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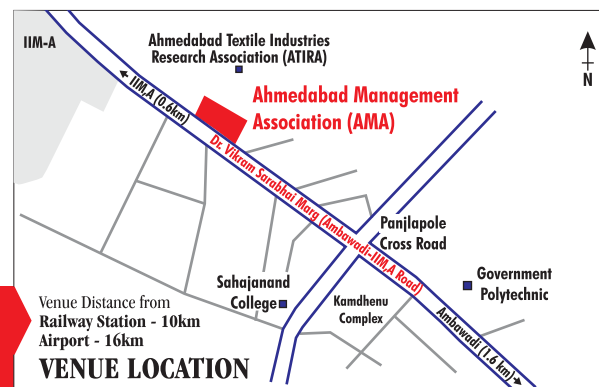
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The Conferences have been actively participated by leaders of the respective sectors from India and abroad as : Speakers, Panel Experts, as well as Delegates.

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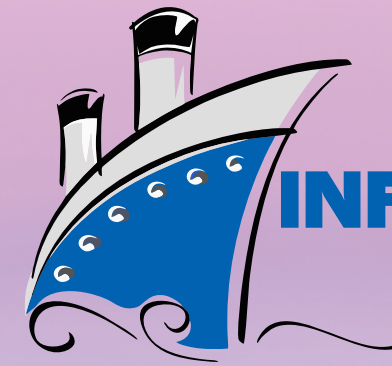
**GUJARAT MARITIME BOARD**  
Government of Gujarat Undertaking

Gujarat Maritime Board was created in 1982 under the Gujarat Maritime Board Act, 1981, to manage, control and administer the minor ports of Gujarat.

Inception of Gujarat Maritime Board brought all stakeholders under one roof and resolved the then existing issues in the Port sector like obsolete technology, low loading rates, congestion and delays, poor connectivity with the hinterland etc.

Over the next two and half decades of operation, GMB planned the integrated development of new ports, along with the required road and rail links. It also took a lead in developing privatizing port services as well as facilitating private and captive jetties. The State's Port Policy Statement of December 1995 spelled out an explicit strategy of port-led development, including the creation of 10 completely new world-class ports, in which private-sector participation played a dominant role. At the crack of new millennium, the sector received a thrust, which put the port sector in Gujarat in a completely new orbit. GMB explicitly came out with many policies as BOOT Policy, Captive Jetty Expansion Policy, and New Shipbuilding Policy to promote port led development in the State.

GMB presently manages the 48 minor ports of the State with a vision 'To enhance and harness ports and international trade as vehicles for economic development'. It is perhaps the only maritime body with an enviable feat, nationally and internationally.



# 13th NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND PORTS

MARITIME INDUSTRY : PORTS • SHIPPING • LOGISTICS

**JANUARY 4, 2025** • **H. T. PAREKH AUDITORIUM**  
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**THEME :**  
Indian Ports Vision 2030 - Transforming India's Maritime Industry through Innovation, Integration & Investment

**WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON :** Smart Ports and Digitalization  
• Automation in Cargo Handling and Logistics • Sustainable and Green Port Initiatives • Multimodal Transport and Last-Mile Connectivity • Enhancing the Efficiency of Inland Waterways • Optimizing the Supply Chain through Digital Platforms • Financing Port Development and Infrastructure • Policy Reforms and Regulatory Frameworks • Future of Maritime Trade: Opportunities and Global Competitiveness

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### Current Status of India's Maritime Industry

India's maritime sector is experiencing a transformative phase, with its ports and logistics playing a pivotal role in the nation's economic growth. India has over 200 non-major ports and 12 major ports, handling 95% of its trade by volume and 70% by value. Despite recent advancements in port capacity and digitalization, India faces logistical bottlenecks and operational inefficiencies that hinder seamless trade flow and competitiveness in global markets. Modernization initiatives, such as Sagarmala, have catalyzed significant infrastructure upgrades, but there is a pressing need to enhance both operational capabilities and technological adoption across the sector.

### The Vision for 2030: A World-Class Maritime Ecosystem

As India looks toward 2030, the goal is to establish a maritime ecosystem that is not only robust and efficient but also globally competitive and sustainable. The vision includes achieving higher port efficiency through automation, reducing logistics costs, and positioning India as a preferred global transshipment hub. To realize this future, there is a strong emphasis on innovation, integrating supply chains, and fostering a robust investment ecosystem.

