over 85 countries, noting the event's evolution from a national forum in 2016 to a global summit.

India's Maritime Strength and Economic Potential

- India's 11,000 km-long coastline and 13 coastal states and Union Territories contribute nearly **60% of the national GDP**.
- The nation's **23.7 lakh sq km Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)** attracts global investors, supporting 800 million residents in maritime regions.
- The 38 countries of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) account for about 12% of global exports.

India Maritime Week 2025 - A Global Maritime Showcase

- India Maritime Week (IMW) 2025, held recently in Mumbai, is India's premier global maritime event under the theme "**Uniting Oceans, One Maritime Vision.**"
- The event aims to showcase India's roadmap to becoming a global maritime hub and a leader in the Blue Economy.
- This was the **fourth edition of the summit**. In 2016, the maiden India Maritime Week was held in Mumbai itself. Now, it has become a global summit.
- It served as a global convergence point for **shipping, ports, shipbuilding, cruise tourism, and blue economy finance**, driving collaboration for a **sustainable maritime future**.

PM Modi's Address at India Maritime Week 2025: Key Highlights

- PM Modi addressed the Maritime Leaders Conclave and chaired the Global Maritime CEO Forum at India Maritime Week 2025 in Mumbai.
- During his address he highlighted India's maritime transformation, global partnerships, and future ambitions for the blue economy.
- Several MoUs worth lakhs of crores were signed, reflecting global confidence in India's maritime capabilities.

India's Vision for its Maritime Transformation

- India is committed to transform its maritime sector through the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.
- This long-term vision rests on **four strategic pillars**:
 - Port-led development
 - Shipping and shipbuilding
 - Seamless logistics
 - Maritime skill-building
- The goal is to position India as a leading global maritime power.

Major Achievements in India's Maritime Sector (2024-25)

- **Vizhinjam Port**, *India's first deep-water international trans-shipment hub*, became operational, hosting the world's largest container vessel.
- **Kandla Port** launched India's first megawatt-scale **indigenous green hydrogen facility**.
- **JNPT** doubled its capacity with the start of Phase 2 of the Bharat Mumbai Container Terminal, marking the *largest FDI in India's port infrastructure*.
- India's major ports handled record cargo volumes, showcasing unprecedented efficiency.

Next-Generation Reforms in Maritime Governance

- Outdated colonial-era shipping laws replaced with modern legislation empowering State Maritime Boards, promoting digitization, and enhancing safety and sustainability.

- The **new Merchant Shipping Act** aligns Indian regulations with global conventions, improving trust, ease of business, and investment climate.
- The **Coastal Shipping Act** simplifies trade, ensures supply chain security, and promotes balanced coastal development.
- Introduction of **One Nation, One Port Process** to standardize port procedures and reduce documentation.

Decade of Transformation under Maritime India Vision

- Over **150 new initiatives** launched under the **Maritime India Vision**.
- **Major ports' capacity doubled, turnaround time reduced, and cruise tourism expanded.**
- **Inland waterway cargo movement** rose by **700%**, and **operational waterways** increased from **3 to 32**.
- The **net annual surplus** of ports grew **ninefold** in ten years.

Efficiency and Global Recognition

- Indian ports now rank among the **most efficient in the developing world**, outperforming many in the developed world.
- **Container dwell time** reduced to **under 3 days**, and **vessel turnaround time** cut from **96 to 48 hours**.
- India improved its position in the **World Bank's Logistics Performance Index**.
- The number of **Indian seafarers** increased from 1.25 lakh to over 3 lakh, making India one of the **top three seafaring nations globally**.

Focus on Blue Economy and Green Growth

- Emphasis on **Blue Economy**, sustainable coastal development, green logistics, and coastal industrial clusters.
- Government prioritizing shipbuilding as a national growth driver, with a ₹70,000 crore investment to boost shipyard capacity, greenfield/brownfield projects, and maritime employment.
- Large ships have been granted infrastructure asset status, enabling easier financing and reduced interest costs.

Visionary Maritime Heritage and New Port Projects

- PM Modi recalled Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's maritime legacy, emphasizing that seas should be seen as gateways to opportunity.
- Announced construction of a **new mega port at Vadhavan, Maharashtra**, part of India's effort to quadruple port capacity and increase containerized cargo share.

Global Cooperation and Strategic Role of India

- India aims to strengthen **global supply chain resilience** and become a **"steady lighthouse"** amid global uncertainty.
- Highlighted **India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor** as a project redefining trade routes and promoting **clean energy logistics**.

- Reaffirmed India's commitment to empowering **Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries** through **technology, training, and infrastructure**.

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