



## India Norway Maritime Cooperation

**For Prelims:** India Norway Joint Working Group, Geography of Norway

**For Mains:** India Norway Relations, Green Maritime

### Why in News?

Recently, the 8<sup>th</sup> [Norway-India Joint Working Group Maritime meeting](#) was held in Mumbai, India.

- Norway has the **technical expertise in Maritime sector** and India has **huge potential for development of Maritime sector and large pool of trained seafarers**, which make both countries natural complementary partners.
- **Earlier, India had also prepared Maritime India Vision 2030**, which has identified more than 150 initiatives across various maritime sectors like ports, shipping and waterways focusing on capacity augmentation etc.

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### What are the Key Discussions of the Meeting?

- Discussion was held on **use of alternative fuels** like [green ammonia and hydrogen](#) for futuristic shipping.
- **The Norwegian Green Shipping Programme** has been successful and the experience and expertise was shared in the meeting.
- India and Norway are part of the **Green Voyage 2050 project**.
  - Both parties agreed on **willingness, devotion, partnership and capacity building** for achieving common goals.
- India is a signatory to [Hongkong Convention for Recycling of Ships](#).
  - In the meeting, India requested that [European Union](#) **regulation should not hinder recycling of non-European countries** which are compliant as per International Convention.
  - Norway was requested **not to prolong Ship recycling to India** as a lot of investment has been made by Indian recyclers.
- The Norwegian delegation will also take part in **INMARCO, the Green Shipping Conclave**, and the **Maritime ShEO conference**.
  - The Maritime ShEO conference is supported by Norway and focused on **maritime diversity** and **sustainability**, including **gender equality** in the maritime industry.

## What is Maritime India Vision 2030?

- **About:**
  - [Maritime India Vision \(MIV\) 2030](#) is a ten-year blueprint for the **maritime sector** released by the Prime Minister of India at the **Maritime India Summit** in November 2020.
  - MIV 2030 has been formulated in consultation with over 350+ public and private sector stakeholders, comprising ports, shipyards, inland waterways, trade bodies and associations, national and international industry and legal experts.
- **Themes:**
  - MIV 2030 is based on **10 themes covering all the facets of the Indian maritime sector** and is a comprehensive effort to define and meet **national maritime objectives**:
    - Develop best-in-class Port infrastructure.
    - Drive Exchange to Exchange Logistics Efficiency and Cost Competitiveness.
    - Enhance Logistics Efficiency through Technology and Innovation.
    - Strengthen Policy and Institutional Framework to Support all Stakeholders.
    - Enhance Global Share in Ship Building, Repair and Recycling.
    - Enhance Cargo and Passenger Movement through Inland Waterways.
    - Promote Ocean, Coastal and River Cruise Sector.
    - Enhance India's Global stature and Maritime Co-operation.
    - Lead the World in Safe, Sustainable & Green Maritime Sector.
    - Become Top Seafaring Nation with World Class Education, Research & Training.
- **Key Targets 2030:**
  - **Three Major Ports** with >300 Million Ton Per Annum (MTPA) cargo handling capacity.
  - **More than 75%** of Indian cargo transshipment handled by Indian ports.
  - **More than 85%** of cargo handled at Major Ports by [Public Private Partnership](#)/ other operators.
  - Average vessel turnaround time (containers) of **less than 20 hours**.
  - **Global ranking of Top 10** in ship building and ship repair.
  - **More than 15 Lakh** annual cruise passengers.
  - **More than 60%** share of renewable energy at Major Ports.

## UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

**Q. With reference to 'Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation (IOR-ARC)', consider the following statements: (2015)**

1. It was established very recently in response to incidents of piracy and accidents of oil spills.
2. It is an alliance meant for maritime security only.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Ans: (d)**

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