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India-Norway Joint Working Group on Maritime

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Why is in news? India- Norway join hands to for a GREEN MARITIME SECTOR

MoPSW (Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways) is working diligently to **develop the Maritime Sector as a goal of Maritime India Vision 2030**. In this regard 8th Norway-India Joint Working Group Maritime meeting was held on 17th November, 2022 in Mumbai.

The maritime trade with Norway is dating back since 1600.

While 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.

India-Norway Joint Working Group on Maritime meetings are being held on a regular basis. The **7th JWG on Maritime was held in Oslo** in November, 2019. During the 7th Meeting issues regarding cooperation in Shipbuilding, enhancing skills of seafarers and environment friendly ships were discussed.

In 8th JWG Maritime Meeting held on 18.11.2022 discussion was held on **use of alternative fuels like green ammonia and hydrogen for futuristic shipping**.

Norwegian Green Shipping Programme has been successful and the experience and expertise was shared in the meeting. Norway stated that it is **committed to India for zero emission solutions**.

India Norway is part of **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**. India requested that EU regulation should not hinder to recycling non-European countries which is compliant as per International Convention.

Norway was requested not to prolong Ship recycling to India as lot of investment has been made by Indian recyclers.

India has pressed upon cooperation in the **field of Maritime Training in latest maritime technology** eg. MASS etc. The Indian side has requested Norway to extend Ship Board training and Ship Board training in the area of Polar Water Navigation. Also discussed how to further develop training and recruitment of seafarers, need skilled and motivated seafarers to man our ships, and need to get women on board.

Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways has prepared **Maritime India Vision 2030 identified more than 150 initiatives across various maritime sectors** like ports, shipping and waterways focusing on capacity augmentation, operational efficiency improvement, growth in sectors related to Ship building, recycling and repair, quality maritime education and also supporting growth of nascent sectors like cruise tourism in the country.

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.

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