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Shri Sarbananda

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal launched the curtain raiser of Global Maritime India Summit (GIMS), 2023 in Mumbai at St. Regis Hotel on 18th July 2023. The event is aimed at unlocking the potential for new investment opportunities along with collaborations for knowledge and technology to enhance cooperation in trade and promote Ease of Doing Business (EODB). The event was attended by the **Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Tourism, Shripad Naik** among others.

Addressing the Curtain Raiser for the upcoming Global Maritime India Summit 2023, Sonowal emphasised the vital role of the maritime sector in India's economic progression and the potential it holds for the Asia-Pacific region.

“India can lead from the front,” said Sonowal. He added that India's maritime sector is poised for growth, owing to proactive government policies around, ports, shipping, and inland waterways.

The Minister said, “The huge potential of India's marine sector can play a significant and pivotal role in elevating the economic cycle towards an Atmanirbhar Bharat by 2047 - a vision of our dynamic Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji. As the key driver of India's maritime sector, our ministry has been organizing the Global Maritime India Summit, to create value from the vast potential of India's rich maritime sector. With an identified investment opportunity of more than ₹10 lakh crores in the maritime sector of the country, we are standing at a threshold of a major economic upswing that can generate employment opportunities for more than 15 lakhs youth of India. This summit has been designed to explore and examine the riches of India's Blue Economy. We hope that the best minds of the maritime sector will hedge their goodwill, intent, intelligence, and skills to produce a roadmap for sustainable development of the maritime sector as well as our country.”

Sonowal further added, “We invite all the maritime stakeholders in India and globally to be part of these investment opportunities. Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, India is spearheading the advancement of regional trade within the BIMSTEC region, taking a prominent role in the development of various regional

projects. India is actively driving the establishment of 5,000 km of multi-country waterways, a significant initiative that will effectively facilitate trade and transportation across the region.”

The curtain raiser event is aimed at creating a global forum of thought leaders as well as industry captains from the maritime sector to harness

the immense potential of Blue Economy and draw a roadmap to unlock value through the creation of investment opportunities in the maritime sector of India. The forum will provide a platform for start-ups, researchers, incubators and innovators

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to showcase their technology and expertise. The focus areas of GMIS, 2023 are Ports of the Future; Decarbonization; Coastal Shipping and Inland Waterways Transportation; Shipbuilding, repair and recycling; finance, insurance & arbitration; Innovation and technology; Maritime Safety and Security and Maritime Tourism.

The Union Minister said, "India stands firmly on its commitment to developing environmentally conscious shipping solutions. Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, India proudly occupies the second rank in recycling worldwide, with a clear objective to ascend to the top position within the forthcoming two decades. To propel this vision, we plan to inaugurate carbon-neutral alternatives and boost the use of battery-powered vehicles and apparatus in our major ports. With a vast coastline and over 200 ports,

India holds a strategic position in global trade. The country has made impressive strides under transformative initiatives like Sagarmala and the Prime Minister's Gati Shakti National Master Plan, which have modernized port infrastructure, enhanced connectivity, and facilitated port-led industrialization."



Shri Shripad Naik

Speaking on occasion, **Shripad Naik, said,** "The Global Maritime India Summit 2023 represents a crucial milestone in

our efforts to position India as a global maritime hub. Through collaborative discussions and strategic partnerships, we aim to propel our maritime sector towards sustainable growth, bolstered by innovation and cutting-edge technology."



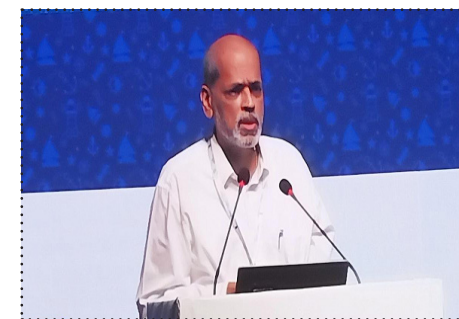
Mr Rajiv Jalota

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Capt Rajesh Tandon

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"Failure is a lesson learned; success is a lesson applied."

