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MARITIME CORRIDORS:

UNLOCKING TRADE THROUGH STRATEGIC CONNECTIVITY

ABOUT THE SESSION

- Ocean freight remains the backbone of global trade, carrying over 80% of world merchandise trade by volume and nearly 70% by value.
- In recent times, growing dependence on a few traditional maritime corridors have exposed systemic vulnerabilities, with chokepoint disruptions leading to higher freight costs, longer transit times, and greater insurance risks that allude to uncertainties in supply chains exacerbated by poor reliability.
- In this evolving context, Alternative Trade Corridors are vital for resilient global connectivity, fostering regional integration and promoting industrial and port-led development.
- By linking production centers with regional and global value chains, Alternative Trade Corridors support the development of integrated multimodal infrastructure and diversify trade routes, thereby enhancing supply chain resilience.
- This session will bring together leading global voices, sharing real-world examples and thought-provoking discussions to examine the key parameters that define the success of Alternative Trade Corridors.

30 October 2025

14:00 to 15:30 hours

Hall 4, Bombay Exhibition Center, Goregaon, Mumbai

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14:00 – 14:02	2 mins	Welcome Address
14:02 – 14:05	3 mins	Opening Remarks *Hon'ble Minister Ports, Shipping and Waterways*
14:05 – 14:35	30 mins	**Fireside Chat** *Reimagining the Maritime Corridors to unleash trade & connectivity*
14:35 – 14:37	2 mins	Group Photo
14:37 – 14:40	3 mins	Session Break
14:40 – 15:25	45 mins	**Panel Discussion** *Building Resilient Supply Chains through Maritime and Multimodal Trade Corridors*
15:25 – 15:27	2 mins	Group Photo
15:27 – 15:30	3 mins	Closing Remarks

Discussion Topics

- Lessons from recent disruptions (Red Sea crisis, Suez blockage, pandemic) and vulnerabilities in existing maritime chokepoints.
- Strategic rationale for alternate trade corridors (e.g. IMEC, INSTC) in diversifying supply chains.
- Role of bilateral/regional trade agreements in de-risking supply chains.
- Impact of de-globalisation and selective openness on future corridor design.
- Private sector perspectives: risk management, insurance, and investment in resilient supply networks.
- Ports as anchor nodes for emerging corridors: capacity expansion, free zones, digital platforms.
- Integrating maritime with rail, road, and inland waterways for seamless multimodal movement.
- Development of shipping capacity for regional and inter-continental connectivity
- Manufacturing of containers in India
- Leveraging digital tools: Port Community Systems, Single Window, Virtual Trade Corridors.
- Financing large-scale multimodal infrastructure: PPPs, multilateral funding, regional cooperation.

Intended Outcomes

- Define a shared understanding of how alternate corridors can enhance global supply chain resilience.
- Identify priority sectors (e.g. electronics, pharma, energy, food security) most likely to benefit.
- Policy recommendations to align regulatory standards, customs, & finance models.
- Encourage industry–government partnerships to operationalize resilient corridors.
- Build consensus on prioritizing multimodal connectivity as the backbone of corridor success.
- Actionable steps for harmonization of standards across ports, rail, road, and customs systems.
- Showcase investible opportunities in logistics and port-led infrastructure.
- Develop a roadmap for integrating digital and physical connectivity to lower costs and enhance.

Distinguished Speakers

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal,
Union Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan,
Former Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Mr. Rizwan Soomar,
CEO & MD, DP World (North Africa & Indian Subcontinent)

Mr. Gopal Krishna,
Former Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Distinguished Speakers

Mr. Sushil Kumar Singh,
Chairman, Deendayal Port Authority

Mr. Vinod Giri,
MD, National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)

Mr. Rahul Mithal,
Chairman & Managing Director, RITES Ltd.

Mr. Ganesh Raj,
Global COO, Marine Services

Dr. Luca Abatello,
Founder & CEO, Circle SpA

Mr. Mohamed AbuHamra,
COO, DP World (GCC)

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We look forward to your presence and valuable participation in this dialogue on shaping the future of **resilient, connected, and sustainable global trade.**

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