

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari highlights 'Innovative Mechanisms for Ship Financing' at India Maritime Week 2025 in Mumbai

**India's Maritime Sector Valued at Nearly USD 1 Trillion
Holds Vast Investment Opportunities: Shri Nitin Gadkari**

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The Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari, addressed the **India Maritime Week 2025** in Mumbai today, focusing on the theme "*Innovative Mechanisms for Ship Financing.*"



Shri Gadkari highlighted that **India's maritime sector, valued at nearly USD 1 trillion (₹84 lakh crore),** holds immense investment potential in ports, shipping, and logistics. Drawing from the success of the **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)** in mobilizing ₹1.4 lakh crore through ToT, InvITs, and PPP models—raising private participation from 10% to 35%—he emphasized that similar approaches could accelerate project execution, improve

quality, and ease the financial burden on the government through **private sector innovation and efficient fund flow**. He launched the **CMEG (RIS) – India Maritime Report 2025-26**, titled "*Uniting Oceans, One Maritime Vision: India's Maritime Strides*."



Shri Gadkari expressed appreciation to **Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal**, for advancing **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of Sagarmala 2.0**, which aims to boost shipbuilding, repair and recycling, enhance port efficiency, strengthen the coastal economy, and revive inland waterways.

He underscored that with **private innovation, transparent governance, and time-bound execution**, India can build enduring global confidence in its **maritime leadership and competitiveness**.

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