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MESSAGE

India's maritime industry offers entrepreneurs across the world, a huge potential for trade and business. With a coastline of over 7500 km stretching over 11 maritime States, and islands territories, India is a basket of opportunity for maritime enterprises.

The government of Maharashtra embarked on a number of initiatives including enabling ports and related areas for the private sector participation, quick approval for projects etc. Maharashtra has over 700 km of coastline, the countries busiest ports and we recognise that the growth of the maritime industry is intertwined with the State's economic and trade development.

I am happy to note that industry professionals are jointly organising this 2nd edition of the International Conference cum Exhibition: Maritime Nation India 2017 in Navi Mumbai on 14-16 September 2017. I am confident that this event will significantly contribute in projecting the opportunities of investment and collaboration among the exporters, importers and the maritime and logistics ecosystem in India.

I wish this conference all success.

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