### Key aspirations for 2030 include:

- Developing state-of-the-art port facilities that can accommodate larger vessels.
- Digitizing port operations through smart technologies like AI, IoT, and blockchain to streamline logistics.
- Creating multimodal connectivity that integrates ports seamlessly with road, rail, and air transport.
- Enhancing environmental sustainability through green port initiatives and eco-friendly dredging practices.

### Opportunities Ahead: An Expanding Horizon

India's maritime sector presents immense opportunities for investors, innovators, and service providers:

- Investment Potential: With the government's focus on PPP (Public-Private Partnership) models, there is

increased room for private capital and foreign direct investment to develop port infrastructure and ancillary facilities.

- Innovation in Technology: Port digitalization and automation are set to revolutionize the way goods are handled, processed, and cleared, reducing turnaround times and enhancing efficiency.
- Logistics & Supply Chain Integration: As India advances toward a unified supply chain, opportunities for integrated logistics solutions are vast, particularly in multimodal transport.
- Environmental Initiatives: Green energy investments and sustainable practices are gaining traction, particularly in renewable energy integration and waste management at ports.

### Challenges on the Horizon

While opportunities abound, several challenges need to be addressed to achieve the 2030 vision:

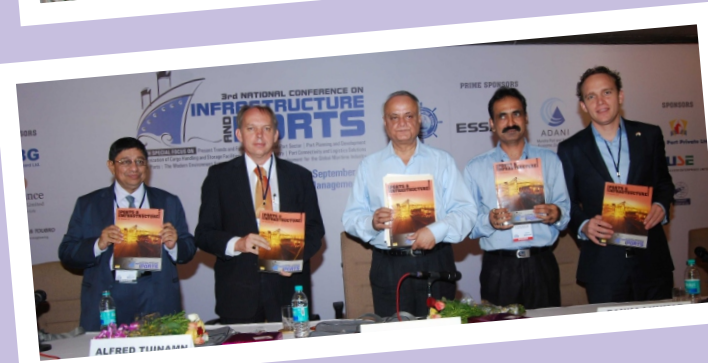
- Infrastructural Bottlenecks: Many Indian ports face capacity constraints, resulting in congestion and delays that increase logistics costs.
- Technological Gaps: The pace of technology adoption remains uneven across ports, leading to operational inefficiencies and hindering India's global competitiveness.
- Environmental Concerns: Sustainable practices are essential, but eco-friendly alternatives can be costly and time-intensive to implement, particularly for ports dependent on older infrastructure.
- Investment and Regulatory Hurdles: Securing investments in maritime infrastructure often requires navigating complex regulatory frameworks that may slow development.

### The Roadmap to 2030: A Collaborative Path Forward

To achieve India's ambitious maritime vision, a collaborative approach is essential. The roadmap includes:

1. Strengthening Infrastructure: Investing in world-class port infrastructure to handle increasing cargo volumes efficiently and accommodate larger vessels.
2. Promoting Digital Transformation: Adopting technologies such as blockchain, AI, and IoT across ports to streamline processes, improve data transparency, and enhance security.
3. Fostering Public-Private Partnerships (PPP): Expanding PPP models to encourage private investment in port facilities, connectivity infrastructure, and logistics parks.
4. Sustainable Development Initiatives: Implementing green port initiatives that focus on renewable energy, waste management, and sustainable dredging practices.
5. Policy and Regulatory Reforms: Simplifying regulatory processes to create a more investor-friendly environment and ensure seamless trade operations.

## GLIMPSES OF PAST EVENTS



Keeping this in mind, the 13th National Conference on Infrastructure and Ports with the theme "Indian Ports Vision 2030: Transforming India's Maritime Industry through Innovation, Integration, and Investment" is being organised on January 4, 2025 at Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA) Auditorium, Ahmedabad. The event is strategically designed & well structured technical sessions will deliver the expertise knowledge to Indian Maritime Industry: Port, Shipping & Logistic sector to create perfect business platform.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This year's conference will bring together leaders from across the maritime industry, from policymakers to port operators and private contractors, to discuss the most critical issues, opportunities, and challenges on the road to 2030. The conference is a platform to share insights, collaborate, and collectively shape the future of India's ports and shipping. Be part of India's maritime transformation. Join us to drive innovation, explore investment opportunities, and pave the way for a globally competitive and sustainable maritime ecosystem.

The Event is an Excellent Opportunity for :

- Major port trusts • Minor ports • Private port operators • Equipment providers - Funding/Development agencies • Maritime boards • Financial institutions and banks • Equity analysts • Shipping companies • State port departments • Insurance companies - Port IT providers • Private contractors • Consultancy organizations • Dredging companies • Port service providers