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Dhruv Kotak, Chairman, Ports and Shipping, FICCI Committee on Transport Infrastructure & MD, JM Baxi Group along with Shailesh Pathak, Secretary General, FICCI also spoke on the occasion.

Capt Rajesh Tandon highlighted the opportunity the industry has in increasing its market share by providing a skilled

seafaring workforce to the global maritime industry

The curtain raiser concluded with the unveiling of the official GMIS 2023 brochure and the launch of the event's website and mobile app to provide a comprehensive overview of the summit's agenda and thematic sessions and will serve as essential resources for participants.



Unveiling of the official GMIS 2023 brochure

Malabar exercises in August off Sydney coast

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Indian stealth guided missile destroyer INS Kolkata and stealth guided missile frigate of INS Shivalik class along with a P8I anti-submarine warfare aircraft are on way to Sydney to participate in advanced exercises with Quad navies as part of yet another edition of Malabar naval exercises.

Apart from US navies from India, Japan and Australia will be participating in the 11 day joint naval exercises.

The Malabar Exercises, will be taking place off the coast of Sydney from August 11 to 22 and sending a signal to the island nation states in the far Pacific, who have been on the Chinese side for getting funds under the Belt Road Initiative.

The Chinese activity



Malabar exercise 2022
Photograph:(Others)

incidentally has grown in India's north-east with the Myanmar's military government remaining neutral. Despite the presence of Chinese nationals and infrastructure upgrade in Coco Islands in Bay of Bengal, the Myanmar government denies any Chinese involvement. Coco islands are situated just north of Andaman islands.

Given the state of play, the Navy is preparing plans beyond 2028 to counter the Chinese challenge in the Indian Ocean and larger Indo-Pacific as all the PLA surveillance ships and

ballistic missile tracking ships traversing the Indian Ocean are designed to survey the Indian Ocean bed for future PLA submarine operations beyond the current conventional platform reach of Indian Navy. A Chinese spy ship was hosted at the Sri Lankan port of Hambantota brushing aside the concerns expressed by India. A few years ago Colombo port hosted a Chinese nuclear submarine. That Chinese port companies have large stakes in Sri Lankan ports is another matter of concern.

Over the years, the PLA Navy is preparing to chart out a route for its nuclear submarines entering Indian Ocean via Ombi-Wetar straits in Indonesia and then head down to south Indian Ocean to reach the eastern seaboard of Africa. Chinese navy has constructed a full fledged jetty in its naval base in Djibouti to dock an aircraft carrier.

Russian strikes continue on Ukraine's ports after Moscow warns ships

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Russian strikes on Ukrainian port areas continued Thursday, local authorities said, after Moscow warned that ships heading to Ukraine's Black Sea ports could be considered military targets.

Ukraine's southern military command said Russia had used supersonic missiles, including the Kh-22 that was designed to take out aircraft carriers, to hit Odesa's port infrastructure.

"In the ports that were attacked there was about a million tonnes of food stored," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in his nightly address on Wednesday. "It is precisely that amount that should already have been delivered

to consumer countries in Africa and Asia.

"In the terminal damaged the most from Russian terror tonight, 60,000 tonnes of agricultural products were stored, intended for shipment to China," Zelenskyy said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin accused Western countries of "perverting" the grain deal, brokered by the United Nations and Turkey.

Putin said Russia would immediately return to the pact if Moscow's conditions were met, easing curbs on its exports of food and fertiliser. Western countries call this an attempt to leverage food supplies to weaken financial sanctions, which still allow Russia to sell food.



Russian strikes on Ukrainian port areas continued Thursday 20 July

Away from the ports, fighting continued on Wednesday in eastern and southern Ukraine where Kyiv's counteroffensive is trying to reclaim territory occupied by Russian forces. The Russians have dug into a heavily fortified front line.

In Washington, the Pentagon announced additional security assistance for Ukraine, totalling about \$1.3 billion, with the package including air defence capabilities and munitions.



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