

Strengthening India's Blue Economy

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Strengthening India's Blue Economy: Major Maritime Initiatives

Context

- India has a **7,516 km coastline**, with **95% of trade volume** via maritime routes.
- The **Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047** aims to make India a **global maritime hub**.
- The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways **Shri Sarbananda Sonowal** launched key initiatives to enhance **port efficiency, global trade, and sustainability**.

Key Initiatives

One Nation-One Port Process (ONOP)

- Standardizes port operations across India.
- **Reduces container documents by 33%** and bulk cargo documents by **29%**.
- Cuts inefficiencies, delays, and costs.

Sagar Ankalan - Logistics Port Performance Index (LPPI)

- Assesses **cargo handling, turnaround time, and efficiency**.
- Encourages **transparency and global competitiveness**.

Bharat Global Ports Consortium

- Integrates **IPGL, SDCL, and IPRCL** to boost **trade connectivity** and **'Make in India'**.

MAITRI: Digital Transformation

- Uses **AI and blockchain** to streamline trade and reduce delays.
- Supports the **India-UAE Virtual Trade Corridor** and **IMEEC expansion**.

National Centre of Excellence in Green Port and Shipping (NCoEGPS)

- Focuses on **carbon reduction, cleaner fuels, and eco-friendly ports**.

India Maritime Week 2025

- Scheduled for **October 27-31, 2025, in Mumbai**.
- Hosts **4th GMIS and 2nd Sagarmanthan**, with **100+ countries and 100,000+**

delegates.

Revitalizing Shipbuilding

- ₹25,000 crore Maritime Development Fund for shipyards.
- 10-year customs duty exemption for shipbuilding inputs.
- Ship Breaking Credit Note Scheme to boost recycling.

Vision for India's Blue Economy

- Contributes 4% to GDP, supporting trade, sustainability, and jobs.
- Aims to make India a top 10 shipbuilding nation by 2030.
- Strengthens port-led development and global maritime influence.



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