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I am happy to know that maritime industry professionals are jointly organising 2nd edition of the International Conference cum Exhibition: Maritime Nation India 2017 on 14-16 September, 2017 at Mumbai.

The Government of India has embarked on a number of initiatives like opening up of ports and related areas of the private sector and permitting 100% FDI under the automatic route, allowing tax incentives, quick approval for projects etc. India has approximately 15,000 km of navigable inland waterways, offering immense scope for cargo transportation. The maritime industry is intertwined with the country's economic and trade growth.

Ministry of Shipping continues to support the growth of the maritime ecosystem in India and contribute to aligning its practices with international good practices.

I am confident that this event will significantly contribute in projecting the opportunities of investment and collaboration in the maritime and logistics ecosystem in India.

I congratulate the organizers and wish the event a great success.

With best wishes,

(Nitin Gadkari)

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