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Progress, Challenges and Future Outlook

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MISSION

- India's maritime sector continues to record strong growth momentum, supported by consistent policy push, increasing private sector participation and a steady rise in cargo throughput. During April-September 2025-26, major ports collectively handled around 440 million metric tonnes (mmt) of cargo. Non-major ports together handled over 370 mmt.
- Robust policy frameworks, such as the Maritime Vision 2030 and Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, remain central to driving the growth of the Indian ports sector, with an enhanced focus on sustainability and global competitiveness. The Maritime Vision 2030 aims to scale up major port capacity to around 2,000 mmt by FY 2030, while the Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 envisions expanding it further to 10,000 mmt. Recent legislative reforms passed in 2025, including the Indian Ports Bill, the Coastal Shipping Bill and the Merchant Shipping Bill, will also aid in modernising maritime governance and strengthening coastal and inland shipping.
- Capacity expansion and modernisation continue to be key priorities at ports. The government's approval of the 300 mtpa Vadhavan Port and progress on transshipment hubs such as Vizhinjam and Galathea Bay mark key steps towards expanding capacity and positioning India as a global maritime hub. Recently, JNPA commissioned Bharat Mumbai Container Terminal-II, India's largest container facility. The development of new berths, container terminals and LNG handling infrastructure is also under way across several ports.
- Private participation is being actively encouraged in areas like port development, shipping and logistics. This effort is being supported through innovative financing avenues such as the recently established dedicated maritime NBFC to mobilise long-term investments. Inland waterways transport is also receiving greater attention. The second phase of the Jal Marg Vikas project is scaling up cargo operations on the Ganga and Brahmaputra rivers, complemented by improved multimodal connectivity with rail and road networks. Concurrently, the shipbuilding and repair industry is being strengthened under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative through targeted incentives to promote indigenous design, manufacturing and exports.
- Going forward, the maritime sector's transformation is expected to be shaped by digitalisation, automation and sustainability. Ports are increasingly leveraging technologies such as IoT, AI-based traffic management, blockchain-enabled logistics and smart berth allocation systems. On the sustainability front, initiatives like the V. O. Chidambaranar Port's pilot green hydrogen project highlight the sector's transition towards clean energy.
- **The mission of this conference is to discuss the progress and major developments in the port sector, highlight challenges and identify emerging opportunities and future growth areas. The conference will also provide a platform to showcase technology innovations and best practices being deployed.**

Target Audience

The event is expected to draw participation from executives, managers and decision-makers from:

- Private and public ports
- Technology providers
- Maritime boards
- Logistics companies
- Contractors
- Financial institutions
- Shipping companies
- Consultancy organisations
- Minor ports
- Legal firms
- Equipment manufacturers
- Renewable energy developers
- Dredging companies
- Surveyors and investigators
- Etc.

AGENDA

TRENDS, DEVELOPMENTS AND OUTLOOK

- What are the recent trends and developments in the ports sector?
- What are the key issues and challenges?
- What are the new opportunities? What is the sector outlook?

GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVE: ACHIEVEMENTS, PLANS AND PRIORITIES

- What are the ministry's current focus areas and policy priorities?
- What has been the progress under the Sagarmala programme and the Maritime Vision 2030?
- What are the key issues and challenges?
- What are the government's key target areas over the next few years?

PORT OPERATORS' PERSPECTIVE

- What has been the experience so far? What are the expectations from the government, regulators and port trusts?
- What are the key challenges and concerns?
- What are the emerging opportunities and the future outlook?

NEW GREENFIELD PORTS: CURRENT STATUS AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- What has been the progress under new greenfield ports? What are the targets and timelines?
- What are the key challenges? How are these being addressed?
- What are the emerging opportunities and investment requirements?

SMART PORTS: FOCUS ON TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION AND DIGITAL INTEGRATION

- What are the new technologies and digital solutions being deployed at ports?
- What are the implementation costs and benefits?
- What are the emerging technologies for future-ready smart ports?

SUSTAINABLE AND GREEN INITIATIVES

- What sustainability measures are being implemented at ports? What is the progress in port electrification and renewable energy integration?
- How are green fuels being explored? What are the key challenges in their adoption?
- What are the targets to achieve green and carbon-neutral ports?

BULK CARGO HANDLING: LIQUID AND DRY BULK

- What are the key trends and developments in bulk cargo handling?
- What are the capacity augmentation and mechanisation needs?
- What are the major constraints? What is the segment outlook?

INLAND WATERWAYS AND COASTAL SHIPPING: POTENTIAL AND OPPORTUNITIES

- What are the recent developments and initiatives? What are the focus areas?
- What are the key issues and challenges?
- What is the future outlook? What are the upcoming opportunities?

PORT USERS' AND CUSTOMERS' PERSPECTIVE

- How has the customer experience been so far? What are the key issues and concerns?
- What are the new and emerging requirements?
- What are their expectations from port operators?

PROJECT SHOWCASE: FOCUS ON PORT UPGRADATION, MODERNISATION AND MECHANISATION

- What are some of the major ongoing and recently completed port upgradation, modernisation and mechanisation initiatives?
- What has been the experience so far and key lessons learnt?
- What are the upcoming plans and emerging opportunities?

TRADE FACILITATION

- What steps have been taken to facilitate customs procedures at Indian ports?
- What are the key issues and challenges?
- What are the various digitalisation initiatives? What are the future plans?

LOGISTICS INFRASTRUCTURE AND MULTIMODAL INTEGRATION

- What is the existing logistics infrastructure (ICDs/CFS, logistics parks, multimodal hubs, etc.)? What are the emerging needs and requirements?
- What are some of the noteworthy projects?
- What is the progress in providing last-mile connectivity to ports? How are dedicated freight corridors expected to benefit port operations?

FOCUS ON SHIPBUILDING

- What are the recent trends shaping the Indian shipbuilding industry? What are the key projects?
- What are the key issues and challenges?
- What is the future outlook and upcoming opportunities?

NEW AND EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES

- Cruise shipping and tourism
- Focus on clean energy fuels
- Green shipbuilding

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