



## **Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurates the 'India Maritime Week - 2025' in Mumbai**

**Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's maritime vision is based on three pillars: security, stability, and self-reliance**

**This is India's Maritime Moment, which is transforming the Gateway of India into the Gateway of the World**

**Due to the reforms undertaken by the Modi government in the maritime sector, India today stands as an emerging force on the global maritime map**

**Leveraging its maritime position, democratic stability, and naval capabilities, India is acting as a bridge between the Indo-Pacific and the Global South, fostering development, security, and environmental progress**

**The India Maritime Week-2025 summit will play a pivotal role in achieving the goal of positioning India at the top in the maritime industry by 2047**

**India's goal is to build a Green Maritime Future that accelerates development while maintaining balance with nature**

**Keeping in mind the Small Island States and Global South countries that depend on the sea for their livelihood, India is moving forward with a vision to create a green, prosperous, and shared ocean**

**Over the past 11 years, Modi Ji has defined India's maritime sector as a source of national strength, regional stability, and global prosperity**

**Prime Minister Modi's maritime policy has evolved into MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions), becoming a symbol of India's growing global footprint.**

**Prime Minister Modi's vision of transforming "Sagar to Mahasagar" will propel India toward achieving the goal of becoming a global leader in the maritime sector**

**India's 23.7 lakh square kilometer Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in the maritime sector attracts investors and manufacturers worldwide**

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Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the 'India Maritime Week - 2025' in Mumbai, Maharashtra today. On this occasion, Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, Goa Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, Odisha Chief Minister Shri Mohan Charan Majhi, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Ministers Shri Eknath Shinde and Shri Ajit Pawar, and Union Minister for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, along with many other distinguished dignitaries, were present.



In his address, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah stated that Mumbai is home to the world-famous Gateway of India. He said that this moment is India's Maritime Moment, which is transforming the Gateway of India into the Gateway of the World. He said that over the past decade, Maritime Summits have proven that, based on the deep structural reforms implemented in the Maritime Economy, India has emerged as a powerful force and stands with full strength on the global maritime map.

Shri Amit Shah stated that India's maritime strength and strategic location are evident from the fact that our coastline stretches over 11,000 kilometers. The 13 coastal states and Union Territories contribute approximately 60 percent to the GDP. He noted that the 23.7 lakh square kilometer Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) attracts investors and manufacturers worldwide, with around 800 million people residing in these maritime states. Shri Shah further said that the 38 countries in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) contribute approximately 12 percent to global exports. Through this summit, we are showcasing this immense potential to global investors and champions of the maritime industry.



Union Home Minister stated that, leveraging its maritime position, democratic stability, and naval capabilities, India is playing the role of a bridge between the Indo-Pacific and the Global South, fostering development, security, and environmental progress. India's maritime history spans nearly 5,000 years. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India stands ready to create a new maritime history. The presence of representatives from over 100 countries at this conference is proof that India's maritime tradition remains a focal point for global partnership and regional stability.

Shri Amit Shah stated that the Indian Maritime Week has emerged as the most prestigious Maritime Dialogue Platform in the Indo-Pacific region. This 2025 summit will significantly contribute to achieving the goal of securing India's prominent position in the maritime industry by 2047. He said that this year's edition will see participation from over 350 speakers from more than 100 countries, over 500 companies, and more than 1 lakh delegates. Additionally, it will create investment



opportunities worth 10 lakh crore. The Home Minister emphasized that India believes not in competition but in mutual cooperation. Through mutual cooperation, we have developed a comprehensive roadmap to connect the entire country's maritime industry with the global maritime industry.



Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation stated that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's maritime vision is based on three pillars: security, stability, and self-reliance. With the Maritime India Vision 2030, through initiatives like Sagarmala, Blue Economy, and Green Maritime Vision, we have set a goal to place India among the top five countries in the global shipbuilding industry. We are also constructing new mega and deep-draft ports. He mentioned that a target of 10,000 million metric tons per year has been set for port handling, and port transport has been fully digitized. Additionally, India is connected to connectivity projects such as the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor, Eastern Maritime Corridor, and North-South Transport Corridor.

Shri Amit Shah stated that over the past 11 years, Prime Minister Modi has defined India's maritime sector as a source of national strength, regional stability, and global prosperity, and several initiatives have been undertaken to achieve these three objectives. Today, two-thirds of global trade passes through the Indo-Pacific maritime route, and 90 percent of India's trade is conducted via maritime routes. He said that Prime Minister Modi's maritime policy has evolved into MAHASAGAR (Mutual And Holistic Advancement for Security And Growth Across Regions), which has become a symbol of India's growing global footprint. Shri Shah emphasized that Prime Minister Modi's vision of transforming "Sagar" into "Mahasagar" will propel India toward becoming a global leader in this sector by 2047. To achieve this, the Modi government has increased the budget sixfold, raising it from 40 million dollars to 230 million dollars today.





Union Home Minister stated that under the Sagarmala project, 839 projects worth 70 billion dollars have been identified for completion by March 2025, of which 272 projects worth 17 billion dollars have already been completed. The 5 billion dollar Great Nicobar Project is under construction, which will significantly enhance India's maritime global trade. Additionally, with an investment of 200 million dollars, we are moving forward with constructing India's largest dock at Cochin Shipyard. Furthermore, a Maritime Heritage Complex is being developed in Gujarat. Shri Shah said that to align with essential international laws, outdated Indian laws have also been reformed. In 2025, our Parliament passed the 117-year-old Indian Ports Bill, updated to reflect contemporary needs and a global perspective. Through the Major Port Authorities Act, 2021, we have paved the way for granting greater autonomy to ports and modernizing their institutional framework. He also mentioned that 106 new waterways have been declared under the National Waterways Act, 2016.

Shri Amit Shah stated that the Modi government has ensured the development of the Blue Economy to enhance security, coastal security, and the safety of fishermen. Over the past decade, coastal shipping has seen a 118 percent increase, and cargo handling has risen by 150 per cent. He noted that we have reduced Turn-Around-Time (TAT), bringing it closer to global standards. To promote a circular economy in the maritime sector and advance shipbuilding, policy decisions have been made. The Home Minister said that India's goal is to build a Green Maritime Future that accelerates development while maintaining balance with nature. He added that India does not forget that Small Island States and many countries in the Global South depend on the sea for their livelihood and survival. For these nations, climate change is an existential issue, and India is moving forward with a vision to create a green, prosperous, and shared ocean, keeping this in mind.

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